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Secretarial Election fails to meet thirty percent threshold

Ardith Van Riper

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board held 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 eligible voters did not cast a vote. Therefore, the amendment did not pass.

An eligible voter is any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen years old.

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."

Further, the Election Code reads,

"Thirty percent of eligible voters must cast a vote either for or against the proposed amendments for the amendment to be valid. If less than thirty percent of eligible voters participate, the amendment shall be deemed to not pass."

There were 614 in-person votes cast and 881 mail-in ballots for a total of 1,495 votes - 23.1% of those entitled to vote in the September 19 Secretarial Election.

The Election Board offered mail and in-person voting options to eligible voters. Ballots were mailed on July 6, 2026, to eligible voters' last known address, and a polling station was set up at the Annual Meeting of the General Council for in-person voting. The Election Board opened the polling station at 8:00 am in the African Ballroom at the Kalahari Convention Center and closed two hours after adjournment.

If at least thirty percent of eligible voters cast a vote, the Election Board would have counted the ballots to determine how many voted in favor of and against the Amendment.



Wearing Orange in recognition of Orange Shirt Day

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk Nation employees and community members joined Indigenous communities across North America on September 30 in recognizing Orange Shirt Day, a day dedicated to honoring survivors of Indian boarding schools.

Orange Shirt Day began in Canada in 2013 and grew from the story of residential school survivor Phyllis Webstad, a member of the Stswecem'c Xgat'tem First Nation.

When Webstad was just six years old, her grandmother bought her a new orange shirt to wear to her first day at St. Joseph Mission Residential School in British Columbia. After arriving at the school, the shirt was taken from her along with her other belongings.

Her experience later became a symbol of how Indigenous children were stripped of their identities,

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A Letter from the President

The future is looking bright as we embark on opening our latest and largest project in modern history, Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit. HCG-Beloit fulfills the agreement made 44 years ago when the Ho-Chunk Nation and the State of Wisconsin penned our first compact and it was not easy to get here. The story spans several administrations, several Governors, and federal officials. The success of this initiative is shared among so many and I'm eager to see the site grow into the vision of a destination we can say we did right but more importantly, we did right by our people.

It's no secret I don't hang my hat on measuring the success of our Nation by how much money we make. I'm not afraid to say how much it's changed the mindsets of some of our people especially in comparison to some of our relative tribes who have nothing. Overall, I know our Ho-Chunk people are grateful and happy to see ourselves in a much better state than back in the day. It's a tradition among our people to leave something a little better than

how we inherited it so our next generations so they do the same for their young ones.

For me, I admit HCG-Beloit was never the goal of this Administration. It was a means to meet the goals that predate even my service to the Nation over 2 decades ago. When our people have asked for a Healing Center, Museum, School, Community Buildings, Language Center, or Elder Assisted Living Facility, we know it will mean giving up or sacrificing the benefits we currently

enjoy. The new addition to our gaming family puts these wishes into a feasible reality but nothing is without its struggles. Our biggest challenge is maintaining disciplined decision-making as we evolve into long-term financial management. For this, I applaud our Legislature and program managers. It's not easy to bear the social consequences of saying no to one person because you can't say yes to every person.

Jon Greendeer
Ho-Chunk Nation President



Our votes have a long-lasting effect on our future generations

By Anne Egan-Waukau, Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin, Wisconsin Native Vote Communications Manager and Tribal Organizer

Throughout the year, the Wisconsin Native Vote team has been talking with community members across the state to promote voting in the Tuesday, Nov. 3 election and have heard the same message: "Voting is vital to the survival of our cultures."

Our tribal organizers work to educate, motivate, and register Indigenous people to vote. You may have seen us at pow wows, round dances, and community events around Wisconsin.

We talk with first time voters, long time voters, and everyone in between, but the conversations circle back to why our votes truly make an impact on our people: the people we elect have the power to make decisions that impact our Tribal nations and our daily lives. When we vote, we choose our leaders and we have a say in our future.

Voting is key to ensuring we maintain our sovereignty, cultural ways, and protect our wild rice beds. In fact, our rice beds are beginning to flourish after years of shrinking due to climate change, motorboats, and other destructive practices impacting our waterways.

Another key issue for our Indigenous people is the need for funding to combat the devastation caused by opioid use among our people. The result has been

the loss of lives, livelihood, and broken families on our reservations and Natives living in urban areas.

It's important, now more than ever, to uplift one another's voices and encourage our people to vote. Our votes have a long-lasting effect on our future generations. When we go to our polling places to cast our ballots, we think of those who came before us and remember that it is a way of protecting our seventh generation and our sovereignty.

In the same way that we work to maintain traditions within our family, we encourage people to make voting one of those traditions. In our communities, traditions survive because we practice them repeatedly. Casting your ballot is the same way. When we show up collectively, our voices and communities are stronger.

Make sure to use your voice and vote on Tuesday, Nov. 3 – and encourage your friends and relatives to join you.

Find all the voting information you need on our website at www.conservationvoices.org/vote, such as where your polling place is. You can register in-person when you vote with a proof of residence document. To vote, make sure to bring a valid photo ID, such as a Tribal ID or a Wisconsin driver's license.

Together, we can protect our voices in our democracy, our culture, and our sovereignty on November 3.

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The High Cost of Power in Big Chief

Submitted by Ryan John Crain, Sr. MASL

Jon Hickey’s debut novel, *Big Chief*, is a sharp, gritty look at the ugly side of reservation politics. Set in the fictional Passage Rouge Nation in Wisconsin’s North Woods, the story follows Mitch Caddo, a cynical tribal lawyer stuck in the middle of a chaotic tribal election. Hickey is an enrolled member of the Lac du Flambeau Band of Chippewa Indians. While this story is technically fiction, the political warfare and community fractures he writes about are painfully real across Indian Country.

This isn't a sugarcoated story. It dives straight into corruption, abuse of power, and the messy reality of

belonging to a tribe in turmoil. One of the best, most realistic elements is how Mitch operates behind the scenes, using a couple of Facebook burner accounts to stir the pot and ruthlessly trash the opposition online. But the digital warfare quickly spills into real life. Hickey tackles the heaviest issues head on: the devastation of the opioid crisis, tribal members exploiting their own people, and how things like blood quantum shaming, disenrollment, and banishment get weaponized as political tools by both sides.

By the end, the online mudslinging and real-world tension collide, pushing a peaceful protest to the verge of turning into a full-blown violent riot. Ultimately, *Big Chief* succeeds because it refuses to give readers an easy out or a neat, happy ending. Instead, the explosive climax leaves Mitch backed into a corner where winning the election means losing his own integrity. It's a haunting, open-ended conclusion that forces you to sit with the true cost of power and powerlessness long after you shut the book.



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languages, cultures and
connections to their families

while attending residential
and boarding schools.
This history is especially



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significant for many Ho-Chunk elders, relatives, and generations of families who continue to carry the stories and impacts of these schools. The Tomah Indian Industrial School operated in Tomah, Wisconsin, from 1893 to 1941, was one of 11

Indian boarding schools that operated in Wisconsin. The school housed hundreds of Native children, with many of its children coming from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Children at boarding schools were separated from their families and subjected to

assimilation policies intended to replace their Native languages, cultures and traditions with mainstream American society. The former Tomah school grounds have also served as a gathering place for Orange Shirt Day
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Willow Taylor named Miss Black River Falls First Attendant

Kailli Berg
Fourteen-year-old Willow Taylor (Ruucgecowi) holds a new title after being crowned Miss Black River Falls First Attendant.

Taylor is a freshman in high school. Outside of her role on the Miss Black River Falls court, she stays busy with cheer, track and basketball. She is also involved in the dairy industry and enjoys

showing different breeds of dairy cattle.

Taylor said her interest in becoming part of the Miss Black River Falls court came from her love for the community and the connections she has made through similar experiences.

“I decided to run for Miss Black River Falls because I want to help and support Black River falls,” Taylor

said. “I really love working with our community and bonding with other people!”

Taylor has previously participated in other local courts, including the Christkindl Festival and Karner Blue Butterfly Festival courts.

For Taylor, community involvement can take many forms, from participating in a fundraiser to smaller acts of

kindness.

“I love how easily our community works together for each other and I love to see everyone help each other out,” Taylor said.

Agriculture is another important part of Taylor’s life. After high school, she is considering becoming a veterinarian working with large animals and hopes to continue encouraging others

to become involved in the agriculture industry.

“Agriculture is truly beautiful and I think everyone should be a part of it,” Taylor said.

Taylor hopes more young people consider opportunities through organizations such as FFA and 4-H, showing animals at the fair or simply learning more about

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Line 5 pipeline construction crews breach Wisconsin aquifer

The Bad River Band: ‘We’ve been worried about is exactly this’

Amelia Schafer
Reprint from ICT
MILWAUKEE, Wisc. — Construction on a controversial oil pipeline rerouting project in northern Wisconsin breached an underground aquifer last week, marking a second environmental incident in 30 days.

Enbridge, the company operating the pipeline known as Line 5, reported construction crews breached an aquifer under the Marengo River in the Wisconsin Northwoods on Sept. 26 during the installation of a new pipeline segment.

Line 5 is a 645-mile long pipeline carrying crude oil from Superior, Wisconsin to Sanaria, Ontario, Canada. Twelve miles of the pipeline fall inside of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians Reservation. The company began a 41-mile rerouting project around the reservation in late 2025.

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources informed the tribe of the breach two days after it happened, tribal leaders said.

The breach last month followed a spill of over 1.3 million gallons of natural gas liquids from the pipeline in August and lawyers and leaders from the Bad River Band are demanding accountability – and for the project’s permits to be revoked.

“The [Department of Natural Resources] needs to take Enbridge to court now,” said Johnny Petoskey, a Senior Associate Attorney for non-profit Earth Justice representing the Bad River Band. “They don’t have to wait. ... There can be more action and more decisive action on the part of DNR, but so far, they have continued to only show interest in (a) conciliatory approach ... and the tribes are the ones that suffer.”

The Wisconsin DNR did not immediately respond to request for comment.

“A flow of water was observed following the direct installation of pipe beneath the Marengo River,” said Enbridge spokesperson Juli Kellner in an email to ICT on Monday. “The observation was reported to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources; agency representatives have visited the site. There has been no flooding and no reports of environmental impacts to drinking water wells or waterbodies.”

Kellner said Enbridge is working with the state experts and other specialists to determine next steps.

“From the beginning, the band has been very clear (that) the construction of this pipeline has many risks, many of which have been realized,” Petoskey said. “But the operation of the pipeline and Enbridge’s track record as a responsible operator of oil and gas pipelines does not inspire confidence in the band, nor do these incidents.”

There’s an abundance of wetlands fed through groundwater in northern Wisconsin, Petoskey said, creating a very sensitive environment. Artesian aquifers such as the Marengo aquifer, contain some of the purest water

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Ho-Chunk Nation Supports Walk to End Alzheimer's in Black River Falls

Kaili Berg
Ho-Chunk Nation representatives and community members recently joined together in Black River

Falls for the Walk to End Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 3.
The Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored the local walk

which helps raise awareness and support for people affected by Alzheimer's disease. Representative Phyllis Smoke attended

alongside other tribal members.
Participants also took part in the event's Promise Garden, where different

colored flowers represented each person's connection to Alzheimer's. Purple flowers honored someone who died

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November 3





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HaagaBoi Shares Reclaiming the Frontier Within

The trap was set long before I ever took my first drink. Growing up, I constantly searched for acceptance instead of focusing on what would help me grow. This need to fit in drove me into unhealthy relationships and habits that drained my time and energy. I drank regularly, always excusing it as a purely social activity —telling myself I didn't have a problem because I wasn't drinking to get drunk. I never saw it as an issue.

But as I grew, I started questioning that lie. On March 15th of 2025, I decided to quit drinking for good. Not only have I stuck to it, but my resolve has only grown stronger. That choice came from a place of deep self-awareness. The superficial acceptance I once craved no longer matched what I valued in myself, my family, and my community. I have immense compassion for the past version of me who was operating in survival mode and finding comfort in simply fitting in. But today, I choose growth and discernment.

I take immense pride in saying that I have been sober for 18 months now. One unexpected joy of this path is the community it unlocks. I love when others on the same journey share their sobriety date with me. It has become a sacred ritual, a bond that opens up only when I share the reality of my own journey.

Culturally, this choice matters deeply. Our ancestors didn't create high-proof alcoholic beverages; colonization introduced this poison to our people. Historically, alcohol was weaponized to exploit fur traders and cloud judgment. It caused some tribes to over-hunt,

which ultimately depleted core food and material resources. Even when tribal leaders pressured the government into enacting a 1832 provision to the Indian Non-Intercourse Acts, the ban on selling alcohol to Native Americans was nearly impossible to enforce on a lawless frontier. The trap was set centuries ago.

When we choose to step away from alcohol today, we are doing something quietly revolutionary. We are breaking a cycle of historical exploitation and reclaiming our personal sovereignty. Beyond connecting deeply with others on this path, the everyday rewards are unmistakable: my skin is brighter, my mind is clearer, my sleep is deeper, and my daily energy is consistent. The persistent fog and low-level anxiety that I used to mistake for normal life have completely dissolved. I finally have the time, and the genuine presence, to give to my family.

Looking back, we see a tool deliberately designed to create dependency, blur judgment, and extract value from our communities. When we choose sobriety, we decide that our clarity, our health, and our presence are too valuable to trade away. This is not a path of restriction or missing out; it is an awakening to the vibrant, unfiltered reality of our own lives. I am no longer in survival mode, and I no longer need to numb myself to fit into a world that doesn't serve my highest self. Choosing to feel everything is the ultimate act of reclaiming our freedom, and proof that we can always choose to step out of the trap.

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agriculture.

Taylor is also considering a career in nursing. After recently job shadowing at Black River Falls hospital, she said she enjoyed seeing how employees worked together and helped people in the community.

“I really think helping people when they need is something I would want to do, also because I love putting smiles on people’s faces,” Taylor said.

As she begins her time as First Attendant, Taylor said she is especially looking forward to attending parades, meeting other courts and spending time with the other members of the Miss Black River Falls court.

“My court is like my other family and I love them so much and am so happy I have gotten to know them through an opportunity like this,” Taylor said.



Life doesn't get easier or more forgiving, we get stronger and more resilient.

Steve Maraboli



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.

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The Ho-Chunk Nation Language Division is recognizing participants who completed levels of its Summer Language Program in 2026.

- Kaili Berg
The summer program provided participants an opportunity to continue learning and strengthening their knowledge of the Ho-Chunk language.
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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

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Aara Wapoxwagigiwire

2026 Flu & COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics

Includes influenza & 2026-2027 COVID-19 vaccine (Moderna SPIKEVAX) for adults.

October:
14th – Teejop Hocira (Madison) – 10am-2pm
15th – Pac cinak TAU (Wittenberg) – 11am-2pm

21st – Njoxawanj TAU (Black River Falls)– 10am-2pm
22nd – Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells – 10am-2pm

27th – Ni Tanj Hocira (La Crosse) 10am-2pm
29th – Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa – 10am-2pm

November:
3rd – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison 10am-2pm
3rd – Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls– 10am-2pm

10th – Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg – 11am-2pm
10th – Ahuco TAU (Tomah) – 10am-2pm

No appointment needed!
Please bring ID and insurance card.*
*Employee insurance may be billed. Please check your coverage to avoid unexpected copays.

Questions: 715-284-9851 ext 35042 or kandyce.dunlap@ho-chunk.com



Updated 9.22.2026 KD

OCTOBER 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 CLOSED MONTHLY SHIPMENT
5 OPEN BRF	6 OPEN BRF	7 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	8 OPEN BRF	9 OPEN BRF
12 CLOSED Indigenous Peoples' Day	13 OPEN BRF	14 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	15 REEDSBURG HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF	16 WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
19 OPEN BRF	20 OPEN BRF	21 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N- 1:00	22 OPEN BRF	23 LA CROSSE PICKUPS OPEN BRF
26 OPEN BRF NUTRITION BOOTH - KATHY	27 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM NUTRITION BOOTH - ALEX	28 CLOSED ALL-STAFF MEETING	29 OPEN BRF LAST PICKUP DAY	30 CLOSED INVENTORY

****CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS****

Community Health Foot Clinics



OCTOBER 2026

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

A Registered Nurse will clip/file your nails, and dremel if necessary. For ingrown toenail removal, please contact podiatry.

Black River Falls - 10/5 & 10/26
Community Health Office
W9850 Airport Road
(715) 896-4869

Tomah - 10/6
Tribal Aging Unit
358 Eos Road
(608) 372-5202

La Crosse - 10/20
Three Rivers House
724 Main Street
(608) 783-6025

Nekoosa - 10/22
Nekoosa Health Office
1021 County Road G
(715) 886-5444

Baraboo - 10/27
House Of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Road
(608) 355-1240 x35509

Madison - 10/27
Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy
(608) 277-9964

Wittenberg - 10/29
Siga Funmaker Center
W17634 Radke Road
(715) 701-2069

Open to Tribal Members - No walk-ins - Appointment is now needed.

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Karen Michel —
Wakacakmaḡaḡiwi
Joy Snake — Caašjai
1C
Andrew Marr — Aahuco
Heather Hillmer —
Macosgai
Jack Keenan — Hahaḡi
Martha Warner —
Kuuḡiḡoḡewi
Leah LaMere — Waniḡsgai
Joy Snake — Caašjai
1D
Mackenzie Blackdeer —
Caaniḡwi
Destiny Jones — Wirakarai
Chad Tahchawwickah —

Kuunu
Angelique Olivas — Hiinu
Kimberly Whitewater —
Wakjexiwi
Gracelyn Collins —
Maašupi
Carmen Redcloud — Hiinu
Joy Snake — Caašjai
Alicia Greendeer —
Maasaramaḡiwi
2A
Katya Adachi Serrano —
Maaxicoiḡa
Cheyenne Mike —
Ceexjḡsgaiḡa
Jennifer White Eagle —
Waisaḡaiḡa
Michelle LaMere —
Nḡjahabaxwiḡa

Tyler LaMere — Huḡcpḡiḡa
Matt Pagliaro — Heenaḡ
Sheila Shigley —
Hinḡksḡuuwiḡa
Shiqi Funmaker Shen —
Hiinu
Teresa Greengrass — Haḡni
wiiragušḡeḡa
Curtis Prescott —
Wacoḡumaḡaḡiḡa
Olivia Prescott —
Naajijeḡa
Amanda White Eagle —
Wiipamaḡerewiḡa
2B
Dana Kinser —
Huuchinuknaak
Cela Payer — Woo’ehi wi
Bridgette Schulz —

Niihonaziiwiḡa
Joy Snake — Caašjai
2C
Bridgette Schulz —
Niihonaziiwiḡa
Kathy LaMere — Ahucuḡiḡa
Penny LaMere-Smart —
Ruucḡsgai
Joy Snake — Caašjai
2D
Lucasta Snowball —
Haramiḡesḡai
Elizabeth Zingg — Hiinu
Tonia Lowe — Saanei
Joy Snake — Caašjai
Joshua VandeBerg — Kuḡu
Mary Thundercloud-Eary
— Wakajahajapiḡi
Kathy LaMere — Ahucuḡiḡa

Penny LaMere-Smart —
Ruucḡsgai
3A
Katya Adachi Serrano —
MaaxiCoowi
Sheila Shigley —
Hinḡksḡuu
Forrest Funmaker —
HaapHoni
Mary Thundercloud —
WakajaHajaPiḡwi
The Language Division
congratulates each of the
Summer Language Program
completers for the time
and effort they dedicated to
learning Hoocak.

ACCEPTING NEW PARTICIPANTS!

WIC at HCN
is available!

And appointments can be by phone!

TO LEARN MORE, CONTACT:

COMMUNITY HEALTH IN BLACK RIVER FALLS:
715-284-9851 EXT 35335

HOUSE OF WELLNESS:
608-355-1240 EXT 35554

NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE:
608-355-1240 EXT 35554

Healthy Food - Nutrition Information -
Breastfeeding Assistance

wic WISCONSIN

This institution is an equal opportunity provider

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HO-CHUNK NATION
COMMUNITY HEALTH

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commemorations.

Today, orange shirts are worn each Sept. 30 under the message “Every Child Matters,” honoring those who

survived the boarding school system, those who did not return home and the generations of Native families who continue to feel its effects.



How Does Nature
Help Our Health?

• Class 1 - October 14th, 2026
◦ 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
◦ Well, Winter is coming.
Now what?

• Class 2 - October 21st, 2026
◦ 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
◦ Finding peace in Winter.

HEALTHY IS A HO-CHUNK TRADITION

“As the day winds down, may you find peace in the quiet moments and comfort in the gentle stillness of the night.”

These classes are online to reach as many people as possible. There will be homework in nature that will be discussed in classes.

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

A photograph of a fox standing in a snowy field with bare trees in the background.

A photograph of a group of people gathered at night, with large, glowing lanterns hanging from poles.

HO-CHUNK NATION SOCIAL SERVICES
COMMUNITY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Hosted by Ho-Chunk Nation Behavioral Health
Empowering Women's Program

Meet with
Clan Mothers

Open to all women.

Tuesday, October 14, 2026

10:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Siga Funmaker Community Center
W17634 Radke Rd
Wittenberg, WI 54499

Have questions or need transportation?
Myrna Littlewolf
Women's Recovery Specialist
715-253-2382 (Office) ext. 33141
608-477-9161 (Cell)

SCAN HERE
Please complete the Cultural Inventory/Intake prior to the event
or visit:
<https://hcn-uk.typeform.com/ClanMothers>

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.

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available, he said.

“When these punctures happen and uncontrolled groundwater leaks out of the confined aquifer, it can disrupt the habitat of the wetland and interfere with the services that that wetland provides by deluging it with a bunch of water that was not previously there,” Petoskey said. “And the band has been saying from the beginning that aquifer breaches were a very serious risk, especially on this part of the pipeline that could have detrimental effects to habitat, to water quality. And here we are with those effects realized.”

Bad River leaders have met with Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers, other tribal leaders and various state officials to express their concerns over the pipeline, said Chairwoman Liz Arbuckle.

“We’ve asked, can you revoke a permit? And we have not been able to get an answer on that,” Arbuckle said. “There are still a lot of answers we don’t have, and I think people in Wisconsin don’t have.”

The breach came almost exactly one month after the pipeline construction caused what is believed to be the largest oil and gas pipeline leak in Wisconsin history.

On Aug. 25, an unoccupied semi-truck rolled into an exposed segment of the pipeline near Saxon, Wisconsin, causing over 1.3 million gallons of natural gas liquids to spill into the air.

Enbridge did not respond to questions regarding its clean-up efforts on the Saxon spill.

Petoskey said there has been no analysis, accountability and few answered questions regarding the pipeline.

“The DNR is allowing Enbridge to go rogue and exist and operate above the law, and they’re not doing enough,” Petoskey said. “Enbridge’s bottom line is not the DNR’s public responsibility. The DNR’s public responsibility is to the people of Wisconsin, and to the natural resources that they rely on, and that also support the band’s way of life, and they just haven’t been doing it.”

Bad River leaders said they fear the recent incidents could directly impact the tribe.

“What we’ve been worried about is exactly this,” said Arbuckle. “The harm to our wild rice, to our waters, to our animals, to our people. We’re concerned with any of that kind of activity, especially if it’s done in any kind of sloppy manner, which we see what happened here. We have concerns that that could have a short-term and long-term effect on us.”

In 2022, Enbridge paid out over \$11 million as a result of breaching aquifers in Minnesota during restoration construction on a different pipeline, called its Line 3, near the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa Indians reservation.

While the DNR and Enbridge have provided information to the Bad River Band, Petoskey said the information is often insufficient and late.

“The band is a government, just like DNR, just like the federal government, and it has responsibilities to keep the water safe for its citizens,” Petoskey said. “And despite those responsibilities, DNR and Enbridge

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Construction of a 41-mile re-route of the Line 5 pipeline in northern Wisconsin breached an underground aquifer on Sept. 26. Tribal leaders from the nearby Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa are calling for accountability from the state of Wisconsin. Credit: Courtesy of Devon Cupery, EarthJustice

HOUSE OF WELLNESS

Fitness | Aquatic Center

Ho-Chunk Nation

Department of Health

Women's SPA DAY

A DAY JUST FOR YOU.

Join us for a day dedicated to wellness, relaxation, movement, and connection.

Be well. Be you. Be present.

RELAX

Unwind and recharge

RESTORE

Nourish your mind & body

RECHARGE

Renew your energy

CONNECT

Build community and connection

ENJOY A VARIETY OF:

EXERCISE CLASSES

WELLNESS WORKSHOPS

SPECIALTY WELLNESS SESSIONS*

HEALTH SCREENINGS

MOVEMENT AND RELAXATION

AND MORE!

*Specialty sessions may include Massage, Chiropractic, Chair Massage and Paraffin Dip are subject to availability.

DOOR PRIZES

Great giveaways throughout the day!

We can't wait to see you!

PRE-REGISTRATION WILL BE REQUIRED.

Scan to register!

<https://forms.gle/TBZBaVb7dEjNstkaA>

OR STOP IN AT THE FITNESS CENTER TO REGISTER

Save the Date!

SATURDAY OCTOBER 17, 2026

AT THE HOUSE OF WELLNESS

S2845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo, WI. 53913

Upcoming HCN Pharmacy Closures

Oct-Dec

OCTOBER 12	Both pharmacies closed for Indigenous Peoples' Day
OCTOBER 28	Both pharmacies closed for All Department of Health Staff Meeting
NOVEMBER 4	HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30pm-1:30pm
NOVEMBER 11	Both pharmacies closed for Veteran's Day
NOVEMBER 18	HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:30am-10:00am
NOVEMBER 26	Both pharmacies closed for Thanksgiving Day
NOVEMBER 27	Both pharmacies closed for Ho-Chunk Day
DECEMBER 16	HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:30am-10:00am
DECEMBER 16	HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30pm-1:30pm
DECEMBER 24	Both pharmacies closed for Christmas Eve
DECEMBER 25	Both pharmacies closed for Christmas Day
DECEMBER 31	Both pharmacies closed for New Years' Eve

SLP 9/30/26

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR MEDICATION REFILLS

Notice of Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 1, 3 & 4
Election Board Delegate and Alternate
Term ending December 2028

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
District 1		
BRF	1	1
Minneapolis/St Paul	1	1
District 3		
Green Bay	1	1
Wisconsin Rapids	1	1
Madison	1	1
Milwaukee	1	1
Wittenberg	1	1
District 4		
Chicago	1	1

All Election Board Members shall serve terms of two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board Members may server no more than two (2) consecutive terms. These terms will end December 2026.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Alternate to represent for each District must be voted upon during your District's monthly meeting in November 2026.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board Delegate and Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than **4:00 PM – Thursday, December 31, 2026**

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
W8801 Mission Road
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com
715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583

Posted October 6, 2026

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEETING NOTICE
HEALTH ACCREDITATION
BOARD MEETING

Friday, November 20, 2026
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Eileen Decorah Conference Room
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Virtual Option also available via WebEx
Please contact Lorinda Bird for Virtual meeting information.
715-284-9851 ext. 35351
Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com
Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150
House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

MEETING NOTICE
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

Friday, November 6, 2026
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Myrtle Thunder Long
“Wakaja h̄ugewi”
November 28, 1937 – September 22, 2026

Myrtle Frances Long, 88, of rural Osseo, passed away peacefully early Tuesday morning, September 22, 2026, at her home, surrounded by the love of her family and the care of St. Croix Hospice.

Myrtle was born on November 28, 1937, in Black River Falls, the daughter of Frank B. and Mary Greencrow Thunder. She attended Fairchild Elementary and went on to graduate from Fairchild High School, where she was a talented athlete who excelled in basketball and also loved playing softball. Demonstrating a lifelong spirit of excelling, she was one of the first Native American students to attend Wisconsin State University at Eau Claire.

On July 25, 1959, Myrtle was united in marriage to Douglas Jonathan Long in Eland, WI. The couple's first home was in Schofield, where their son Lance was born, and when he was a young child they moved to St. Paul, MN. After four years in St. Paul, they returned to Fairchild, and in 1978 the family moved to their home in Otter Creek Township, in the Foster area of rural Osseo. Myrtle had remained in her home after the passing of her husband Doug on March 30, 2007.

In keeping with her Thunder Clan teachings, Myrtle dedicated her professional life to social services, committing her heart and energy to helping others. She began her career with Jackson County Social Services before embarking on a remarkable 47year career serving the Ho-Chunk Nation in the same vital field. A true pillar of her community, she was instrumental in the formation of the Ho-Chunk Nation Clan Mothers, ultimately retiring at the age of 87.

Her Ho-Chunk heritage and her lifelong membership in the Native American Church were deeply cherished cornerstones of her life. Fluent in her language, Myrtle embraced every aspect of her culture. She loved NAC and Pow Wow music, dancing, attending ceremonies and celebrations, arts and crafts, and enjoyed playing BINGO with family and friends.

Myrtle is lovingly remembered by her son, Lance Long and grandson Douglas Morgan Long both of Osseo; sister, Faye Thunder (Erwin) Begay of Black River Falls; sisters-in-law, Beverly Thunder of Fairchild, Rosalie Gokee of Hayward; numerous children, grandchildren, godchildren, and many cherished nieces, nephews and extended and adopted family.

In addition to her husband, Myrtle was preceded in death by her parents, Frank B. and Mary; brothers, Merton Thunderbull, Gordon, Levi Sr., and Josiah Thunder Sr.; sisters, Faith Matter, Hope Smith, and Charity Thunder; nephews Jonathan, Levi Jr., Timothy and William Sr.; and nieces, Darlene and Cynthia.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 24, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Anderson Funeral Home in Augusta.

A second visitation will follow from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday at the Long residence (E13010 County Road K, Osseo) with Native American Church services later Thursday evening at the residence.

A public funeral service will take place at noon on Friday, also at the Long residence.

Burial will follow commitment services in the Fairchild Cemetery.



HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James Pettibone
Case No. PP 25-02

☐ Amended
Notice to Creditors

For Official Use
FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
SEP 02 2026
[Signature]
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: 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 _____. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Shunde
Clerk of Court
Mary Thunder
Notary Public or Typist
09/15/26
Date

Form completed by: (Name) Clarissa Haapala
Address 4433 Nicolet Drive
Green Bay, WI 54311
Telephone 414-322-1235 Fax Number (if any)

PR 14, 04/13 Notice to Creditors
This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional materials.

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have repeatedly brushed off demands to do a site visit. All along the way, the band has continued to say, based on our governmental expertise, living in this

homeland for hundreds of years, these are the risks. And at every step of the way, DNR and Enbridge have simply ignored them.”

Andrew William Thundercloud

October 7, 1943 - September 27, 2026

Andrew “Maaxi” William Thundercloud, 82, of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2026, at Meadowbrook Senior Living in Black River Falls, surrounded by family. He was born on Oct. 7, 1943, to Andrew W. Thundercloud Sr. and Irene (Miner) Thundercloud in Black River Falls.

A member of the Thunder Clan of his Ho-Chunk people, Andy was a combat veteran who served as a Navy corpsman in the Vietnam War and was assigned to the 1st Marine Division to fly on medevac missions, risking his life to rescue wounded Marines directly from the deadly battlefields and giving them lifesaving medical treatment. He continued his service to medicine upon returning home. After attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks (and Lakeland College in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, before entering the military), Andy became a licensed physician assistant, practicing medicine for the U.S. Public Health Service and the Indian Health Service. In those roles, he devoted himself to the well-being of his people and provided care with compassion and professionalism while using his Ho-Chunk language and knowledge of cultural ways to better serve his tribal community.

He credited his paternal grandfather and parents with instilling Ho-Chunk cultural values and teachings in his life. From a young age, he danced and sang around the big drum. With his brothers and sons, he formed the Thundercloud Singers. They often served as a host drum at Ho-Chunk powwows in Wisconsin and Nebraska and sang at gatherings across the United States. Andy was an eminent speaker of the Ho-Chunk language and served as a language instructor for many years. He was a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Traditional Court, an assembly of distinguished elders who handle special cases and resolve disputes through knowledge of Ho-Chunk values and customs.

Andy was a fan of many sports and received an associate degree in golf management from the San Diego Golf Academy. In addition to his love of golf, Andy was a staunch backer of the Green Bay Packers and Wisconsin Badgers, cheered for the Milwaukee Brewers and Milwaukee Bucks, and followed



boxing and wrestling. But it was his military service that was a source of great pride, and he carried that experience with honor throughout his life. He understood duty, discipline, and sacrifice, and he met each responsibility with courage and resolve. He also belonged to numerous veterans’ associations and composed a song in honor of the Ho-Chunk Code Talkers — 14 World War II veterans who used their Ho-Chunk language to confound the enemy during wartime.

He is survived by his children, Joel Thundercloud of Tomah, Wisconsin, Jon (Erica) Thundercloud of Hollywood, Florida, Anne Thundercloud of Hixton, Wisconsin, Josh (Valerie) Thundercloud of Jefferson, Wisconsin, and Andrew W. Thundercloud III of Phoenix, Arizona; his grandchildren, Angel Thundercloud Nute of Madison, Wisconsin, and Kirsten and Jayden Thundercloud of Jefferson, Wisconsin; and a brother, Quentin (Sandy) Thundercloud of Tomah, Wisconsin; along with his Ho Chunk children in North Dakota, Lisa, Bryan (Janelle), Dyan, Alexis, and a multitude of grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Andrew Thundercloud Sr. and Irene (Miner) Thundercloud.

Traditional Ho Chunk services will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 29, 2026, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Blue Wing Community Building, Tomah, Wisconsin. Patrick Houghton will officiate. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Blue Wing Cemetery, Tomah. Family and friends are invited for visitation on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until Noon at Blue Wing Community Building, Tomah. The Torkelson Funeral Home of Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be offered at www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com.

Sidney Lewis

Jan 18, 1944 - Sep 20, 2026



Sidney Cyrus Lewis, known to family and friends as “Sid” and “Skipper,” age 82, of Willard, Wisconsin, began his journey to the spirit world on the morning of September 20, 2026.

Sid was born on January 18, 1944, to Sidney R. Lewis and Esther Stacy-Lewis. His father was a member of the Pima Tribe, and Sid spent time in the Gila River Indian Community. After his mother passed away on March 5, 1944, shortly after his birth, Sid was raised by Tillie Stacy-Buker and his grandparents, John and Martha Stacy. Sid also knew and spoke the Ho-Chunk language.

Sid was known for his intelligence, commitment to learning, and accomplished career. He earned a master’s degree and held respected positions in higher education. Family members recall that he taught at Lakeland College and held positions at the University of Wisconsin–Stout Polytechnic and Rochester Community College.

Throughout his career, Sid applied his knowledge and abilities to serve others. Family members recall that he worked as a grants writer for the State of Wisconsin and as a planner and consultant for the Ho-Chunk Nation, including working for a Tribal President. Among his most meaningful accomplishments was helping facilitate housing for Ho-Chunk elders during the late 1990s.

Sports, competition, and adventure were important parts of Sid’s life. He played football and basketball in his youth and remained an avid basketball fan throughout his life. Sid was also an accomplished pool player and was considered a Class A player. Sid played in the M8 Triple Crown Pool League in the Twin Cities. He was especially proud of his team’s Class A tournament victory during the 2003 Winter Carnival. He competed in numerous tournaments and earned several trophies. Although many of the tournaments took place in bars, Sid

did not drink alcohol. Sid also loved cars and racing. He owned a Pontiac Trans Am and competed in bracket racing at Rock Falls Raceway outside Eau Claire, earning trophies for his accomplishments. In the late 1960s, he owned a red Alfa Romeo sports car while working as a lifeguard in Eau Claire. He also collected firearms. Sid enjoyed photography and often brought a quality camera with him to events. He was also especially fond of eating eggs. His free spirit and endearing quirks were part of what made him Sid to those who knew him. He strongly advocated for others, recognized the potential in the people around him, and encouraged them to pursue their dreams.

Sid was preceded in death by his parents, Sidney R. Lewis and Esther Stacy-Lewis; his daughter, Maurine Price-Waddington, who passed away on April 6, 2012; his half-siblings Richard Lewis, Kate Harrington, and Linda Lewis; his relative and good friend George Stacy Sr.; and his first cousin Ken Buker Sr., the son of Tillie Stacy-Buker.

He is survived by his grandson, Jared Price; his half-siblings Judith Kilpatrick, Cynthia Parker, Paul Lewis, Dawn Evers, Gregory Lewis, Craig Lewis, and Nancy Clemens; his former wife, Nona Bailey; his first cousins Bonnie Stroessner, Dale Stephens, and Mona Garthune (husband Dave, son Brett, and Brett’s daughters Isabella and Scarlett Garthune); and other relatives, including Ken Buker Jr., a relative and neighbor who was there for Sid; Paul Fox (children Victoria and Alec Fox); and Kim Stolarczyk (children Cody, Tiffany, and Destiny Stolarczyk). He is also survived by George Stacy Jr., an extended family member and good friend of Sid’s; the Stacy family; and many other relatives and friends.

Sid will be remembered for his intelligence, accomplishments, years of service, love of sports and racing, free spirit, endearing quirks, and belief in others’ potential. Those who knew him will carry his memory and encouragement.

A public visitation will be held on Monday, September 28, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Gesche Funeral Home & Cremation Service (4 South Grand Avenue, Neillsville, WI 54456). A funeral service will follow there from 1:00 to 1:45 p.m.

A reception will follow at The Willard Well (N8631 County Road G, Willard, WI 54493) from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Update

Special D1 Election Information!!

For those of you wondering about the Special D1 Election, we had a hearing on Monday, October 5, 2026 regarding it. Unfortunately, there wasn’t enough information provided.

Our next court date is Wednesday, October 14. Hopefully we will know by then what will be happening with the election.

Please contact the Election Board Office or your Election Board members in your district.

Respectfully submitted by
D1-BRF Delegate, Devin Funmaker

Election Board:
Phone: 715-284-8900
Office Hours: M-F 8:00-4:30
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Solar Energy Development – Solar Pi Rezoning

Date of Hearing: **October 23, 2026**

Time of Hearing: **5 – 6 PM**

Hearing Location: **District 1 Community Center**

Hearing Location Address: **N, 7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls, WI 54615**

LOCATION OF PROPOSAL/REQUEST: Parcel to the East side of Mission Rd, and South of Sandpillow Rd, Black River Falls, WI 54615

REVIEW AUTHORITY: Land Development Team (LDT)

DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY: Land Development Team (LDT)

HEARING POLICIES AND APPEALS: All interested persons may testify at the public hearing and may submit written comments and documents before or at the hearing. All hearings are conducted in facilities that are accessible to person with physical disabilities.

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Please contact Regina Funmaker for additional information.

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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.**



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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.
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Treaty Rights & Consultation.

David Crowley believes Wisconsin has an obligation to protect sacred treaty rights, ensuring that local or corporate convenience never overrides tribal self-determination, clean water, or ecological health. David is committed to regularly meeting with the sovereign tribal leaders of all 11 federally recognized tribes. As Milwaukee County Executive, he has operated on a government-to-government model built on direct dialogue and mutual respect. David understands that:

- Tribal Nations are sovereign partners: State and local leadership must respect treaty rights and formal government consultation.
- Tribal communities matter: Strong tribes, clean water protections, and investments in Native health and youth resources strengthen the entire state.
- Collaboration beats hostility: David and his cabinet will sit down at the table (informally and through the consultation process) with tribal leaders to solve problems together.
- Tribal land, resources, and sovereign rights are not up for negotiation. David deeply respects Indian Country and treaty rights.

Fixing Line 5.

- Like most Wisconsinites, David is fed up with Enbridge’s disregard for safety and oversight in the wake of natural gas leaks in Iron County and unapproved work on a bypass for Line 5. This is a pattern of behavior that threatens our health and water, while trampling on tribal sovereignty.
- David strongly supports Gov. Evers and Sec. Hyun’s efforts to hold Enbridge accountable and immediately cease work on the bypass.
- The Crowley Administration is committed to working with tribal leaders and the Legislature on reviewing and amending our laws to allow for greater enforcement powers in permitting.



Early Voting begins **two weeks before Election Day.**

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REGULAR MEETING
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BLACK RIVER FALLS,
WI
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

Call to Order: Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

- Roll Call:**
President Jon Greendeer-EX, P at 10:22 a.m.
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-EX
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Tracy Thundercloud-P
Vacancy
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC Rep. David Greendeer-EX
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-EX

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Rep. Kyle White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business Q. Madison Indigenous People’s Day and R. Sauk County Indigenous People’s Day; under District Meetings H. D3 Tejop – September 16, 2026 and I. D3 Cexhaci – September 17, 2026. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 9, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 9, 2026 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:
Gaming Commission Report

Gaming Commissioner Toni Funmaker is online. A written report was submitted.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Gaming Commission report. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Government Administration Commission-September 10, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud to approve the September 10, 2026 Government Administration Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 7-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into 2026 Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 A**, Authorization to Enter into 2026 Memorandum of Understanding between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Wisconsin Internet Crimes Against Children Taskforce. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Finance Commission-September 10, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 10, 2026 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Unfinished Business: No agenda items.

New Business:
Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Holiday Road Maintenance Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 B**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Tomah Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Holiday Road Maintenance Project. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Byron Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Freedom Road Improvements Project

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 C**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Byron Township, Monroe County, Wisconsin Freedom Road Improvements Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 D**, Authorization

to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Administration Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 2) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 E**, Authorization to Place the Department of Administration Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 2) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Business Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 3) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 F**, Authorization to Place the Department of Business Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 3) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Education Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 4) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 G**, Authorization to Place the Department of Education Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 4) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 H**, Authorization to Place the Department of Health Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 5) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Heritage Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 6) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 I**, Authorization to Place the Department of Heritage

Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 6) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Housing Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 7) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 J**, Authorization to Place the Department of Housing Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 7) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Justice Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 8) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 K**, Authorization to Place the Department of Justice Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 8) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Labor Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 9) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 L**, Authorization to Place the Department of Labor Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 9) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Personnel Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 10) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 M**, Authorization to Place the Department of Personnel Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 10) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Treasury Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 12) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution**

09-22-26 N, Authorization to Place the Department of Treasury Establishment and Organization Act of 2001 (1 HCC § 12) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Social Services Establishment and Organization Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 15) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 O**, Authorization to Place the Department of Social Services Establishment and Organization Act of 2009 (1 HCC § 15) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Code (7 HCC § 4) out for 45 Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 P**, Authorization to Place the Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Code (7 HCC § 4) out for 45 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-20-25 A Ho-Chunk Signature Authority

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-22-26 Q**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-20-25 A Ho-Chunk Signature Authority. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 7-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Madison Indigenous People’s Day

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve \$3,500 for the Madison Indigenous People’s Day event, with check made payable to Rita Peters and funding coming from the Charitable Contributions on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Sauk County Indigenous People’s Day

MOTION by Rep. Kyle White Eagle to approve \$5,000 for the Sauk County Historical Society Indigenous People’s Day event, with check made payable to Kurt Greendeer and funding coming from the Charitable Contributions on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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District Meetings:
D1 Maąņico Horuzra – **September 17, 2026**

No motions.

D2 Hįņųkwas– **September 14, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Donald Greengrass for \$1,204.75 funding for DORA pow wow. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to HHCDa the **MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn for HHCDa to include La Crosse County to the Urban Rental Assistance due to higher rent in La Crosse. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – **September 9, 2026**

No motions.

D3 Pac c inąk – **September 14, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to TAU, Social Services and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Fran Littlewolf for the TAU Director to get funding for the yearly dues

to GLANEA, \$25 a year per person, and ensure that they have rides to meetings. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: **MOTION** by Caroline Koukos to table the Law Enforcement Agreement discussion until the next meeting.

D3 Tee hoikšek – September 15, 2026

No motions.

D4 Guųšgonąk – **September 14, 2026**

No motions.

D4 Virtual Meeting – September 16, 2026

MOTION by Rep. Edward Mullen to refer to the Legislature, Department of Administration and I.T. the **MOTION** by Bill Winneshiek to create an intranet and the information on Facebook to put on the intranet along with the Hocak Worak newsletter. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Edward Mullen to approve the St. Kateri Center of Chicago’s Every Child Matters September 30, 2026 Pow-wow in the amount of \$1,500 from the Charitable Contributions Line Item on an Emergency

Basis. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to Pow-Wow Line Item. Second concurs. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

10:27 a.m. President Greendeer is now chairing the meeting.

D3 Tejop – **September 16, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Brenda Neff to request funding for the Madison Community Halloween and Christmas events. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Youth Services, Social Services and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman to ensure the youth centers have funding in order to do activities with the kids. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – **September 17, 2026**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Realty and the Legislative Office the **MOTION** by Janice Savage to change the Mortenson Property’s name

to Naatisak. Second by Rep. Tracy Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Janis Pesek to request funding for the Nekoosa Halloween event. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-0-0 **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. Kyle White Eagle 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. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:30 a.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:55 a.m., and was called back to order at 12:32 p.m. Quorum is established.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to return to Open Session. Second by Rep.

Damian Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 1:19 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

Enbridge Line 5

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative Legal to draft a letter of support addressed to the Governor and State DNR in support of other tribes, with the requests noted in the letter from MEA, and to authorize the Vice President and/or President to sign, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 6, 2026 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
EMERGENCY SPECIAL
MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 24, 2026**

Call to Order: Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll Call:
President Jon Greendeer-EX
Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-VC
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P Rep.
Tracy Thundercloud-P
Vacancy
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-VC

Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC
Rep. David Greendeer-VC
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-EX

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Rep. David Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **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. Stephanie Begay 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. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:21 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to note for the record that the Legislature approved the FY26 casino audits today. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay approving the NCAI resolution, submitted on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation; release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Emergency Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Emergency Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:24 a.m.

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from the disease, yellow represented caregivers, blue represented those living with

Alzheimer’s, orange showed support for the cause and white represented hope for the first survivor of Alzheimer’s.





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You are cordially invited to the
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FRIDAY	9:30 AM Guest Arrival
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