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# Federal Emergency Management Agency opens COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

On April 12, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) opened the COVID-19 Funeral Assistance application to the general public. The program provides financial assistance for COVID-19 related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020, and funded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan 2021.

Per their press release, “FEMA is now moving rapidly to implement this funeral assistance program nationwide.”

To be eligible for COVID-19 funeral assistance, the policy states:

- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020 for a death attributed to COVID-19.

- If multiple individuals contributed toward funeral expenses, they should apply under a single application as applicant and co-applicant. FEMA will also consider documentation from other individuals not listed as the applicant and co-applicant who may have incurred funeral expenses as part of the registration for the deceased individual.

- An applicant may apply for multiple deceased individuals.

- The COVID-19-related death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories and the District of Columbia.

- This assistance is limited to a maximum financial amount of \$9,000 per funeral and a maximum of \$35,500 per application.

- Funeral assistance is intended to assist with expenses for funeral services and interment or cremation.

Potential applicants should gather the following documentation:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States. The death certificate must indicate the death “may have been caused by” or “was likely the result of” COVID-19 or COVID-19-like symptoms.

**Did you pay funeral costs after losing someone due to COVID-19?**

We may be able to help with funeral assistance.



**Learn more at FEMA.gov or call (844) 684-6333 to get started.**

**“Applying for our Funeral Assistance program? You can apply 9 A.M. - 9 P.M. Eastern Time, Monday-Friday, by calling 844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585. Multilingual services will be available. Keep in mind there is no deadline to apply...” - FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency, April 16, Facebook post.**

Similar phrases that indicate a high likelihood of COVID-19 are considered sufficient attribution.

- Funeral expense documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that include the applicant’s name, the deceased individual’s name, the amount of funeral expenses and dates the funeral expenses were incurred.

- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. Funeral assistance may not duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, federal/state/local/tribal/territorial government programs or agencies, or other sources.

Call the FEMA’s COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line number at 844-684-6333 to apply. Hours of op-

eration are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM (CST). FEMA will not accept online applications.

FEMA warns of scams and has controls in place to mitigate fraudulent activity. Per FEMA.gov, “FEMA will not contact anyone until they have called FEMA or have applied for assistance. Do not disclose information such as the name, birth date or social security number of any deceased family member to any unsolicited telephone calls or e-mails from anyone claiming to be a federal employee or from FEMA.”

Report questionable activity to local law enforcement agencies or call the FEMA Helpline at 800-621-3362 or the National Center for Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721.

For additional eligibility

information, expenses covered, and other criteria, visit FEMA’s FAQ website at <https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance/faq>.

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# A Letter from the President

The road map to the separation of business from the government can emerge through our elections.

What I've seen throughout my time as president is a complete and utter power grab and lack of understanding of our Constitution and tribal laws by our lawmaking body.

That's why this election cycle is more important than ever. It's time to elect some leaders who can lead us in the direction we've been asking for.

What does your candidate know about how to separate business from the government?

What does your candidate know about implementing a government that is funded by taxes and fees?

These are two key understandings an electable candidate should know.

There is a fear of separating business from the government. Why?

The biggest reason is probably the revenue generated by casinos are easy pickings. Why does the leg work to create strictly tax-and-fee-funded government operations, when you have a general fund pot to grab from?

There's a lot of work in creating laws that would tax business operations. What percent of sales, income, or property tax would be allowable by our tribal members? Should the Nation create these laws on our own, or should we pay someone to do it for us?

We fund the Department of Justice who, in theory, represents all the branches of our government.

We, through the Legislature, fund Legislative Counsel(s). Our Legislature also pays for outside counsel. Our Legislature pays specialists like a gaming compact negotiator, as well as other attorneys on retainer.

That's a lot of lawyers.

Why do our lawmakers need so many attorneys?

If we separate business from government, we'd have

minimal government operations as we are currently situated for tax collection.

Assets like land, buildings and other property would have to be turned over to the business entities.

How do we guarantee the business wouldn't go bankrupt? We can't. It's real business at that point.

Supporting poor business plans would result in loss of the Nation's overall worth, as well as our borrowing capability.

We'd want to only support efficient businesses - not businesses that return to the government for financial support.

Let's say for example the Nation's government, all four branches, could operate on \$150 million annually.

Also, for example, let's say the Nation's revenue-generating enterprises, like the Business and Health Departments, earned \$400 million annually.

The Nation would have more than \$250 million to do whatever it pleased. We could put some away for a rainy day. We could invest in a diverse portfolio to seek big returns.

We could put that money to work for us to make more money.

We kind of do that with our Section 17, 12 Clans, Inc.

If we separate business from the government, the government would lose access to that purported \$250 million.

The Nation's enterprises could reinvest that \$250 million back into their operations. They could pay higher wages to their employees. They could prioritize their entities' capital projects, such as renovations or upgrades.

Separating business from the government would eliminate the need for a Project Forward, PNC loan, or do multiple renovations at the same time.

We do have a little bit of a separation of business from the government in our Legislature's LLC entities: Blue Wing Enterprises LLC

(<https://www.bizapedia.com/wi/blue-wing-enterprises-llc.html>), Southland Ho-Chunk Enterprises LLC (<https://mysouthlandcenter.com>), and Southland Ho-Chunk Entertainment LLC (<https://ho-chunksouthland.com>).

These LLC's financial reports should be available for tribal members in the Legislature's annual report.

In a separation of business from government, the government would want to receive enough revenue to fund its operations. So of the total revenue of tribal and individual tribal members' businesses that operate on tribal land, the Nation would want to tax at a percent that would fund the government.

In our example scenario of \$400 million in revenue, we'd want to tax/fee at 37.5 percent to raise \$150 million for government operations.

That's a large tax percentage. But the more business entities we'd incorporate, the lower the percentage could go, as long as we raised the government's operational costs of \$150 million or the amount where people are happy with government services.

Not only would this model separate our business enterprises from our tribal government structure, but it would also open up our tribal economy - a tribal economy where tribal businesses and tribal member entrepreneurs could offer additional services to our tribal and community population.

Additionally, Legislature, with its many outside counsels, lobbying, and public relations firms has essentially started the fifth branch of our tribal government. In 2020, our Legislature paid \$250,000 to Powers, Pyles et al. according to a search of Ho-Chunk Nation in Open Secrets ([www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org)).

In our lowest year, 2009, the Legislature paid \$120,000 for lobbying. In our highest year, 2006, we paid \$480,000 for lobbying efforts. That's an average of \$300,000 per year.

Add in Wisconsin and Illinois lobbying firms - that's potentially an overall average of \$900,000 per year in lobbying costs. We ought to see a cost-benefit analysis of our lobbying and legal firms.

At the present, we could be paying lobbying, legal, and

public relations firms well over \$1 million per year.

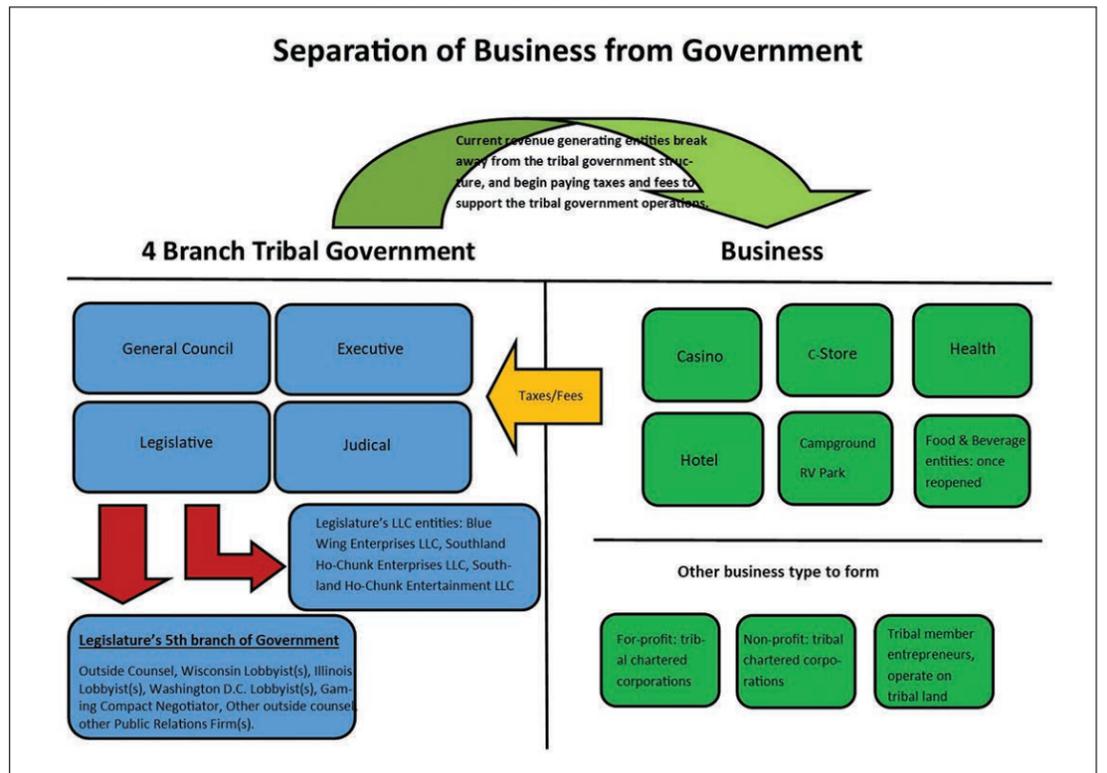
Open Secrets shows history as far back as 1998. That's 23 years of nearly \$1 million per year to representation outside of our elected officials for a total of \$23 million to non-tribal representation.

We can lower the tribal government costs based on current business and health department employees who are budgeted under the tribal government operations. If Legislature can operate without lobbyists and additional legal and public relations firms, that's additional saving for the tribal government.

Ideally, we'd want our taxation percentage to fall within 10 to 15 percent, meaning every dollar made by those business entities, the tribal government would receive 10 to 15 cents of each dollar.

This is only a concept of how we can realize the separation of business from the government for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

It would be a way for our businesses to grow based on their successes, which ultimately equates to the success of the Ho-Chunk Nation.



## Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board dispatches General Runoff Election mail ballots

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Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board sent out Mail ballots for the General Runoff Election to eligible voters on Friday, April 16. Call the Election Board at 715-284-8900 if you have not received your ballot by April 21.

The last day to request a replacement ballot is Tuesday, May 11.

Voters should return their completed ballots by United

States mail. Mail ballots are due to the Election Board post office box on or before June 1. No notary required.

Contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board with mail ballot questions at 715-284-8900 or 800-890-0583. Their email address is Election.Board@ho-chunk.com.

The Election Board office hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

## DNR Seeking Public Comment On Fall 2021 Wolf Harvest Season And Future Of Wolf Management

**Comment Period Open April 15 To May 15**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: 2021-04-12  
Contact: Randy Johnson,  
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MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) today announced it is seeking public input on the next 10 years of wolf management in Wisconsin. The DNR simultaneously requests public comment on the fall 2021 wolf harvest season through the same online input tool.

The public comment period will be open April 15 to May 15 during which the online input tool will be available on the DNR Wolf management plan webpage.

As part of the management plan revision process, the DNR will convene a Wolf Management Plan Committee (WMPC). Ahead of the summer WMPC meetings, the DNR encourages the public to provide input on the next 10 years of wolf management in Wisconsin.

Following the public comment period on wolf management's future in Wisconsin,

the WMPC will provide input to the DNR for developing an updated wolf management plan. The committee will comprise stakeholder groups, including hunting/trapping organizations, wolf advocacy/agricultural/ranching organizations. The DNR also reserves additional seats on the WMPC for invited tribal and governmental agencies, the Wisconsin Conservation Congress and DNR technical staff support.

The DNR will write an initial draft of the wolf plan, *Continued on Page 13*

# Ho-Chunk Nation Employees launch Highway 54 cleanup

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Editor

Nearly two dozen Ho-Chunk Nation employees and one volunteer began roadside cleanup alongside Highway 54 near Black River Falls on Wednesday, April 14. The cleanup is part of the Adopt-A-Highway program through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Per the Wisconsin Department of Transportation website, "WisDOT's Adopt-A-Highway program is the official coordination system for generous volunteer efforts that remove trash, recyclables and litter from roughly 11,800

miles of state, federal and interstate highways."

Groups of two or three individuals undertook different areas of Highway 54 between Red Iron Road and the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds.

The Ho-Chunk Nation provided volunteers with garbage bags, gloves, safety vests, water, and transportation.

Due to the 35 degree weather, random sprinkling rain, and limited time, the cleanup was not complete. Tentatively, cleanup resumes on Earth Day, which is Thursday, April 22.



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# Enbridge taps new approach for pipelines

## An ongoing series: Growing use of ‘corporate social responsibility’ helps companies bypass tribal opposition

Mary Annette Pember  
Reprint from Indian  
Country Today

It's the dead of winter in Minnesota, and the woman's footsteps make a distinctive crunching sound as she walks down a snow-covered road.

She and others are conducting an Ojibwe pipe ceremony along the Mississippi River, offering a ground blessing and prayers for the safety and health of people working on Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline project.

The pipe is loaded with tobacco, and people smudge themselves with burning sage.

The scene – a traditional ceremony considered sacred by Ojibwe – is captured on a video posted on Enbridge's website as an example of the company's commitment, respect and connection to Native peoples and the lands affected by the Line 3 project.

"I'm very honored to work with Enbridge," says the woman, identified in the video only as Diane, a citizen of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe. "They want to do it the right way. They're looking at our culture, and how to be respectful to the land and the people."

Enbridge's use of the video – and the company's extensive promotion of its programs and efforts to engage the Native community – is an example of a burgeoning business model called corporate social responsibility, experts say.

To some, corporate social responsibility means companies will consider their impact on the local communities, economy and environment and mitigate any potential harm. To detractors, however, corporate social responsibility is all talk and no action,

a smokescreen designed to obscure the ongoing historic exploitation of Indigenous lands, peoples and resources – a kinder, gentler form of imperialism.

Kate Finn, executive director of the nonprofit First Peoples Worldwide, said the corporations largely use their resources to help themselves.

"They're (Enbridge) not committed to understanding what tribes and tribal governments have to say about a project prior to planning, design and implementation," Finn, a citizen of the Osage tribe, told Indian Country Today.

"Their approach seems to be to get buy-in without affecting their bottom line."

Enbridge officials did not comment to Indian Country Today about corporate social responsibility, but said the company works closely with tribal citizens.

"Enbridge is dedicated to protecting tribal cultural resources," said Juli Kellner, an Enbridge communications specialist. "Our goal is to have robust tribal citizen contributions in our environmental and cultural resources survey efforts."

"This approach helps us to refine our pipeline route alignment, to avoid sensitive cultural and environmental resources, thoughtfully design wetland and waterbody crossings to avoid and minimize impacts, and develop restoration plans that will restore the project right-of-way as close as we can to pre-construction conditions," she said.

### 'Dishonor to our culture'

What isn't apparent in the video is that Diane was pil-

loried on social media for supporting the multibillion-dollar Line 3 project, which has divided Natives and non-Natives alike.

Nancy Beaulieu, a citizen of the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, told Indian Country Today she was astonished by the video.

"This is a dishonor to our culture," she wrote on Facebook. "No tribal elected officials, no spiritual leader, no tribal members in attendance, just 'Diane' who says she likes working for Enbridge, and a few other Natives."

Daniseton Vendiola, of the Swinomish Indian Community, posted similar sentiments.

"This is what you call MEDIA MANIPULATION," he wrote on Facebook, "where a corporation tries to trick the community into thinking they are inclusive and considerate but are really showboating and exploiting to attain their means."

There are no official rules for using sacred Ojibwe items such as the pipe. There is no bible or handbook, or official process for sanctioning their perceived misuse.

Through unspoken understanding, however, Ojibwe people are protective of their traditional spirituality and ceremonies. It's unusual to see a video of an Ojibwe pipe ceremony shared publicly on the internet; many consider it unseemly.

More offensive to some, however, was Enbridge's posting of the video to suggest broad support and buy-in from the Native community. Many Indigenous people in the region and beyond are actively opposed to the proj-

ect, and camps of protesters, known as water protectors, have formed along the Line 3 route.

The \$2.6 billion Line 3 project – the largest in Enbridge history – is part of the company's Mainline pipeline system, the largest oil pipeline in North America that stretches from Canada into Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

The original Line 3 corridor was first installed in the 1950s. The latest project is designed to replace 383 miles of existing 32-inch pipeline with 337 miles of 34-inch pipe to carry tar sands oil from Alberta, Canada, to Superior, Wisconsin.

Most of the Minnesota segment of the pipeline is routed through treaty lands of the Leech Lake, Fond du Lac, White Earth and Red Lake bands. Under the 1855 and 1863 treaties, Ojibwe have hunting, gathering and fishing rights on the lands.

### What happens if tribes say 'no'

Enbridge embraced the use of corporate social responsibility strategies in 2017 shortly after it purchased a 38 percent ownership of the Dakota Access Pipeline.

The pipeline was at the center of the 2016 No Dakota Access Pipeline movement, known as NoDAPL, on the Standing Rock Sioux reservation in North Dakota. The water protector camps at Standing Rock came to represent the public's growing awareness of how fossil fuel companies and pipelines contribute to climate change and inequities in Indigenous

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Water protectors rally against Enbridge's Line 3 pipeline in March 2021 and commemorate a pipeline spill that took place along the Prairie River near Grand Rapids, Minnesota in 1991. (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)

## April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

StrongHearts Native Helpline

In recognition of Native American leadership in the field of domestic and sexual violence, StrongHearts Native Helpline is honored to present its featured leader, **Sarah Deer, J.D.**, a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma. She is currently a University Distinguished Professor of Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies and School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas, and Chief Justice for the Prairie Island Indian Community Court of Appeals.

### Finding her way to justice

Sarah Deer didn't see herself walking in the footsteps of her parents, so she went to school with a desire to become an actress. Acting is known to be a highly competitive vocation with limited employment opportunities. Instinctively, she charted on a new path.

"My dad was a lawyer and a judge when I was growing up and I didn't necessarily want

to go that route," said Justice Sarah Deer. Her father is a respected tribal court judge for the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Supreme Court. Her mother is a teacher who taught middle school biology. She could have leaned into both professions, but decided early on that she wanted to walk her own path in life. A path that had already been carved by the ancestors long before she knew it.

Sarah was born in Silver Spring, Maryland but was raised in Wichita, Kansas where she spent her high school years participating in History Day, debate, forensics, theater and volleyball. She took first place in public speaking and debate in the Original Orator competition and later enrolled at the University of Kansas where she majored in women's studies and philosophy. Her future was beginning to take shape when she applied to be a volunteer advocate at a rape crisis center in Lawrence, Kansas.

As an advocate, Sarah sat through multiple jury trials and witnessed the unjust treatment of rape victims in the courts and surmised that it is no wonder that the number of rapes in America is so under-reported. Victims of sexual violence were being revictimized by the legal system. This is when the seeds of justice began to grow and her goals aligned with the leader she was naturally inclined to be. A leader determined and dedicated to ending violence against women.

"I sat through a lot of cases and saw the difficult struggles victims were experiencing," said Sarah "That's when I decided to go to law school." Sarah committed to the cause of helping rape victims throughout the legal process. She studied the processes and procedures and began to imagine how prosecutors could do a better job in cases of sexual violence. Eliminating the element of victim-blaming was a top priority.

### Victim-blaming and sham-

ing

Victim-blaming is the attitude that suggests the victim rather than the perpetrator is responsible for the assault against them. Defense attor-

neys imply the victim's own actions, words and/or dress provoked the attack against them. In reality, victim-blaming is a cruel attack on the

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Photo Courtesy Sarah Deer

# Ho-Chunk Nation waits for Dept. of Interior for approval of Beloit casino project

Press Release – For Immediate Release

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April 7, 2021

Now that Wisconsin Gov. Tony Evers has concurred with a decision to put 32 acres

of Ho-Chunk land in Beloit into trust, the final determination has been placed into the hands of the U.S. Department of Interior.

The Ho-Chunk Nation has plans to develop the site for development of a casino, hotel, conference center, dining, and entertainment complex.

“More than a gaming destination, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Beloit acts a conduit for additional development opportu-

nities”, said Ho-Chunk Nation Business Director, Michael Rave. “As we focus our business efforts on recovery from the pandemic, we are also working to develop a business strategy that encourages positive yet sustainable economic growth and development in areas other than gaming.”

Adjoining the property for Trust consideration by the Department of the Interior, an additional 38 acre parcel is

maintained by the Ho-Chunk Nation for purposes of economic development.

Gov. Evers announced his decision on March 24, agreeing with the Secretary of Interior’s determination in April 2020 to take the land into trust for the purpose of developing a gaming complex.

Evers has voiced his support for the \$405 million proposal since before his election in 2018.

“As we work to bounce back from this pandemic, we must do everything we can to support economic development in communities across our state,” he said in a statement.

The application was pending for almost seven years, and it’s been almost 22 years since Beloit residents approved the project in a public referendum.

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# The White House’s unanswered Medicaid question

## Has the time come for the Medicaid program to treat tribes like states?

Mark Trahan  
Reprint from Indian Country Today

On Friday the Biden administration announced a plan to spend \$4 billion from the American Rescue Plan for pandemic relief in Indigenous communities. And of that amount half, or \$2 billion, would be used to supplement third-party billing within the Indian health system.

This is one of those announcements that work on many levels. For most it’s just a big number. But if you know how Medicaid and other third-party insurance programs support the Indian health system ... it’s a really big deal. Perhaps it’s pulling one of the most significant levers that could lead to full funding for the Indian health-care system.

The White House announcement was set for 9 am EDT on Friday. About that time we had a call with Aliyah Chavez, who has been writing a lot of the stories in ICT about the new administration. Turns out that day she had been picked to ask a question at the White House briefing. All week Chavez had been working on her questions ranging from plans for the tribal nations conference to the number of Native Americans receiving appointments to work in this government.

These are all questions that would never get asked in a White House briefing. Yet it seemed to us that the \$2 billion Medicaid story was worthy of a follow-up question.

So Chavez asked: “The plan for \$2 billion for third-party billing in the Indian health system shows the significance of Medicaid and other insurance programs. We know that some states are stingy with Medicaid regulations. Does this plan demonstrate the need for tribes to be treated like states so that they can develop their own eligibility rules and priorities?”

This question was clearly not in the White House briefing book.

Press Secretary Jen Psaki reported the earlier announcement and then added this: “So I would say that just as we are working with states di-

rectly — we are working with local communities, we have our own federal programs, pharmacy programs, and other programs — we will work directly with Indian Country to ensure that they have the resources, the funding, the vaccine supply needed in order to get the pandemic under control.”

But let’s parse Chavez’s question and examine what it could mean.

The Indian health system is a combination of the federal Indian Health Service, tribal and nonprofit hospitals and clinics, and urban facilities that serve 2.56 million American Indians and Alaska Natives in 37 states. These days about 60 percent of that system is run by tribes or nonprofits; the federal government’s direct services — the Indian Health Service we think about — are the shrinking part of the system. It’s the tribal, nonprofit and urban programs that represent growth.

This is where Medicaid and other third-party insurance programs come in. Officially third-party billing is \$1.3 billion of a \$6 billion budget (in fiscal year 2020). But then there is an asterisk. And that’s because that budget line only includes federal facilities. Tribes, nonprofits and urban

programs — the majority of the system — are not included. Indeed, there is no reporting mechanism for 60 percent of the Indian health system.

This is complicated and basically there are three reasons why this matters.

First: Many of the tribal, nonprofit and urban programs have become quite good at third-party billing making sure that as many patients as possible are covered by health insurance, especially since the enactment of the Affordable Care Act.

Second: Third-party billing, by law, is used to boost funding at the local facility. The dollars are billed at a clinic or a hospital and then stay at that facility.

And, third, and perhaps most important, Medicaid funding is automatic. Funding for the Indian Health Service goes through the process of appropriations every year. But Medicaid is an entitlement. If a patient is eligible, then the money is there.

That’s why Chavez’s question was so important. Medicaid is officially a state and federal partnership designed to provide insurance to people who cannot afford private insurance. The federal government pays each state a share of the cost and each state sets the rules for who is eligible

and what services are covered. But the federal government also pays a 100 percent match for American Indians and Alaska Natives.

So a patient might go into a tribal facility in say, North Dakota, and be eligible for Medicaid insurance coverage and the clinic would be able to bill for those services. This is because North Dakota expanded Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act. But a family member who lives a few miles away, in South Dakota, would not get the same insurance coverage because

the rules in South Dakota are different.

Yet in either case the federal government reimburses the state Medicaid program at 100 percent.

This makes no sense.

The funding stream from Medicaid has been one of the most successful elements of the Affordable Care Act in Indian Country. The uninsured rate dropped and third-party billing is up (opening up a revenue stream that could permanently fund Indian health programs.)

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White House press secretary Jen Psaki calls on a reporter during a press briefing in the White House in Washington, Friday, April 16, 2021. (AP Photo/Andrew Harnik)

**How Can I get an appointment for my 1<sup>st</sup> OR 2<sup>nd</sup> dose of COVID-19 Vaccine?**

- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine **Appointments available starting in May every Monday** at the House of Wellness Clinic call: 608-355-1240
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine **Appointments available starting in May every Wednesday** at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center call: 715-284-9851
- ❖ COVID-19 Vaccine **Appointments available** starting in May with Community Health Offices call:
  - Nekoosa CHN Kalli: 608-343-0918
  - Wittenberg CHN Ronelle: 715-896-2570
  - Tomah CHN Fawnah: 608-374-5202

**Important Notes:**

- ✓ Open to any Tribal members/descendants and their household members AND HCN Employees and their household members.
- ✓ Limited amount of Pfizer vaccine available for youth ages 16-17 years.
- ✓ Anyone who received their 1<sup>st</sup> dose in previous months with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health can call to make an appointment for the 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.



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And the divide between expansion states and non expansion states is significant. The Kaiser Family Foundation found in a 2017 report that the uninsured rate for nonelderly American Indians and Alaska Natives in states that implemented the Medicaid expansion fell by twice as much (from 23 percent to 15 percent between 2013 and 2015) as the rate in non-expansion

states (from 25 percent to 21 percent).

Medicaid already insures more than one in four patients within the Indian health system and half of all children.

Kaiser reports that too many of our tribal citizens do not have health insurance through work, "because they have a lower employment rate and those working often are employed in low-wage jobs and industries that typically do not

offer health coverage. Medicaid and other public coverage help fill this gap."

And even with this Medicaid coverage (and partly because of state government recalcitrance) American Indians and Alaska Natives are significantly more likely to be uninsured, 17 percent compared to 11 percent nationally.

But what if tribes, not states, set the rules for eligibility? This could happen by

treating tribes as states (saving a lot of bureaucratic steps) or by issuing specific waivers or even creating a managed care system that directs full Medicaid funding to the Indian health system as an entity.

That takes us back to Aliyah Chavez's question. The White House announcement Friday is looking at the past. The \$2 billion for third-party billing would replace funding lost during the pandemic.

But what's ahead? Could Medicaid reform change the nature of funding in the Indian healthcare system?

That's a question still waiting to be answered. But one thing we know for sure is that a tribal expansion of Medicaid would reduce the number of uninsured in Indian Country — and provide a permanent funding boost for the Indian health.

# COVID-19

## UPCOMING COMMUNITY TESTING EVENTS

-FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS & EMPLOYEES-

**TUES. 5/5, 9AM-1PM**  
SIGA FUNMAKER  
COMMUNITY CENTER,  
WITTENBERG

**TUES. 5/12, 9AM-1PM**  
MADISON BRANCH OFFICE

**TUES. 5/19, 9AM-2PM**  
NEKOOSA HEALTH OFFICE

**TUES. 5/26, 9AM-2PM**  
TOMAH HEALTH OFFICE

**DAILY TESTING (M-F) ALSO AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT AT HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CTR. IN BLACK RIVER FALLS, AND HOUSE OF WELLNESS IN BARABOO.**

**ALL TESTING SITES ARE OUTSIDE & DRIVE-THRU OR WALK-UP.**

**PLEASE BRING PHOTO ID. NO APPOINTMENT NEEDED. TESTING IS FREE TO COMMUNITY MEMBERS.**

**Questions?**  
HO-CHUNK HEALTH CARE CENTER (715) 284-9851

# MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

## FOR HIGHER INCOME HO-CHUNK HOMEOWNERS

### ICDBG IT GRANT

Are you *not* a low-income homeowner (i.e., you earn more than HHDA income limits), and because of this, you do not qualify for most HHDA assistance programs?

Has the pandemic brought on circumstances beyond your control that are making it difficult to make your monthly mortgage payments?

Then visit our websites below and fill out an application!  
 Online Fillable: <https://ho-chunk.iotform.com/202867919720060>  
 PDF Printable: <https://hhcda.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/ICDBG-Assistance-Application-10-2020.pdf>

## \$2,100 IN MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

But hurry, this assistance will only last as long as funds are available!

If you have already received the October 2020 assistance please **DO NOT** reapply. You **WILL NOT** be eligible for this grant a second time.

**HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

FOR IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE  
 DATE: April 14, 2021  
 CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851

**COVID-19 Variants**

The mission of the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health is provide health information to our community so that they may make informed decisions about their health and wellbeing. New information is now available about COVID-19 variants which have been identified in Wisconsin. These variants are now making up over 50% of current positive cases in Wisconsin. Why should we be concerned? These new variants are much more transmissible. In the original strain of COVID-19 a positive person could spread the disease to 1-2 others very easily. In the variants it can be transmitted to 3-4 others easily creating a very large outbreak very quickly. These types of outbreaks can over whelm our health care systems and hospitals. This is what we saw back in November and December with extremely high positive cases. Along with the spread of variants there is an increasing trend that we are seeing regarding positive cases in children under the age of 18 years. The majority of this age group does not yet have access to a vaccine for COVID-19. Children can spread COVID-19 to adults and those unvaccinated adults are at great risk.

We need community members 18-49 years old to step up and get vaccinated to help protect our community. **Vaccine alone cannot stop the spread** of COVID-19. Vaccine is a very important tool but not the only tool that we must use. Just as important we need community members to take masking, social distancing, and hand washing very seriously. The precautions should be taken with children as well. With variants on the rise now it is not the time to let our guard down. Please, anytime you go out of your home wear a mask, stay 6 feet away from others outside of your home, and wash your hands frequently. #Woxeteki

<b>Ho-Chunk Health Care Center</b>	<b>House of Wellness</b>
<b>N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road</b>	<b>S2845 White Eagle Rd</b>
<b>Black River Falls, WI 54615</b>	<b>Baraboo, WI 53913</b>
<b>Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150</b>	<b>Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643</b>

**HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Media Release Date: April 13, 2021

**Kiana Beaudin, Executive Director of Health**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health: Community Health Services Update**

As COVID-19 continues to impact our community the Department of Health has had to continually revise and evaluate services based on our capacity. Like many other departments we too have limited resources and have had to reallocate staff to prioritized COVID-19 response. The Health Department would like to update the community on the current **Community Health Services** available at this time, as well as, those services temporarily suspended.

**Currently Offered In Person Services Include:**

- Medications set up
- Critical Transportations (Dialysis transports will be prioritized IF staff is available. In the event no staff is available fuel vouchers or alternative transportation through an outside agencies will be utilized.)

**Currently Offered via Phone/Non In Person Services Include:**

- Check in on patients weekly
- Medication reminders

**Temporarily Suspended In Person Services:**

- Nonessential home care duties which include: garbage, mail, groceries, personal cares (showering etc.), anything that takes longer than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.
- Transportations that are not critical (transporting to testing, errands, nonmedical appointments)

These services will continually be evaluated based on the Health Departments capacity and are subject to change. We encourage each family to have a plan to assist one another in the event that the Department of Health is unable to assist. The Department of Health would like to remind everyone that we must stay vigilant in our efforts to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in our communities.

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## April Catherine Jones

October 9, 1960 - April 10, 2021



BARABOO - April C. Jones, age 60, of Baraboo, passed away on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at St. Mary's Hospital. She was born on October 9, 1960, in Chicago, IL, the daughter of Franklin III. and Constance (Rockman) Jones.

April is a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation. She was an avid guitar player and loved all types of music. She was a people person, and her personality will be deeply missed by many.

April is survived by her

children, Brittany Robertson and Bobby Jones; husband, Ronald Hicks; sisters, Jennifer Jones and Marlene Peterson; brother, Christian Jones; niece, Amber Jones; great-nephew, Aedyn; stepmother, Ferne Szulc; and many extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; former husband, Bobby Robertson Sr.; brothers, Franklin Jones IV and Kevin Jones; and grandparents, Grover Rockman and Bessie WhiteEagle of Wittenberg.

A gathering will be held at GUNDERSON EAST FUNERAL AND CREMATION CARE, 5203 Monona Drive, Madison, from 4 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 2021.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family of April to be designated at a later date. Online condolences may be made at [www.gundersonfh.com](http://www.gundersonfh.com).

Gunderson East Funeral & Cremation Care  
5203 Monona Drive  
(608) 221-5420

## Leanne Joy Rave

March 13, 1983 - April 8, 2021

Leanne Joy Rave, 39, of rural Black River Falls, passed away April 8, 2021 at her home surrounded by family. She was born on March 13, 1982 in Shawano, WI to Brian "Mouse" Rave and Martina LittleWolf.

Leanne grew up in the Twin Cities area where she attended high school. As a child, she was involved with fancy dance and later advanced to Ho-Chunk Appliqué. With a passion for cooking and culinary talents, she held a variety of jobs as a baker and chef. She also loved to make delicious food for her family. Leanne also had a creative, artistic side. In addition to drawing, she loved interior decorating. Her eye for fashion was evident in her home décor as well as her attire, which always matched from head to toe. Above all, it was her four children that brought Leanne the most joy. She relocated to Black River Falls 10 years ago to be closer to family.

Leanne is survived by her children, TreVonna Faith Rave, Briana Francis Cruz, Antonia Maria Cruz, Anthony "TJ" Carlos Cruz Jr.; her mother Martina LittleWolf; her sister Lori (Virgil) Pettibone and special friend, Adam Decorah.

She was preceded in

death by her father; brother Christopher LittleWolf; and grandparents, Duncan (Rhoda) Rave, and Martin (Annabelle Winneshiek) LittleWolf Sr.

Services will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at the LittleWolf Homestead, N6639 Green Circle Road, Black River Falls, with Matthew Mann officiating. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 12:00 p.m. until the time of service at the Homestead on Saturday.

The Torgerson's Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-4321. On-line condolences are available at [www.torgersonfh.com](http://www.torgersonfh.com).



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Based on initial Ho-Chunk Nation project estimates, the construction process will employ more than 2,000 people; while the completed Beloit casino complex will provide more than 1,500 permanent jobs.

"Gov. Evers' announcement is incredibly good news," said Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle. "As soon as we receive word from the Department of Interior, we can begin making plans for proceeding with the development."

Plans for the casino/convention center/entertainment complex were first released during a press conference on Dec. 21, 2017, at the Nature at the Confluence Learning Center in South Beloit, Ill.

A panel of officials spoke to the press about the November 2017 findings of the Innovation Group Study, which is an economic impact analysis of the proposed casino.

Plans for the casino have been discussed for years, with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) decision on trust application and the governor's approval were needed before moving forward. The Beloit casino would be the fourth gaming facility which was outlined in the state gaming compact established in 1992. Other Ho-Chunk gaming facilities are in Black River Falls, Wisconsin Dells, and Nekoosa, with ancillary sites are in Madison, Tomah, and Wittenberg.

The proposed site of the casino complex is ancestral land for the Ho-Chunk people. A settlement in the Beloit area was called the Kekac village. Since the Ho-Chunk Nation does not have a reservation, its ancestral land is from a line from Green Bay into Minnesota and south to St. Louis, Mo.

Along with the Dept. of Interior's approval, an amendment to the gaming compact

between the Nation and the State of Wisconsin would need to be completed.

The proposed casino is not without drama.

At the same time, plans for a Hard Rock casino in Rockford, Ill., are being considered, which would be only 17 miles away from the site for the proposed Ho-Chunk casino. Some people are considering the two casinos as competition, while officials for each facility are eager to be first to get the nod to begin construction.

If the Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit facility would be the second-biggest casino in Wisconsin, with the largest being the Potawatomi Hotel & Casino in Milwaukee.

When finished, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Beloit it will have 2,200 slot machines, a hotel with 300 rooms, a 40,000-square-foot indoor waterpark, five restaurants, retail shopping, a concert setting, and conference center.

## 2021 Graduate Showcase

The Hocak Worak will feature college, high school, and head start graduates in a special section.

Submit a graduate photo and information via email before June 18.

Submit materials to:

[Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com)



## Timothy King

October 25, 1966 - April 15, 2021

Timothy (Buckwheat) Purcell King, age 54 died at home, in Minneapolis, MN on Thursday, April 15, 2021. He was born October 25, 1966 in Chicago, IL to Russell Purcell Elk and Alvane (nee Redeagle) King.

Timothy worked for the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Authority Maintenance Department. He was a very very funny person that made making people laugh a full-time job. Timothy loved to give unique nicknames to everyone.

Timothy had many pleasures in life. He enjoyed riding dirt bikes and his motorcycle. He also enjoyed gambling, attending rock concerts in Tomah and at Summerfest in Milwaukee. Timothy had artistic skills in drawing and in feather art. He also enjoyed woodcarving with knives and Dremel tools. His most favorite was

staying fit by working out and lifting weights.

Spending time with family and his grandkids was his favorite. Timothy will be greatly missed by all that knew him!

Surviving Timothy are his wife Kimberly (nee Webb) King; three sons, Treyton Webb, Dennis Hopinka Jr. and Adam Decorah; four daughters, Tasha King, Trisha (Matthew) Carriaga, Tiffany (James Berg) King and Savannah Knipp; two brothers, Tarren (Emmy) King and Tom King; 12 grandchildren, Sullivan King, Sander King, Victorie Pettibone, Eli Carriaga, Evan Carriaga, Eden Carriaga, Dalane Berg, Dellah Berg, Jaxtin Hopinka, Hudson Webb, Davian Joseph Davids and Axel Leon Davids Jr.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a nephew



Tarren "TJ" King Jr.

Private family services will be held at Buswell Funeral Home with Pastor Ken Jordan officiating. Burial will take place in the Dexterville/King George Hiles Memorial Cemetery in Dexterville, WI.

The Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls, 715-284-2231, is assisting the family with arrangements. On-line condolences are available at [www.buswellfh.com](http://www.buswellfh.com).

# Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison Takes Environmental Consciousness to the Next Level

## With Hard to Recycle Materials in First-of-Its-Kind National Recycling Platform

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT Missy F. Tracy, Municipal Relations Coordinator  
Phone Number: (608) 223-9576 Ext. 23532  
Cell Phone Number: (608) 434-2956

Madison, WI April 15, 2021 – Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison has combined it’s Environmental Services Manager’s, Laura LaMere, personal interest in sustainability with an expert in eliminating waste, TerraCycle® a national, first-of-its-kind recycling platform using a Zero Waste Box™ recycling solution/process.

LaMere first learned of this program on Sustain Dane’s social media. Sustain Dane is the sustainability organization of Dane County. Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is a member and also serves on their board. As a member, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison is inspired by Sustain Dane’s educational benefits and resources they share with their membership.

LaMere learned of this waste management program as a way to responsibly dispose of their used COVID-19 Personal Protection Equipment (PPE), as well as another one of their high-used materials, bottle caps. With this program LaMere found a way to redirect these items and alleviate them from ending up in landfills. “By joining this program, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison will be significantly reducing its environmental impact,” LaMere informed.

According to an article last June, in *USA Today*, it stated there could be more COVID-19 masks than jellyfish. *OceansAsia* estimated last year more than 1.56 billion face masks could make their way into ocean waterways and that’s just the tip of the iceberg. This amount was based on a projected 52 million masks being manufactured last year, as stated in a June, 2020 forecasted production report, with a conservative, 3% loss rate. This can be detrimental to our health, eco-system, sea life and economy as well. Polypropylene

products, similar materials to face masks, can take up to an estimated 450 years to decompose.

TerraCycle’s recycling program is an easy-to-use process. Order their Zero Waste Box™ or pallet, collect and fill with waste consumption, and send it back using their prepaid, return label. “Initially we will see how this program does and then in the future hope to include batteries, ink cartridges, plastic ware and Styrofoam cups,” said LaMere. With the wearing of face masks as the “norm” for the time being, this problem could continue to add to the multitude of other disposable, single-use products requiring much-needed solutions. “TerraCycle’s recycling program will bring Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison one step closer to

its continued efforts toward a more sustainable future,” LaMere proclaimed.

“It’s so beneficial to have someone with such an environmental conscience as our Environmental Services Manager, working to responsibly dispose of our PPE,” Daniel Brown, Executive Manager, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison stated. “I am proud to say as a result of Laura’s leadership and all her efforts we’ve taken responsible ecological measures to mitigate waste at our casino and hope to help to educate other organizations on environmentally-friendly options.”

As we look to the annual, upcoming Earth Day on the 22nd of this month we must do everything within our means to protect and be a caretaker of Mother Earth.

The Ho-Chunk people see this as not only their responsibility, but everyone’s.

To learn more about how to join this recycling program visit <https://www.terracycle.com/en-US>.

*Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison is owned and operated by Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises, with headquarters in Black River Falls, Wis. Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises also owns and operates Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Nekoosa, Ho-Chunk Gaming - Tomah, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells and Ho-Chunk Gaming - Wittenberg. For more information, call Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison at 888/248-1777 or go online [www.ho-chunggaming.com](http://www.ho-chunggaming.com).*



TerraCycle® Zero Waste Box™(s) HCGM  
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**4 STEP EASY PROCESS**

**TO GET YOUR PAST DUE LOAN BACK ON TRACK**

<p><b>Step 1:</b> Contact a Loan Officer</p>	<p><b>Step 2:</b> Ask for prior delinquent amount to get deferred</p>	<p><b>Step 3:</b> Set up a new payment arrangement</p>	<p><b>Step 4:</b> You are back in good standing with us at FNCF</p>
<p>Get in touch with Victoria, Natasha or Rita.</p> 	<p>We can correct your past due balance to help alleviate any financial hardships. Stop the negative credit reporting!</p> 	<p>Working with one of our Loan Officers can help lower your payment, if you are financially impacted from the pandemic.</p> 	<p>We are here to help you during this unprecedented time. Just give us a call!</p> 

**Contact us at (715) 284-2470 or email us at [fncf@ho-chunk.com](mailto:fncf@ho-chunk.com)**



**HO-CHUNK NATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**  
*School-Community Relations Division*

**SCR DIVISION ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE**

The Ho-Chunk Nation School Community Relations (SCR) Division has the following services available to assist Ho-Chunk enrolled and JOM registered students.

**BIA Internet Access Support Program:**

- Available to Registered JOM students (in WI) and Ho-Chunk enrolled students (K-12)
- Up to \$50.00 per month in internet access reimbursement per household
- Available through September 2021
- See guidelines for more information

**BIA Tutoring Assistance Program:**

- Available to registered JOM students (WI) and Ho-Chunk enrolled students (K-12)
- Up to \$1000.00 per student
- Available through September 2021
- See guidelines for more information

**Prek-12 Grant Program**

- Available to Ho-Chunk enrolled members (K-12)
- Up to \$2000.00 per student
- Through June 30, 2021
- See guidelines for more information
- Grants Available:
  1. Driver’s Education Fees
  2. Elementary School Computer \*\*
  3. Graphing or Financial Calculator purchase
  4. High School Computer \*\*
  5. High School Graduation Expenses
  6. Middle School Computer \*\*
  7. Musical Instrument Rental/Lease
  8. Public School Fees
  9. School Lunch/Meals
  10. School Supplies
  11. Tuition (Private/Parochial School)

\*\*Computers are now available to be purchased. If you have received a computer from the HCN Education Department within the last 2 years (FY 18-19, FY19-20), you are not eligible for a computer at this time.

\*\* There are 3 computer packages to choose from (laptop package, desktop package, iPad package). Please refer to the Computer Request Form for specific information.

For any questions or to submit applications, please email: [SCR@ho-chunk.com](mailto:SCR@ho-chunk.com)



**Public Hearing**

Baraboo School District’s Title VI – Indian Education Program will host an annual public hearing.

The Title VI Formula Grant is a federally funded program through the Office of Indian Education.

**What:** Title VI – Formula Grant/Title VI Public Hearing

**Time:** 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM

**When:** Wednesday, May 05, 2021

**Where:** HCG-WD in Lower Dells Salon A/B  
S3214 County Road B-D, Baraboo, WI 53913

Annual meeting will provide an opportunity for students who are registered in the American Indian Education Program and their parents to become more informed about Title VI’s program and services.

Please use this opportunity to voice your students’ needs at this important meeting.

**Title VI**

“ No person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance. ”



**DENIM DAY 2021**

In the 1990s, a 45-year-old driving instructor sexually assaulted an 18-year-old student. The charges against the instructor were dismissed based on the argument “the student wore very tight jeans that she had to have him help her remove.” The court decided that the sex was consensual based on what she was wearing. Every year during Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM), April, a day is taken to recognize this injustice by wearing denim, in hopes of bringing awareness that something like this won’t ever happen again.

Denim Day has become a symbol of protest against erroneous and destructive attitudes about sexual assault. C.A.R.E. (The Center for Abuse and Rape Emergencies) asks community members, elected officials, businesses, and students to make a social statement by wearing denim on this day as a visible means of protest against the misconception; which surrounds sexual assault!

We invite all tribal community members to join the Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division to raise awareness by wearing jeans on

**Wednesday, April 28, 2021.**

For more information, or if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact:

Crisis Line: 1-(877)-847-8689 E-Mail: domesticabusedivision@ho-chunk.com



**New Fitness Center Hours**

May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021

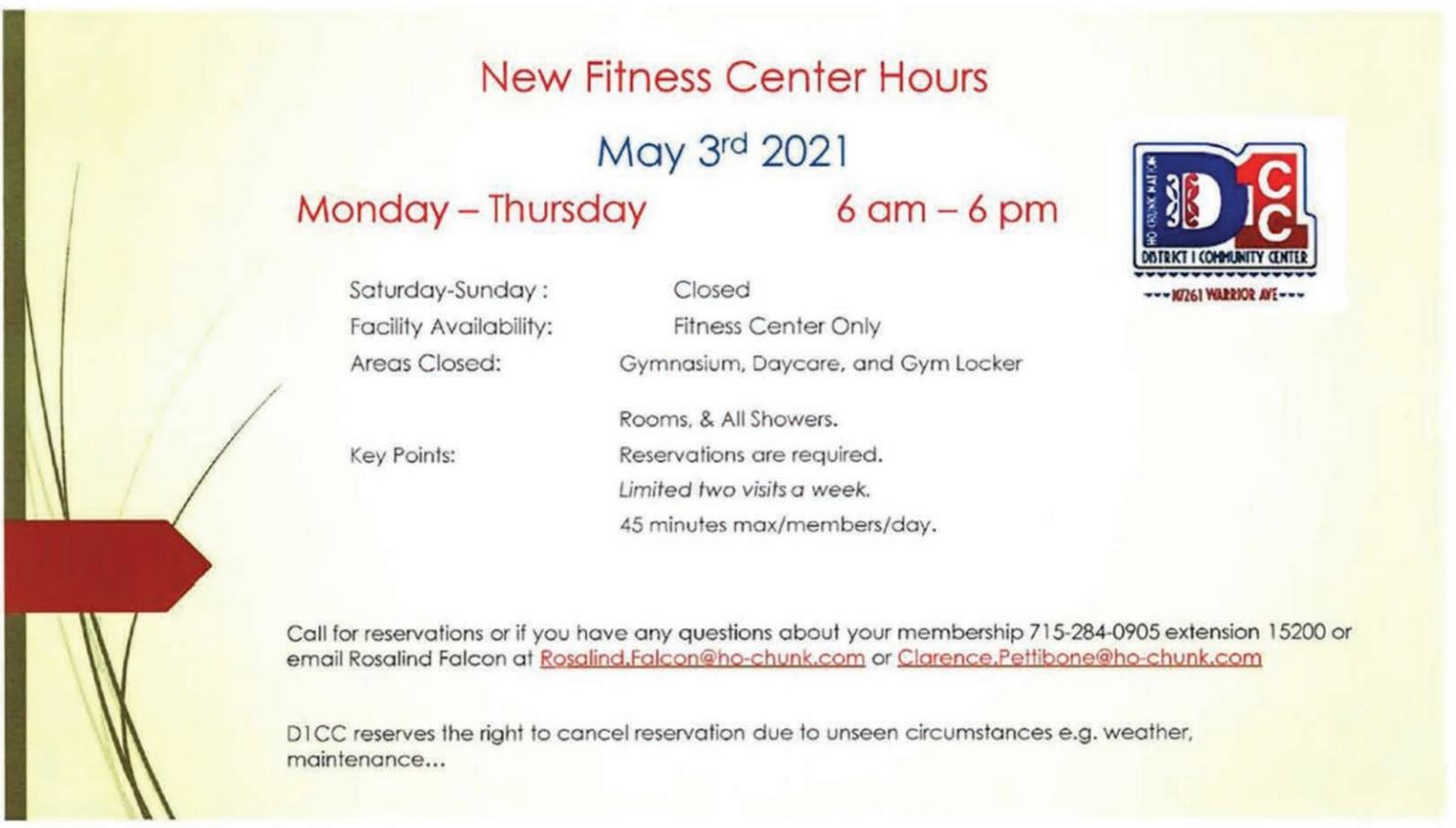
**Monday – Thursday 6 am – 6 pm**



Saturday-Sunday : Closed  
 Facility Availability: Fitness Center Only  
 Areas Closed: Gymnasium, Daycare, and Gym Locker  
 Rooms, & All Showers.  
 Key Points: Reservations are required.  
 Limited two visits a week.  
 45 minutes max/members/day.

Call for reservations or if you have any questions about your membership 715-284-0905 extension 15200 or email Rosalind Falcon at [Rosalind.Falcon@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Rosalind.Falcon@ho-chunk.com) or [Clarence.Pettibone@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Clarence.Pettibone@ho-chunk.com)

D1CC reserves the right to cancel reservation due to unseen circumstances e.g. weather, maintenance...



**SPRING CLEAN UP 2021**

**BLUE WING & CHAKH  
HA CHEE VILLAGES**

**MAY 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**BLUE WING: 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**CHAKH HA CHEE: 1:30pm – 3:30pm**

**DELLS AREA VILLAGES**

**MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>**

**WINNEBAGO HEIGHTS: 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**HOCHUNK VILLAGE: 1:00 – 3:30pm**

**BLACK RIVER FALLS  
VILLAGES**

**MAY 27<sup>TH</sup>**

**INDIAN MISSION: 9:30am – 11:30am**  
**SAND PILLOW: 1:00pm – 3:30pm**

**WITTENBERG**

**JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Dumpsters will be available at the ball field.

**GREEN BAY**

**June 10<sup>th</sup>**

Dumpsters will be available at Tipp Road.

**PLEASE PLACE LARGE ITEMS ON THE CURBSIDE (MATTRESSES, APPLIANCES, TIRES, MICROWAVES)**

**\*\*PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT ENTER ANYONES HOME\*\***

**WE WILL NOT BE PICKING UP THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: BATTERIES, PESTICIDES, AND/OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS, PAINTS, OIL OR YARD WASTE.**

**\*\*PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF ON THE CURSIDE BY 10:00AM ON YOUR SCHEDULED PICK UP DAY\*\***

If you may have any questions please call Raven @ 608-374-1245 ext. 18820



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victim that is not only baseless, but it is also traumatizing and an effective deterrent to reporting future attacks.

“All across the board rape is underreported,” Sarah explained. “There’s no way of knowing the percentage of people who do not report, but we do know how unusual it is for rape victims to call for help.” She added that sexual violence needs to be understood as a pattern that began with Columbus — when Native peoples were targeted, stalked and kidnapped. She stopped short of the gruesome details that caused historical trauma in Indian Country — though it is worth mentioning in brief.

Columbus subjugated Indigenous peoples with genocidal tactics including torture, rape, dismemberment and murder so brutal that Native peoples could never forget the trauma of colonization. The lust and greed of colonizers, the religious assimilation, the degradation and dehumanizing treatment of Native peoples still prevail in racism and stereotyping. Those who survived the human carnage of Columbus often committed suicide. The aftermath continues.

Truth be known, Native women and girls have long been subjected to unjust treatment at the hands of non-Natives but those relationships were made even more complicated in the judicial system through either lack of jurisdiction and/or jurisdictional negligence on behalf of state and federal courts. These jurisdictional loopholes enable perpetrators who commit crimes on tribal land and against Native peoples to escape prosecution.

Sarah explained that in the legal system — tribal courts have not had jurisdiction

over non-Native perpetrators who commit criminal offenses against Native people since the 1978 Supreme Court decision in *Oliphant v. Suquamish*. This is especially devastating in cases of sexual violence. Beyond that injustice is having an insufficient tribal police force — whose lack of access to resources is another barrier to justice.

**Small victories and big goals**

In 2013, Sarah’s testimony before congress regarding violence against Native women contributed to the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act wherein provisions addressed tribal jurisdiction over domestic violence cases and assaulting a police officer. While many applauded this legislation, Sarah saw those provisions as a step in the right direction rather than a victory.

“I don’t think we stop at piecemeal legislation. We need full and complete jurisdiction,” said Sarah who admits that tribal court jurisdiction over non-Natives is not easily taken to task especially in light of previous court rulings.

**Overturing Oliphant**

“My long-term goal is to overturn *Oliphant*,” said Sarah referring to *Oliphant v. Suquamish Tribe*, 435 U. S. 191 (1978) a United States Supreme Court case that determined “Indian tribal courts do not have inherent criminal jurisdiction to try and to punish non-Indians, and hence may not assume such jurisdiction unless specifically authorized to do so by Congress.”

Sarah understands that the impact of that ruling has been a barrier to justice ever since. She explained that overturning *Oliphant* could take years if not decades, but to do so would make a clearer path to justice. Until then, she intends

to stay the course and maintain her life’s goal to end violence against women.

**Memorable moments**

In 2019, Sarah’s work as a lawyer and advocate did not go unnoticed. As a recognized legal scholar, a university professor, and a dedicated activist for Indigenous women, she was inducted into the National Women’s Hall of Fame where she met Sonia Maria Sotomayor, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. It is her most cherished memory and a highlight in her career.

Additionally, Sarah was

named a MacArthur Foundation Fellow in 2014 and a Carnegie Fellow in 2020. She also co-authored four textbooks on tribal law and has been published in a wide variety of law journals. In 2015, she authored “The Beginning and End of Rape: Confronting Sexual Violence in Native America,” a culmination of over 25 years of experience working with survivors. It earned the Best First Book award from the Native American Indigenous Studies Association.

**A final note**

In the voice of an advocate

to victims of sexual violence, Sarah shared a message from the heart.

“Being a victim doesn’t identify who you are. It’s something that happened to you,” said Sarah. “I want victims to know that the violence that happened to them may affect them, but it doesn’t define and can never change the core of who they are nor the value of who they are. It doesn’t matter if the sexual assault happened 40 years ago. There is hope and there are people who can help.”

*Just a friendly reminder...*

*Payment Due May 1st*

**Covid-19 Emergency Loans will be due on May 1st.**

If you are a tribal member with a deferred Covid-19 Emergency Loan, your payment is now coming due.

Please make a payment on or before May 1st--We don't want your credit to be affected negatively!

**FIRST NATIONS COMMUNITY FINANCIAL**  
First Nations Community Financial  
206 S. Roosevelt Road, Suite 123  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
715.284.2470

**HOUSE OF WELLNESS**  
Fitness | Aquatic Center

**New Hours**  
**May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2021**

Fitness Center Hours	
<b>Monday – Thursday:</b>	<b>6:00 AM – 7:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday:</b>	<b>6:00 AM – 1:00 PM</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday:</b>	<b>CLOSED</b>

**Key Points:** COVID-19 Protocols & Rules need to be followed.  
Reservations are required.  
1 Hour maximum/member/day.

\*Hours are subject to change without notice and may vary during special events, holidays and/or inclement weather.

**House of Wellness Fitness & Aquatic Center**  
52845 White Eagle Rd. Baraboo, WI 53913  
(608) 355-5155 ext. 15506  
www.houseofwellnessfitnesscenter.com  
www.facebook.com/Ho-ChunkHOW

**HO-CHUNK NATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

FOR IMMEDIATE MEDIA RELEASE  
DATE: April 14, 2021  
CONTACT: Kiana Beaudin, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Health Officer, 715-284-9851

The Centers for Disease Control and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, out of an abundance of caution, is placing a pause on the administration of Johnson and Johnson vaccine to further study the very rare side effect found in 6 individuals. These six individuals had a rare and severe type of blood clot called cerebral venous sinus thrombosis. This condition/reaction is treatable if diagnosed properly. None of the six occurrences happened in Wisconsin. The system put into place to help ensure vaccine safety called VAERS (vaccine adverse events reporting system) is working. Because those receiving vaccine are able to directly report any side effects in VAERS the CDC was able to quickly take action and notify vaccinators of this rare reaction. This safety system ensures that providers have the best information to identify and treat these very rare reactions. To date over 6 million Johnson and Johnson vaccines have been administered in the US and only 6 six of these severe reactions have been identified.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health currently administers only Moderna vaccine but will be receiving Pfizer vaccine this week to prioritize youth ages 16-17 years old. There have been no severe type of blood clot reactions reported for Moderna or for Pfizer vaccine. Both vaccines are very effective at reducing severe infections of COVID-19 that could lead to hospitalizations and deaths. If you have received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine from another vaccine provider please monitor for severe reactions which may include: severe abdominal pain, severe headache, change in vision, shortness of breath, or leg pain. If you experience any of these symptoms up to 13 days after your Johnson and Johnson vaccine please contact your medical provider.

#Woxeteki

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

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

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communities.

In 2017, the Sisters of Charity filed a resolution at Enbridge's annual shareholders meeting, calling on the company to create a report detailing their processes for identifying and addressing social and environmental risks and their impact on the rights of Indigenous peoples.

Although the resolution wasn't passed, it received the support of about 30 percent of Enbridge shareholders.

In 2018, Enbridge released a discussion paper, "Indigenous Rights and Relationships in North America Energy Infrastructure," that addresses concerns expressed by the Sisters of Charity.

In a section entitled "Case for Change," the paper notes that both the U.S. and Canada have endorsed the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that calls for governments to secure "free, prior and informed consent," or FPIC, from Indigenous peoples in order to develop resources that could impact their rights.

The paper notes, however, that neither the United States nor Canada view the declaration as legally binding.

"Although some have interpreted FPIC as a right to veto a project, the federal governments of both Canada and the U.S. interpret it as a call for a process of meaningful consultation with Indigenous peoples," it states.

And that leaves the company in control, even with efforts at social responsibility, experts say. There are no benchmarks or accountability measures in place.

"In their paper, Enbridge says it's committed to working with Indigenous peoples but they never say what they'll do if Indigenous peoples say, 'No,'" Finn said.

Finn helped author an analysis of Enbridge's discussion paper for First Peoples Worldwide, a partnership between the University of Colorado Law School and the Center for Ethics and Social Responsibility at Leeds School of Business.

Indeed, Enbridge offers a large portion of its corporate website to highlighting the work it does with Native and non-Native local communities, enlisting several Native employees to offer testimony about the company's efforts.

Suparna Chatterjee, an associate professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, said social responsibility primarily accrues value for corporations.

"The insidious fact is that although these activities appear to be for the common good, it is corporations that largely benefit," Chatterjee said.

Andy Hira, professor of political science at Simon Fraser University in British Columbia, said corporate social responsibility has largely been spurred by efforts to avoid scandal.

"Instead of progress towards decency in labor and environmental standards, we find ourselves in a continuing maelstrom of corporate social irresponsibility," he wrote in the Conversation.

Rising inequality has contributed to a new age of populism and protest targeting corporations, he said.

Keenly aware of the growing citizen antagonism, Fortune Global 500 firms spend about \$20 billion per year on corporate social responsibility activities, according to the Harvard Business Review.

**Controlling the public narrative**

Enbridge is using similar corporate social responsibility strategies in its Line 5 project, another segment of the Mainline pipeline system.

Enbridge wants to replace and expand Line 5, which runs from Superior, Wisconsin, to Sarnia, Ontario, through treaty and reservation lands of the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, across the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and under the Straits of Mackinac.

The Bad River tribe sued the company in 2019, demanding it shut down Line 5 and remove existing lines from the reservation. Negotiations between the tribe and Enbridge are ongoing.

Meanwhile, Enbridge is awaiting clean water permits and an environmental impact statement from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers before moving forward with the Line 5 project.

In November, Michigan's Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced the termination of Enbridge's easement lease allowing Line 5 to cross the lakebed under the Straits of Mackinac. Whitmer gave the company until May 12 to stop the flow of oil. Enbridge is appealing the decision in federal court.

Line 5 also passes through the 1836 treaty lands of the five tribes in Michigan that comprise the Chippewa Ottawa Resource Authority. They include the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians, the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians and the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

Although the five tribes haven't signed on to any litigation opposing the project, they are currently seeking to intervene in proceedings regarding the pipeline with the Michigan Public Service Commission.

In 2010, Enbridge's Line 6B spilled more than 800,000 gallons of tar sands oil near Marshall, Michigan, into the Talmadge Creek and the Kalamazoo River. The company was fined \$61 million to pay for the massive spill, which took years and more than \$1 billion to clean up.

**What's next**

Enbridge recently posted a video on the company's website about Line 5, announcing it is seeking to engage the five tribes in traditional Anishinaabek peacemaking proceedings that include the use of sacred spiritual items such as the pipe and tobacco.

The video features Native representatives of 7th Legacy Environmental speaking in the Ojibwe language as they describe the peacemaking process.

Aaron Payment, chairman of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe

of Chippewa Indians, told Indian Country Today he was taken aback by the video.

"This is cultural appropriation and is offensive," he posted on Facebook. "Sharing the sentiment of peacekeeping was certainly not part of the litigation defense when Line 6 allowed oil to spill into the Kalamazoo River for 17 hours thereby destroying the local environment and Huron Bands and other Potawatomi territory with damage expected to linger for 100 years.

"As a tribal leader who shares these treaty waters with four other tribal nations, I would appreciate if Enbridge would discontinue sending an Indian scout and bastardizing our traditional ways to manipulate its ulterior motives," he said.

7th Legacy was founded and is owned by Desmond Berry, former director of the natural resources department of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa In-

dians. A tribal citizen, Berry is long known for his environmental activism. In 2019, he left the job with the tribe to start a consulting business, and Enbridge is one of his clients.

According to an article in the Traverse City Record-Eagle, Berry's actions have angered and upset many tribal members. Bill Rastetter, attorney for the tribe, shared a memorandum with the newspaper.

"Berry's actions are inconsistent with official positions of the Grand Traverse Band," the letter stated. "Because he and his associate identify themselves as citizens of the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians, the impression is created that this Tribe supports their efforts. Nothing could be farther from the truth."

Neither representatives of 7th Legacy nor the Grand Traverse Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians responded

to requests for comment from Indian Country Today.

But critics say the use of traditional Indigenous spirituality and ways is poor corporate strategy.

"This amounts to an extraction of emotion," Chatterjee said. "They are monetizing even the inner-most human spheres of life and spirituality, harnessing them for profit."

Finn notes that two years have passed since Enbridge released its discussion paper, and little, if anything, has changed.

"I still don't see them taking any meaningful steps in working with tribes," she said. "They continue with the same old premise that consultation rather than consent is good enough. For as long as they continue along that route, they are incurring extensive social risks and may be incurring human rights violations as well as risks to their operations."



This Enbridge Line 3 worksite is shown on the Fond du Lac reservation in Minnesota in February 2021. (Photo by Mary Annette Pember)



June 1, 2021

# PHYLLIS SMOKE



**LEGISLATOR**  
DISTRICT 1, SEAT 3

POSITIVE CHANGE

FORWARD ACTION

**EDUCATION**

**Supervisor Management Program**  
Applied Science | Associate Degree  
Western Technical College  
Graduated May 2012

**Leadership & Organizational Studies Program**  
Applied Science | Bachelor's Degree  
University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh  
Graduated May 2016

**Tribal Administration & Governance Program**  
Liberal Studies | Master's Degree  
University of Minnesota-Duluth  
Graduated May 2018

**EXPERIENCE**

- 20 years as a support employee in the Legislative branch.
- Overall 26+ years and experience with the Ho-Chunk Nation.
- Currently serving as Secretary to the Local Jackson County Democratic Party.
- Currently Appointed Executive Director of Administration for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

*I humbly ask for your vote.*

Contact me to share your thoughts and concerns.  
smoke003@d.umn.edu | fb.me/phyllissmoke

## VOTE (RAM) Robert A. Mudd

HCN Primary election was recently held and I am both humbled and honored that you have placed your confidence and support in me during this Election.

I would like to thank my family and friends for their unending love and support.

**Congratulations** to all those candidates that took up the challenge to seek office on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation and their respective districts. Now it is on to the General Election

**First** and foremost is the need for the Office of the President to address the balance of power between the Legislative and Executive Branches working in conjunction with the General Council.

**Second** is the challenge to diversify our economy! How long can we survive solely on just gaming revenue?

**Third** is to ensure transparency in terms of release of information to the Ho-Chunk Nation members on a regular basis

### Qualifications and experience:

- Twenty years (20) construction experience.
- Twenty-seven (27) Executive Business management experience.
- Viet Nam, era veteran “Paratrooper 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division”
- Bachelor degree from University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- Master of Business Administration (MBA) University Phoenix, AZ



Deb Haaland

US Secretary of the Interior

# VOTE

## 'Wakanja Hari'

### Robert Pilot

#### for

## Ho-Chunk Nation

## District 4 - Seat 1

\*Ballots Will be Mailed Out 4/16/21\*

### Protect Per Capita

### Economic Development for Southland

### Support Our Elders & Youth

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guided by science and input from the WMPC and the public. The draft plan will be made available for public review and comment. The DNR will then submit a final draft to the Natural Resources Board (NRB) for approval in mid-2022.

The DNR is also simultaneously working to prepare for a fall 2021 wolf harvest season through a transparent and science-based process. The DNR has convened a 2021 Wolf Harvest Advisory Committee to provide input on the fall season's management objectives and harvest quota. The committee will consider the current management plan, state statute and the February 2021 season report in providing input to the department.

Throughout the process, the DNR will also coordinate with tribal partners and seek further public input on harvest objectives.

Visit the DNR's website for more information on the wolf management plan and the Fall 2021 wolf harvest season.

2021 Wolf Harvest Season Planning Timeline
MARCH 2021: LICENSE APPLICATION OPENS MARCH 1
APRIL-MAY 2021: 2021 WOLF HARVEST ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE-JULY 2021: SECOND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD OPEN
AUGUST 2021: LICENSE APPLICATION DEADLINE AUG. 1
SEPTEMBER 2021: CUSTOMERS NOTIFIED OF DRAWING RESULTS
NOVEMBER 2021: WOLF HARVEST SEASON OPENS NOV. 6
FEBRUARY 2022: WOLF HARVEST SEASON CLOSING NO LATER THAN FEB. 28

Wolf Management Planning Committee Timeline
FEBRUARY-MARCH 2021: INVITE TRIBAL PARTNERS
APRIL-MAY 2021: PUBLIC INPUT OPEN APRIL 15 - MAY 15
JULY - OCTOBER 2021: WMPC MEETINGS
FEBRUARY 2022: DRAFT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC INPUT
JUNE 2022: FINAL DRAFT PRESENTED TO NRB



The DNR invites the public to provide input on the next 10 years of wolf management in Wisconsin. Photo credit: iStock/AB Photography

NOTICE
RIGHT TO OBJECT
In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act, on March 25, 2021 Ho-Chunk Member, LaVerda Richter, has submitted a Request for Title for permanent improvements located at:
W8787 Mission Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
And more particularly described as: Lot 7 of Indian Mission within the NW ¼ Section 33, Township 22 North, Range 3 West, 4th P.M., Town of Komensky, Jackson County, Wisconsin.
Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:
Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division
Register of Deeds
P. O. Box 310
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Phone: 715-284-2531
By or before May 10, 2021.
Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for permanent improvements to the above named individual(s) within 10 days of the deadline.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Dorothy G. Decorah, Notice to Creditors, Case No. PR21-01, signed by Mary Thunckle, Clerk of Court, dated 3-8-21.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Claude Perry Prayer, Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate, DOD: January 25, 2021, signed by Mary Thunckle, Clerk of Court, dated 4-13-21.



## CORRECTION

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

## EOPUB 03262021

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Littlegeorge, Eldric Wilson	07/22/2019	23/32	Ha Gah Kah Harold Fred Blackdeer 1901-00969	Roger Bruce Littlegeorge, II	Desiree Jo Ann Pettibone

I, Rita Gardner /s/, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List was reviewed and corrected to accurately present the Applicants Father's Name. Signed and dated this 12Th day of March, 2021.

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
APRIL 6, 2021**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**  
President Marlon White Eagle-VC  
Vice President Karna Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC  
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC (10:34 a.m.)  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-EX  
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference  
**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 10:03 a.m.

**Opening Prayer:** President Marlon White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the agenda, adding under New Business, Resolution-Federal Funding. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 9-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-March 23, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 23, 2021 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-1(Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Committee Reports:**

**Special Finance Committee-March 24, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 24, 2021 Special Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Housing Committee-March 25, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to approve the March 25, 2021 Housing Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Development Committee-March 30, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the March 30, 2021 Development Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 16 of Chakh Hah Chee North #439 T 2137**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 A**, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 16 of Chakh Hah Chee North #439 T 2137. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1550 on Lot #26 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 B**, Cancellation of Lease #1550 on Lot #26 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #26 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Murton Greengrass**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 C**, Authorization of

Residential Land Lease on Lot #26 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Murton Greengrass. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Outlot #6 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 D**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Outlot #6 of Indian Mission #439 T 2016 for Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency. Second by Vice President Karna Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization of Business Site Fee Land Lease on Dejepe 3045 for Hoffman Construction Company**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 E**, Authorization of Business Site Fee Land Lease on Dejepe 3045 for Hoffman Construction Company. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee-March 30, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to approve the March 30, 2021 Health, Social Services and Insurance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorizing Application for Notah Begay III Foundation Community Empowerment Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 F**, Authorizing Application for Notah Begay III Foundation Community Empowerment Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Attorney Barbara Zabawa-Medicare Part B Motion**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer Attorney Barbara Zabawa-Medicare Part B Motion to Executive Session under Legal Advice. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Finance Committee-March 31, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 31, 2021 Finance Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Transfer of Funds to the Disability Code Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 G**, Transfer of Funds to the Disability Code Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 Request**

Rep. Smith stated that the Legislature has not received updated information on this request.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 Request. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:****COVID-19 Executive Branch Update Department of Health**

Rep. Matt Mullen arrives via video conference at 10:34 a.m.

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin stated that there are 745 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ms. Beaudin also stated that the time of the COVID-19 vaccine events has changed. The events will take place from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., with the exception of April 28<sup>th</sup>, which will be from 9:00 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Department of Business**

Executive Director of

Business (EDOB) Michael Rave was present to address the Legislature. A written report was provided the day of the meeting.

**Office of General Council Report**

Cari Fay, General Council Advocate was present via video conference. Ms. Fay stated that there are Wednesday night workgroup meetings. Ms. Fay also stated that the Office of General Council received a few RFP's, and they are waiting on a few more for the upcoming 2021 General Council Meeting.

Rep. Smith asked Ms. Fay when a final reconciliation will be submitted from the 2020 General Council Meeting. Ms. Fay stated that she already gave a report on that, but she can give the final numbers regarding the food.

**CARES Act Proposals**

President White Eagle stated that there have not been CARES Act Proposals from the Executive Branch.

**Resolution-Establishment of Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to TABLE Resolution-Establishment of Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Museum Director Job Description**

President White Eagle asked if this job description was brought forward by Executive Director of Heritage Preservation. Rep. Smith replied no; this was apart of the process for the Museum restructure.

It was stated that this job description was reviewed by the Administration Committee, however, the pay grade was not reviewed by the Administration Committee.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the Museum Director job description as presented. Second by Rep.

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George Stacy. 4-5(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Matt Mullen, Rep. Robert TwoBears, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**New Business:**

**Class II Surveillance Security Program**

*This agenda item is for both Class II and Class III, however Class III was erroneously omitted from this agenda item title.*

EDOB Rave stated that this would allow for a security monitoring system at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison. EDOB Rave mentioned that this was previously done, but he stopped it to make changes to the SOP's of security monitoring. EDOB Rave further mentioned, that in working with Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison, Gaming Commission and Surveillance, this seems like a good step for Madison, and over time all of the Ho-Chunk Gaming facilities, monitoring non-gaming areas only.

Gaming Commissioner Samantha Day was present via video conference. Gaming Commissioner Day stated that the Gaming Commission wrote the regulations for the program. This proposed addition would allow casino management the flexibility to develop and implement procedures that would enhance communication between the Security Department and the Surveillance Division.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Class II and Class III Surveillance Security Program and request Legislative Counsel to a draft resolution for next session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Nomination Hearing for Attorney General**

Attorney Scott Seifert was present via video conference. Mr. Seifert stated that he is a graduate of Michigan State College of Law. Mr. Seifert also stated that he has been an attorney for over five years now. He specializes in criminal, branching out to civil and gaming. He manages an office of seven employees, and has five years of management experience. Mr. Seifert mentioned that he worked as a public defender for the Office of the State Public Defender. He is also a member of the Comanche Nation.

**Nomination Hearing for Attorney General**

Mr. Seifert stated that he has a fairly good understanding of the job, it seems that from his research, the Nation has four branches of government and the Attorney General is under the Executive Branch.

Mr. Seifert mentioned that he does have two colleagues from Michigan State that work for the Nation's Department of Justice currently.

It was asked if Mr. Seifert has experience with gaming. Mr. Seifert stated that he is aware of gaming law, but recently he has not worked with it. He has made it his mission to catch up on gaming law. He would need a little catch up on the current. This would be the first thing on his agenda, if his application is accepted.

It was asked to Mr. Seifert, that if he were accepted, who his client would be as the Attorney General. Mr. Seifert replied that he believes the Ho-Chunk Nation as a whole would be his client, including the Council Members as well.

Mr. Seifert stated that he would need to give his current job a 30-day notice, and would need to find a place to live in Wisconsin, as he currently lives in Montana. Mr. Seifert also stated that he can become a part of the Wisconsin Bar once he establishes residency in Wisconsin.

**Resolution-Accept/Denial of Application of Scott Seifert to be Interim Director of Department of Justice**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt Resolution-Acceptance of Application of Scott Seifert to be Interim Director of the Department of Justice. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED TO INCLUDE** the effective date of employment shall be after Mr. Seifert's resignation of his current job. **MOTION IS WITHDRAWN.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to TABLE Resolution-Accept/Denial of Application of Scott Seifert to be Interim Director of Department of Justice until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 9-1(Rep. George Stacy)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** During the Legislative Meeting, the Legislature received an e-mail from President White Eagle stating that Interim Treasurer Jerome Longbottom withdrew from this position, and President White Eagle will begin searching for another candidate.

**Lunch Break:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to break for lunch until 1:30 p.m. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

12:40 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President Marlon White Eagle called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**Roll Call:** President Marlon White Ea-

gle-VC  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC  
Rep. Hinu Smith-VC  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-EX  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC (1:44 p.m.)  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr.-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Matthew Mullen-VC  
Rep. Robert TwoBears-VC (1:42 p.m.)  
Rep. Paul Fox-EX  
Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit-VC

VC-Video Conference  
**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 1:35 p.m.

**New Business (Continued):**

**Resolution-Section 16 Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 H**, Establishment of Section 16 Workgroup. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Native American Preference in Hiring**

Rep. Hinu Smith stated that this went out for 45-day public comment awhile back. She will coordinate a meeting with Legislators to revisit this.

**Resolution-Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin for the Growing and Research of Industrial Hemp**

Rep. Robert TwoBears arrives via video conference at 1:42 p.m.  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrives via video conference at 1:44 p.m.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 I**, Memorandum of Understanding Between the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources and the University of Wisconsin for the Growing and Research of Industrial Hemp. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 9-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Rep. Smith stated that the Legislature has been in support of DNR initiatives.

Executive Director of DNR Tina Brown stated that she will give regular updates at the Development Committee on how the project is going.

**Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for May 1, 2021**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 J**, Per-Capita Declaration

for May 1, 2021. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Head Start Division to Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 K**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Head Start Division to Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr., Rep. Robert TwoBears)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud is in opposition as this is a COLA increase for only one division within the Nation.

**Resolution-Federal Funding**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle stated that this would be for the federal funding the Nation receives to be placed into a restricted account. When the Nation previously received CARES Act funding, the funds were placed in a restricted account; this would be done similarly.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution for the American Rescue Plan funds the Nation receives to be placed into a Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Hinu Smith. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:01 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:28 p.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to re-visit Resolution-Establishment of Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup and Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 Request. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Establishment of Broadband Network Planning and Feasibility Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21**

**L**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 01-21-20 E Regarding Establishment of an Exploratory Telehealth and Broadband Support Workgroup. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 Request**

Donald Greengrass stated that the Legion has not held any fundraising events this past year due to COVID-19. Mr. Greengrass mentioned that the request is to pay outstanding utility bills from the Legion Building.

**MOTION** by Rep. Hinu Smith to approve the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 in the amount of \$2,919.29 come from Charitable Contributions with check made payable to Andrew Blackhawk Legion 129, with Donald Greengrass to reconcile within 30 days from ratification. Second by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

It was asked if the Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post applied for the Mission Blue Post Assistance Program Grant. Mr. Greengrass stated that the Legion has not applied for this grant.

**Resolution-Accept/Denial of Application of Scott Seifert to be Interim Director of Department of Justice**

Mr. Seifert stated that he can start on or before June 1, 2021, if his application is accepted.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 04-06-21 M**, Acceptance of Application of Scott Seifert to be Interim Director of the Department of Justice. Second by Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. 7-4(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Hinu Smith, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post 129 Request (Revisited)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar that if the Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post 556 or Joseph J. White Legion Post 442 submit documentation on outstanding utility bills, the Nation pay for those, up to the \$2919.29, to be paid from Charitable Contributions and that reconciliation take place within the 30 days of ratification. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:03 p.m.*

# NOTICE AND RULES OF MAIL BALLOTING

## GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION

### TUESDAY, JUNE 1, 2021



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 14a) & (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

#### 14. Mail Ballot Voting.

##### a. Mail Ballot Voting.

i. Determination as to whether to conduct an Election by mail balloting. (a) At the discretion of the Election Board, elections shall be conducted by mail ballot.

(2) Procedures for Mail Balloting.

(a) The Election Board shall designate a Post Office Box rented by the Board as the place where Ballots shall be returned. Ballots must be received at the Post Office Box designated by the Election Board not later than the day of the Election.

(b) The Election Board shall send by United States Mail a ballot to each eligible voter or Ho-Chunk Member who will be an eligible voter by the date of the election. The Election Board shall mail ballots forty-five (45) calendar days before the date of the election; and, if said date falls on a weekend, then on the first working day thereafter.

(c) A Voter may obtain a replacement ballot from the Election Board if his or her ballot is destroyed, spoiled, lost or not received by the Voter.

(d) The Election Board shall not mail a replacement ballot later than ten (10) working days before the day of an Election. If pursuant to *Section 14, subparagraph a. (3)* a voter requests a replacement ballot, the Election Board shall only give a replacement ballot if the request for the replacement ballot is made fifteen (15) working days before the day of the Election.

b. Ballots. The Ballot package mailed out by the Election Board shall consist of a ballot which otherwise meets the requirements of Section 12, an outer envelope, instruction sheet, ballot secrecy envelope, and return envelope.

c. Voting Procedure. The Voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the ballot secrecy envelope and seal it. The Voter shall then place the ballot secrecy envelope inside the return envelope and seal it. The return envelope shall be signed by the Voter as his or her name appears on the return envelope and he or she shall return it by United States Mail to the location designated by the Election Board.

d. Returns. The Board shall verify that the returned envelope bears the signature of the voter. If the envelope is not signed, the ballot shall be rejected. The entire rejected ballot shall be deposited unopened in a separate, secure box for invalid

ballots. If the envelope is signed, the ballot shall be deposited in the locked ballot box. For ballots placed in the locked ballot box, the Election Board shall make a notation in the poll book, next to the Voter's name, that indicates that the Voter has returned his or her ballot.

e. Multiple Ballots. If a Voter to whom a replacement ballot has been issued pursuant to *Subsection a. (2) (c) of this Section* votes more than once, only the ballot with the earliest postmark shall be counted. If there are two (2) or more ballots with the same postmark date for one (1) Voter, neither ballot shall be counted.

#### 3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.

- (1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with
- (2) three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.
- (3) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the
- (4) General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and
- (5) in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

(3) Any candidate who received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner.

**Therefore the following were declared winners as of Wednesday, March 10, 2021:**

#### LEGISLATURE:

**District 2, Seat 3**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Stephanie Begay**

**District 3, Seat 2**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Myrna J. Thompson**

**District 4, Seat 4**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Danielle DeLong**

**Supreme Court Associate Justice 1:**  
**July 2021- June 2025**  
**Tricia Zunker**

**b. General Elections**  
**(1). General Elections shall be held in accordance with Article VIII, Section 1 of the Constitution, which states:**

*Section 1. General Elections. General Elections shall be held on the first Tuesday in June of odd numbered years. Offices of the Legislature, Executive, and Judiciary shall be filled at General Elections.*

**Therefore the following will be placed on the ballot for the HCN Mail Balloting General Run-Off Election on Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**LEGISLATURE:**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**District 1, Seat 1**  
**Robert A. Mudd**  
**Karena Thundercloud**

**District 1, Seat 3**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Hinu Helgesen Smith**  
**Phyllis Smoke**

**District 2, Seat 2**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Derrick Stout**  
**Kristin K. White Eagle**

**District 4, Seat 1**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Robert Pilot**  
**Archie White Eagle, Jr.**

**District 4 Seat 3**  
**July 2021 – June 2025**  
**Brianna Littlegeorge**  
**Robert V. Two Bears**

#### ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

#### ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

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

**(Deadline Thursday, May 13, 2021).**

**Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board**  
**P.O. Box 247**  
**Black River Falls, WI. 54615**  
**TELEPHONE (715)284-8900**  
**TOLL FREE (800)890-0583**  
**FAX NUMBER(715)284-8600**  
**E-MAIL:**  
**[Election.board@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Election.board@ho-chunk.com)**

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

#### POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

#### CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Any member of the Ho-Chunk Nation may challenge the results of any election 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.

**GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION DAY**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**Thursday, March 11, 2021**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
**Friday, April 30, 2021**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM**  
**Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

**THE DAY MAIL BALLOTING WILL BE MAILED**  
**Friday, April 16, 2021**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT**  
**Tuesday, May 11, 2021**

**ALL BALLOTS DUE TO P.O BOX 247 BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615**  
**Tuesday, June 1, 2021**

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