‘Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation’ highway signs part of a 2022 State Project and removed after found incorrect

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

The highway signs displaying the words ‘Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation’ appeared on October 18 near Black River Falls, and were removed on October 19. Highway Commissioner Jay Borek informed the Hocak Worak that the signs were part of a 2022 I-94 project #10230079. The project is in the State Highway Improvement Program and State Highway Backbone Rehabilitation sub-program.

The signs were created as part of the Traffic Operations Signing section of the project. This section “includes all work associated with the installation of new signs and supports along existing highways.” The ‘Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation’ highway signs come in, and workers installed them along Highway 54, near the industrial park, and east of the intersection of Highway 54 and County Road K.

The Highway Commissioner said that an employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation telephoned him to inform him the signs were incorrect. Highway Commissioner Jay Borek has no jurisdiction over state highways but coordinates anything that needs fixing. His office looked into the matter and found that the ‘Ho-Chunk Nation Reservation’ signs were wrong.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is considered a non-reservation tribe. Instead, members acquired individual homesteads to regain ancestral territory, and the Nation maintains parcels of land placed in Indian Trust Land as designated by the federal government. The federal government has granted legal reservation status to some of these parcels. However, the Ho-Chunk Nation does not have a contiguous reservation in the traditional sense.

A representative from WisDOT informed the Highway Commissioner that the project design started in 2018 and the signs were added to the project design in January 2020 after coordination with the Ho-Chunk Nation. Commissioner Borek directed his crew to remove the signs.

Elk Mound Students Receive Lessons on Ho-Chunk Culture

Kaili Berg

On Thursday, October 20, the Ho-Chunk Nation hosted an educational session for Elk Mound 7th graders at the District 1 Community Center with the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center, Cultural Resource Division, and the Department of Natural Resources.

President Marlon Whiteeagle

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Want something special placed in the Hocak Worak? Limited space is available so send your request in early. Submissions will be handled on a first come first serve basis.
November 8 is Election Day.

Wisconsin plays a critical role in the national political landscape. That’s why all of us should take time to vote via absentee mail-in or early in-person ballot, or by going to the polls on Election Day. It’s time to vote for candidates who align with your priorities and values. The big issues are voting rights, reproductive rights, climate change, the economy, and law enforcement.

On Friday, November 21, I attended MKE Native Vote: Mural Unveiling at the George L. Ignace Indian Health Center in Milwaukee. The event hosted by the Wisconsin Conservation Voices’ program, Wisconsin Native Vote, unveiled a mural by artist, Chris Sweet (Ho-Chunk/Ojibwe).

The mural titled “Protect Our Future” features a jingle dress dancer, representing healing, and seven girls holding hands, representing unity, standing near a body of water. Wisconsin Native Vote collaborated with Ho-Chunk Nation Public Relations Officer Casey Brown to add Ho-Chunk singers and dancers to the event.

Wisconsin Native Vote offered yard signs and t-shirts that read, “SkOleDen.” Speakers at the event included emcee Mark Denning; Anne Egan-Watkau (Menominee), Urban Native Vote Organizer of Wisconsin Native Vote; and Chairman Steve Ninham (Oneida), Chair of the Gerald L. Ignace Indian Health Center Board of Directors.

Milwaukee has the second largest native population in the state. The native voter turnout tipped the tightly contested seats in the presidential, gubernatorial, and congressional races.

This midterm election is no different and deserves voter consistency, and even new voter participation.

On Monday, November 24, I participated in the Wisconsin Midterm Election Forum, hosted by Four Directions Native Vote and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), at the Orpheum Theatre in Madison.

The forum invited candidates to participate to highlight their campaign efforts and field questions from tribal leaders on issues of importance to Indian Country. The event was nonpartisan, with many Democrats accepting the invitation to attend in-person or virtually.

Libertarian candidate Jacob Vandenberg, who is a candidate for Wisconsin’s Eighth Congressional District, also accepted the invitation and attended in-person.

The forum events kicked off with opening remarks from OJ Semans (Rosebud Sioux), Co-Director of Four Directions and Larry Wright Jr., Executive Director of National Congress of American Indians.

Tribe leaders who participated in panels with political candidates are Stockbridge-Munsee Munsee President Shannon Holsey, Oneida Nation Chairperson Tehassi Hill, Sokaagan Chipewa Chairperson Robert Van Zile, Jr., St. Croix Chipewa Chairman William Reynolds, and myself.

We heard from Governor Tony Evers, Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, State Senator Brad Pfaff, Wisconsin Secretary of State Doug La Follette, and Libertarian candidate Jacob Vandenberg as they campaign for office.

There was also a voting rights discussion panel with Native American Rights Fund, Assistant Director of Development Dallin Maybee and Fair Count President Dr. Jeannine Abrams McLean.

The forum’s main objective is to move forward and voice the issues important to Wisconsin’s tribal communities. The next day, NCAI hosted workshops at the Tejop Ho-cira on civic engagement and voter registration.

Again, November 8 is Election Day, but early voting is open from now until then.
Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Denounces Reckless Endangerment of Youth by Vigilante Baraboo High School Staff and Citizens

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At 4:06 minute video captures what was shouted at the boys to “shut the (expletive) engine off now,” “put the keys to the (expletive) car, and get on the (expletive) ground.”

One of the remaining boys says “white.” Edgar Langkamp. “Get out of the car but was not ordered to the ground. He remained standing while the two boys knelt on their knees.

The boys were told they were being “lawfully detained” in a “citizen’s arrest.” Citizen’s arrests are not legal in Wisconsin unless citizen directly witnesses a felony.

Kolar’s daughter appeared and told her father to stop and let the boys go.

Word quickly spread among the Baraboo High School staff and a number of those friends are the son of a police officer and advised the boys to call the police. The police were contacted around 10:30 pm.

Langkamp interviewed all the boys and went to the neighborhood around 1:00 am. They made contact with the boys’ knees. Kolar declined permission for the police to search his garage for the flamethrower.

Langkamp told police he was having photographic vehicle license plates.

He claimed it was William Kolar who stepped in front of the vehicle. He said he observed John Kolar and saw “this flame coming out.”

Kolar ordered Kolar ordered the kids out of the car and lay on the ground. He admitted that he was afraid.

All five of the boys are football players and participate in other sports. They told the police they were scared and feared for their lives.

The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling on federal officials to investigate as a potential bias crime.
Ho-Chunk Students Celebrate Black River Falls Homecoming

Kaili Berg
On Friday, October 14, the School District of Black River Falls started the evening off strong with celebrating its annual Homecoming Day parade.

Ho-Chunk students and royalty gathered together to promote an evening of enrichment and excitement, ending with a Tiger football win against Viroqua with a score of 22-20.

Native American Voting has Impact on Midterm Elections

Kaili Berg
On Monday, October 24-25, Four Directions, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), and Wisconsin tribes hosted a midterm elections forum in Madison, Wisconsin. Local and state candidates answered critical questions with issues important to Native Americans in Wisconsin and Indian Country before voting begins in November.

Ho-Chunk Nation President, Marlon WhiteEagle was in attendance to ask important questions regarding issues and concerns within the Ho-Chunk Nation and other tribal governments.

“One of the things I am most proud of within my first term as Governor is our working relationship with leaders of the tribal nations and their constituents. We have lot of opportunity to have even more success in the future and will continue to meet monthly at minimum, and talk about issues that are impacting the Nation and Wisconsin and how they intersect,” said Governor, Tony Evers.

“A lot of the gambling revenue that comes to the state of Wisconsin from the Tribal Nation’s is a significant amount of money, and we’ve tried twice now to move some of that back into the Tribal Nations to fund some of the services that they need and will continue.”

Wisconsin Lt. Gov. Mandela Barnes, the Democratic Party’s nominee for the U.S. Senate seat, now held by incumbent Sen. Ron Johnson (R-WI), attended virtually and answered questions on his fu...
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Gov. Evers, DNR Announce Beginning of PFAS Firefighting Foam Collection for Disposal

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers, together with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), are today announcing the start of a PFAS-containing firefighting foam waste collection and disposal program. The 2021-23 budget, signed by Gov. Evers allocated $1 million to the DNR and the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) for administration of a program to collect and dispose of PFAS-containing firefighting foam waste. North Shore Environmental Construction Inc., a Wisconsin-based company, will work through the state’s competitive bidding process to complete this project. They will be collecting and disposing of at least 25,000 gallons of PFAS-containing firefighting foam waste from fire departments throughout Wisconsin.

“Protecting our state from harmful PFAS contamination is a top priority for my administration, and in proof of the work we’re doing to tackle this very real problem in communities throughout the state,” said Gov. Evers. “We also want to make sure our uniformed first responders and logistical challenges as associated with disposing of it. Fire departments interested in participating in the foam waste collection and disposal program may contact the DNR at (262) 255-4468.

PFAS are a group of man-made chemicals used in numerous products, including Class B firefighting foams used to extinguish flammable liquid fires. These chemicals do not break down easily in the environment and can cause negative health impacts in humans. More information about PFAS is available on the DNR’s PFAS website.

As part of the Year of Clean Water, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is ramping up efforts to prevent, detect, and respond to PFAS contamination in Wisconsin. The State and counties are leading efforts to collect, store, and dispose of PFAS-containing firefighting foam waste in order to protect our water, property, and natural resources. This initiative is part of the DNR’s overall PFAS Action Plan, released in December 2020, and provides updates on the progress Wisconsin is making on its PFAS Action Plan through fiscal year 2020. To learn more about PFAS in Wisconsin, visit the DNR’s PFAS website at https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/PFAS/

A sign placed along Highway 54 on Tuesday was the subject of heavy online discussion. The sign informed travelers that they were entering the Ho-Chunk Nation. County officials removed the sign the next day after receiving several complaints.

The enthusiasm for tribal-specific signage began at least in 2015, when the topic was discussed by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation’s (WisDOT) Inter-Tribal Task Force (ITTF). The ITTF is comprised of a delegate and an alternate from each tribe, several WisDOT employees in various geographic regions and divisions, and employees from the Federal Highways Administration and Bureau of Indian Affairs. The issue was undertaken partially to help travelers and locals alike acknowledge the presence of American Indians in modern society.

To the Ho-Chunk Nation, the signs originally designed were not quite so clear-cut. We wanted some equity with other tribes, but we have sacred land holdings rather than a single contiguous homeland. Our ancestral homelands stretched far outside the tiny dots that we see on maps today. Those tiny dots, a solemn representation of the struggle and resilience our recent ancestors endured that allows us to be here today. Many of those dots also represent different status of land, from "fee simple" to "trust" to "allotment" to "reservation." What's the difference between trust and reservation?

"Investing in and protecting our uniformed first responders and the communities they serve from PFAS exposure is something we can all agree on in Wisconsin," said Fire Chief Michael Stanley of the Wisconsin State Fire Chiefs Association. "Our fire departments have shown tremendous interest and enthusiasm not only looking to safely dispose of PFAS-containing foam, but also to help educate themselves and their communities about PFAS.

In total, fire departments from more than 60 counties have identified unwanted firefighting foam for disposal through this program. Many fire departments have already switched to PFAS-free foam alternatives and have been storing the unwanted PFAS-containing foam in their fire houses because of the costs and logistical challenges associated with disposing of it. Fire departments interested in participating in the foam waste collection and disposal program may contact North Shore at info@nshcinc.com or 262-710-4168.

Under state law, use of PFAS-containing firefighting foam is prohibited except during emergency firefighting operations or during testing at a facility with measures in place to prevent discharge of the foam to the environment and sewage. PFAS is a group of human-made chemicals used in numerous products, including Class B firefighting foams used to extinguish flammable liquid fires. These chemicals do not break down easily in the environment and can cause negative health impacts in humans. More information about PFAS in Wisconsin is available on the DNR’s PFAS website.

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Cynthia Mary Decorah
October 12, 1939 – October 8, 2022
Services: Friday, October 21, 2022
Roseberry’s Funeral Home – Friendship, WI
1pm Viewing
2pm Services
Meal to follow burial at Adams County Community Center

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Wittenberg 1 1
St. Paul Mpls 1 1
Chicago 1 1

TERMS: Election Board members may serve more than one term. This term ends December 2024.

NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate and One (1) Alternate to represent for each District must be voted upon during your District’s monthly meeting in November 2022.

The District’s meeting minute must include each District’s nomination for Election Board Delegate and Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than 4:00 PM – Friday, December 30, 2022.
The public will be allowed to observe through WebEx.

Friday, December 2, 2022 at 9:00 am
Lower B/H
HCG – Wisconsin Dells, WI

The Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department will welcome the students gathered together to learn about Ho-Chunk history, and lessons on preserving the environment and tree identification on tribal land.
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tune plans.

“There’s still so much more work to be done, and we don’t have the representation in Washington that we deserve, but we know that if we are going to change Washington, we have to change the people that we send to Washington,” said Lt. Gov. Barnes.

“That work starts today, because when I hear them read about the history of our state and Native Americans, I learn about resistance, and when I look around today I see resilience, and I also see the power of the people to elect a senator that supports and respects tribal sovereignty and one that takes pride in celebrating history and power of the Native American community. We have so much more to be proud of, but we also have so much hardships, but through all these struggles, I promise you I will fight for you in Washington.”

In 2020 the Native vote made a huge impact during election time. Despite the challenges faced during COVID-19, the Indian Country was engaged in local and national voting as evidence shows that voting for Native Americans in 2020 was the highest it has ever been.

Data analyzed by NCAI (National Congress of American Indians) showed that American Indians and Alaskan Native voting age population percentage in 7 states was larger than the voting margin that determined the winner, meaning Native people’s voice had a huge role in determining those elections.

This trend will continue to grow, as Native American population is one of the youngest and fastest growing populations in the country. “We not only go to the polls for our future, but to respect our past. Our ancestors fought long and hard for Native people to vote. When we go to the polls and voice our opinions, we honor those who came before and made sacrifices, so we could determine our own futures.” said Larry Wright Jr, Executive director for NCAI.

“Every vote counts, every Native vote counts, and every Native vote matters.”

New PFAS Fish Consumption Advisories Issued For Castle Rock Lake and Lake Mohawkson
Elevated Levels Of PFAS Found In Several Fish Species

MADISON, Wis. - The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the Department of Health Services (DHS) today announced new consumption advisories for several fish species in Castle Rock Lake and Lake Mohawksin, both of which are segments of the Wisconsin River, following results of fish sampling.

Elevated levels of PFAS (perfluoroalkyl substances), a type of PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances), were detected in several fish species sampled from both Castle Rock Lake and Lake Mohawksin in March and April 2021, respectively. As a result, the DNR and DHS recommended the following consumption guidelines for anyone harvesting fish from those waterbodies:

CASTLE ROCK LAKE (Adams/Junee Counties): Advisory is from the Petenwell Flowage Dam to the Castle Rock Lake Dam.

LAKE MOHAWKSIN (Lincoln County): Advisory begins at the Lake Alia-Keene Dam, the Jenny City Flowage Dam and the confluence of the Little Somo River and the Somo River. From those points, this advisory applies downstream to Pride Dam at the Tomahawk Mill.

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The general/statewide consumption advice is from the Petenwell Flowage Dam to the Castle Rock Lake Dam.

The general/statewide consumption advice for women <15 and children is 1 meal/week for pike and 1 meal/month for all other species. For women 15+ and men, the general/statewide consumption advice is 1 meal/week for all species except for pike, which are unrestricted.

PFAS are a group of human-made chemicals that have been used for decades in various products, such as non-stick cookware, fire fighting foams, stain-resistant sprays and certain types of firefighting foams that have made their way into the environment.

Health risks may increase when high levels of PFAS are consumed. These can include increased cholesterol levels, decreased immune response, and decreased fertility in women, among other health effects. More information is available on the DHS website.

Following fish consumption advisories will help protect you from consuming excess PFOS, Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and mercury.

There are consumption advisories already in place for various stretches of the Wisconsin River. A complete list of up-to-date consumption advisories can be found on the DNR’s Choose Wisely booklet.

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President Biden and Democrats are delivering for Tribal communities across the country:

- Making historic Tribal investments in Native language preservation, health care, broadband access, and more.
- Appointing and confirming the first ever Native American Cabinet Secretary, Deb Haaland.
- Making Tribal concerns a priority by taking action to address the crisis of missing and murdered indigenous women, strengthening climate resilience, and supporting sustainability.

And Democrats are fighting for more, but they need your help.

Native voters can help keep the momentum going this November by voting for Democrats up and down the ballot.

Make a plan to VOTE this November at IWILLVOTE.com or call our national voter information hotline at (833) 336-8683.
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC
Rep. Shelby Visintin -VC
Rep. Darren Brinegar
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
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Rep. Conroy Greendeer
Rep. George Stacy-EX
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Vice President Karena Thundercloud
(10:06 a.m.)
President Marlon White Eagle-VC
Roll Call:
a.m.
the meeting to order at 10:02
Karena Thundercloud called
Vice President
Call to Order:
October 28, 2022
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
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Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at
10:03 a.m.
Opening Prayer: Rep. Paul
Fox offered a word of prayer
Approval of Agenda:
MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox
to approve the agenda as
Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.
Approval of Previous
Meeting Minutes:
President Marlon White Eagle
arrives to the meeting via
video conference at 10:06 a.m.
Legislative Meeting-
September 20, 2022
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie
Begay to approve the
September 20, 2022 Legislative
Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by
Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0
MOTION CARRIED. Rep.
Conroy Greendeer, Jr. out
of the room during the vote.
Special Legislative Meeting-
September 27, 2022
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie
Begay to approve the
September 27, 2022 Special
Legislative Meeting minutes
with corrections. Second by
Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0
MOTION CARRIED. Rep.
Conroy Greendeer, Jr. out
of the room during the vote.
Commission Reports:
Finance Commission-
September 28, 2022
MOTION by Rep. Darren
Brinegar to approve the
September 28, 2022 Finance
Commission Meeting minutes
with corrections. Second by
Rep. Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED
to STRIKE the motion for APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA. South by Rep. Paul Fox.
MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Approval of True
Increase to Resolution 06-20-
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Equipment
MOTION by Rep. Darren
Brinegar to adopt Resolution
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Increase to Resolution 06-20-
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Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Approval of True
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Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-
2023 for Whittetall Crossing
Guest Loyalty Program
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to adopt
Resolution10-04-22 C, Approval of True Increase
to Resolution 06-20-22 C Adoption of Ho-Chunk
Nation Enterprises Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-
12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Transfer of
Funds to the Disability Code
Restricted Account
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to adopt
Resolution 10-04-22 D, Transfer of Funds to the
Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.
Veteran’s Golf Committee
Funding Request
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to approve
$8,000 through
Charitable Contributions
for the Veteran’s Golf Committee
Funding Request. Second by Rep.
Phyllis Smoke, 9-0-3
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.,
Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna
Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.
Higher Education Budget
Modification
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to approve
Higher Education Budget
Danielle DeLong, 11-0-0
(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.,
Brianna Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.
Reports:
Tribal Enrollment Numbers
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie
Begay to accept the Tribal
Enrollment Numbers report.
Second by Rep. Sarah
Lemieux. 12-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.
Ho-Chunk Transportation
Authority
Brett Blackdeer was present
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Upcoming Events:
Milkweed Soup Cooking Demo +
Sampling Celebration
Oct 29, 11:30AM-12:30PM | Meadowridge Library
Multigenerational Beading Workshop
Nov 5, 1-2:30PM | Hawthorne Library
ONLINE - Remembering Wazhask: Indigenous Birth and Traditional Parenting
Nov 9, 7-8PM | VIRTUAL

Monona's Street Art Scene
Nov 12, 1-2PM
Handel Automotive (5705 Monona Dr)
Registration Required. Register online: madpl.org/teejopandbeyond

Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations of the Great Lakes
OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2022
Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (Four Lakes, or Madison). Native presenters from different nations will lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 10-04-22 B, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-20-
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Resolution-Approval of True
Increase to Resolution 06-20-
22 C Adoption of Ho-Chunk
Nation Enterprises Budget
Bill for Fiscal Year 2022-
2023 for Whittetall Crossing - Guest Loyalty Program
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to adopt
Resolution10-04-22 C, Approval of True Increase
to Resolution 06-20-22 C Adoption of Ho-Chunk
MOTION CARRIED.
Resolution-Transfer of
Funds to the Disability Code
Restricted Account
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to adopt
Resolution 10-04-22 D, Transfer of Funds to the
Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.

Veteran’s Golf Committee
Funding Request
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to approve
$8,000 through
Charitable Contributions
for the Veteran’s Golf Committee
Funding Request. Second by Rep.
Phyllis Smoke, 9-0-3
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.,
Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna
Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.
Higher Education Budget
Modification
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to approve
Higher Education Budget
Danielle DeLong, 9-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) -
4(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.,
Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna
Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.
Reports:
Tribal Enrollment Numbers
MOTION by Rep. Stephanie
Begay to accept the Tribal
Enrollment Numbers report.
Second by Rep. Sarah
Lemieux. 12-0-0
MOTION CARRIED.
Ho-Chunk Transportation
Authority
Brett Blackdeer was present
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Higher Education Budget
Modification
MOTION by Vice President
Karena Thundercloud to approve
Higher Education Budget
Danielle DeLong, 11-0-0
(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.,
Brianna Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.
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MOTION CARRIED.
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Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration
Executive Director of Administration Mark Leonard was present via video conference and updated on the USDA Rural Placement Innovation Challenge Grant that was awarded for Broadband planning coordination with Jackpot County municipalities. A written report was received.

Department of Health
Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference, there was no further update. A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance
Human Resource Manager Jim Brinegar was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report will be forwarded.

Department of Social Services
Executive Director of Social Services Rosella Stanley was present via video conference and gave an update. There have been meetings regarding the Disability Code and there is a need of some guidance from the Legislature as far as funding. Ms. Stanley will make sure to include the Legislators are invited to the meetings. A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:
COVID-19 Executive Branch Update

Department of Health
Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present via video conference and gave a brief update:

• The State of Wisconsin is switching to antigen testing only, the results are not report- ed to the State. This means there will be a decrease in CO-VID numbers shown on the data.

• Due to a Federal change, ef-fective immediately the De-partment of Health will no longer run rapid tests on people who do not have symptoms.

• Omicron booster for 5-11 year olds will be ready in about a month.

• The Incident Command Sys-tem is closed, which means Health can handle the COVID response within the clinic.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to request the Executive Director of Health to send a monthly written report, and the COVID-19 Executive Branch Update will be strick from the agenda. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.


Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Village Lift Station Controls Upgrade. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Chee South Property #439 T 104 for Jeffrey Goodbear and Sequoia Garvin.


Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for the Wisconsin Emergency Management Performance Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Blue Wing Infiltration and Inflow Reduction

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 11-04-22 L, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Blue Wing Infiltration and Inflow Reduction. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Chee South Property #439 T 2095 for Jeffrey Goodbear and Sequoia Garvin.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 11-04-22 M, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Health Service for Sanitary Facilities Project Funding for Ho-Chunk Chee South Property #439 T 2095 for Jeffrey Goodbear and Sequoia Garvin. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.
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Resolution-Confirmation of Lucinda Lonetree as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chinka Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member


MOTION RESCINDED.

Rep. Stephanie Begay would like to get clarification on the by-laws of HICDCA.

Resolution-Confirmation of Lucinda Lonetree as District 2 Sauk County Ho-Chinka Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member in accordance with HICDCA by-laws, Second by Rep. Kelcey Stacy. 

The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-0. 

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Per-Capita Declaration for November 1, 2022


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Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call: President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX
Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX
Rep. Lauren Brinegar-VC (10:01 a.m.)
Rep. Shelby Vissin-E-VC
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-EX
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
Rep. Brianna Tahooshinapah-VC

Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.


Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy provided a update on the review of the Tribal Executive that has been reviewed by the National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC), and their subsequent recommendations. NIGC’s deadline for review is October 25, 2022. The Legislature has made those edits and also heard from the Ho-Chinka Nation Gaming Commission regarding some minor edits they suggested. A resolution for quick passage is presented due to the timeliness and urgency of this matter.

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Closing Prayer: Rep. Brianna Tahooshinapah called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

Call to Order: Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Law, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session at 1:05 p.m. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:05 p.m.


Resolution-Renouncing Reckless Endangerment of Youth by Vigilante Baraboo High School Staff and Citizens

Rep. Stephanie Begay gave an overview of the incident that occurred in Baraboo during last week’s Homecoming weekend. Four of the five men in a car were of color, one of which was a Ho-Chinka Tribal Member that attended the Baraboo school. It had been reported to police that one adult had a flamethrower. The three men used threatening behavior that the children had to endure. One of the adults involved was a High School Athletic Director. As a Nation, we should show support to this situation. Rep. White Eagle and Rep. Greendeer, Jr. issued a statement and it has been published in the news.

A discussion regarding the incident in Baraboo, and other incidents of racism that students have to endure within the Baraboo School District. It was mentioned that some other school districts that mistreat the students as well.

Rep. Darren Brinegar mentioned he will be voting against this resolution, as this further discussion of this resolution with legal in executive session. Rep. Brinegar does not agree that what happened but the Legislature needs to be more concise with the actions and statements of this resolution.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 10-12-22 D. Resolution-Confirmation of Laurette Pettine to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business

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The meeting moved to Open Session at 3:48 p.m.


Rep. Sarah Lemieux and Rep. Brianna Tahooshinapah were not on the call during the vote.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 18, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux and Rep. Brianna Tahooshinapah were not on the call during the vote.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda:


Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chinka Nation Gaming Ordinance Pursuant to NIGC Recommendations

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to amend the initial request made to the NIGC for review and approval of the Ho-Chinka Nation Gaming Ordinance amendments adopted July 12, 2022, and to submit a new request to the NIGC to review and approve the updated amendments, and to authorize the Vice President to execute any necessary documentation in this regard. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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

No Executive Session was held.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

The meeting moved to Open Session at 3:48 p.m.


Rep. Sarah Lemieux and Rep. Brianna Tahooshinapah were not on the call during the vote.

Adjournment:
Free donuts & coffee! 8TH ANNUAL
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