



Medal Standings & Team Wisconsin Final Placings

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# Team Wisconsin Brings Home 56 Medals from the 2023 North American Indigenous Games

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Editor

The 2023 North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) was held in Halifax, Nova Scotia, July 15-23, and gathered more than 5,000 athletes, coaches, and team staff from approximately 756 Indigenous Nations. Team Wisconsin returned home with 21 gold medals, 18 silver medals, and 17 bronze medals.

The NAIG hosted competition in 16 sports, 3D archery, athletics, badminton, baseball, basketball, beach volleyball, canoe, kayak, golf, box lacrosse, rifle shooting, soccer, softball, swimming, volleyball, and wrestling.

Team Wisconsin's athletes hailed from Bad River, Bay Mills (Ojibwe), Chippewa, Forrest County Potawatomi, Ho-Chunk Nation, Isaniti Dakota, Lad du Flambeau, Menominee, Oneida, Potawatomi, Red Cliff, Red Lake, Sioux, Stockbridge, Three Affiliated Tribes,

and Winnebago.

Some of the Ho-Chunk Nation athletes and coaches shared their experience.

Wilbur Blackdeer, the silver medal 19U 3D archery winner, expressed, "I had a really fun experience and met a lot of new people. I'd like to thank my dad Greg Blackdeer and Perry Carrimon, for setting up ranges for me and allowing me to shoot my bow and teaching me how to shoot. Also, thank you to everyone who supported me. Last, but not least, thank you to my coach Georgianna LaMere for going to Canada and making it a nice and smooth experience."

Alex Stacy said, "My name is Hunchinuk and I am a 14 year old golfer. I competed on Team Wisconsin for 16U girls' golf, (I am) one of the youngest competitors on our team. NAIG was an amazing experience and we should bring back trading with each other. At the games  
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## Ho-Chunk Nation Continues the Process of Revitalizing its Language

Kaili Berg

The Ho-Chunk Nation conducted a Recording and Review Collection, which is the next step in the process of preserving a language after its initial Rapid Word Collection, when thousands of words are collected from Elder speakers on July 18.

The multi-step process is vital to maintaining the growing and living nature

of a language which will then be turned into dictionaries, e-learning platforms, and other time-critical language materials.

The Ho-Chunk Language Division and The Language Conservancy (TLC) partnership will work with the Ho-Chunk Eminent Speakers to record high quality audio with diversity in generation, gender,  
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we traded team items such as hats, outfits, and pins and met many new friends. I want to thank my coaches Arielle and Justin for the many positive experiences, growth and encouragement they gave me throughout the games. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation and the fundraisers for making this possible for me.”

Valin Ramberg, 16U basketball male team, expressed, “Indigenous Games was a wonderful experience, the team chemistry and overall teamwork throughout the games made this trip memorable. I would just like to thank my teammates and new friends, along with the Coaches Leland Bird and Bryce Funmaker for pushing us to win the gold medal. Also

to everyone that supported our trip, I would like to say Thank you!”

Jaeleigh Blackdeer, 16U volleyball female team, mentioned, “Thank you to my parents, coaches, chaperones and managers for the support. I am very grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for sponsoring this event.

“I had an unforgettable experience while playing at NAIG. I met a lot of great people and made amazing memories. I had such a great time while in Canada. I encourage every athlete to try out and play their sport. Anything can happen.”

Coach Ryan Crain for the 14U Basketball Female team, who took home the silver medal, said, “These young  
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**2023 North American Indigenous Games**

| MEDAL STANDINGS            |      |        |        |       |
|----------------------------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| Delegation                 | Gold | Silver | Bronze | Total |
| Saskatchewan               | 50   | 64     | 65     | 176   |
| British Columbia           | 53   | 62     | 44     | 159   |
| Ontario                    | 55   | 37     | 36     | 128   |
| Alberta                    | 27   | 28     | 27     | 82    |
| Manitoba                   | 32   | 19     | 18     | 69    |
| Eastern Door and the North | 17   | 24     | 22     | 63    |
| Wisconsin                  | 21   | 18     | 17     | 56    |
| New Mexico                 | 19   | 15     | 18     | 52    |
| Newfoundland & Labrador    | 10   | 13     | 17     | 40    |
| Yukon                      | 19   | 10     | 9      | 38    |
| Nova Scotia                | 14   | 10     | 11     | 35    |
| New Brunswick              | 4    | 5      | 8      | 17    |
| Northwest Territories      | 1    | 2      | 9      | 12    |
| Nunavut                    | 2    | 2      | 5      | 9     |
| Prince Edward Island       | 3    | 2      | 3      | 8     |
| Haudenosaunee              | 1    | 4      | 0      | 5     |
| California                 | 0    | 0      | 5      | 5     |
| Minnesota                  | 0    | 2      | 1      | 3     |
| Maine                      | 0    | 1      | 1      | 2     |
| Colorado                   | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0     |
| Connecticut                | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0     |
| Michigan                   | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0     |
| Washington                 | 0    | 0      | 0      | 0     |



**Team Wisconsin Final Placings**

| GOLD    |  |                         |
|---------|--|-------------------------|
| Date    | Event                                      | Name                    |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics 100m 19U Female                  | Asalia Williams         |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics 100m 19U Male                    | Ali Davenport           |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics Shot Put 16U Female              | America Cackowski       |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics Discus 19U Female                | Seneca Cloud Funmaker   |
| 7/18/23 | Wrestling 231.5 lbs. Female                | Madison Burns           |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics 400 m 19U Female                 | Asalia Williams         |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics Discus 16U Female                | America Cackowski       |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Freestyle 19U Female          | Abishea Winnicki        |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200m Freestyle 19U Female         | Abishea Winnicki        |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200m Individual Medley 19U Female | Abishea Winnicki        |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 176.4 lbs. Male                  | Donovan Vigue           |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 198.4 lbs. Male                  | Leonard Chosa           |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 253.5 lbs. Male                  | Gunnar Crowe            |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 200m 19U Female                  | Asalia Williams         |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 200m 19U Male                    | Ali Davenport           |
| 7/20/23 | Golf 16U Female                            | Emma Adeline Cunningham |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Freestyle 19U Female         | Abishea Winnicki        |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Backstroke 19U Female        | Abishea Winnicki        |
| 7/22/23 | Basketball 14U Male                        | Wisconsin               |
| 7/22/23 | Basketball 16U Male                        | Wisconsin               |
| 7/22/23 | Volleyball 16U Female                      | Wisconsin               |

| SILVER  |  |                                 |
|---------|--|---------------------------------|
| Date    | Event                                      | Name                            |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics Long Jump 19U Male               | Ali Davenport                   |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics 300m 16U Male                    | Ethan Gonzalez                  |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics 1200m 16U Male                   | Cree Simon Defoe                |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics 4x100m Relay 19U Male            | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Freestyle 14U Female          | Kennadi Vandenheuvel            |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 4x100m Freestyle Relay 19U Female | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 114.6 lbs. Male                  | Ryker Shingchek                 |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 145.5 lbs. Male                  | Elias Glinski                   |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 154.3 lbs. Female                | Tiani Evelynnebea Rose Lemieux  |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 198.4 lbs. Male                  | Wakaluhya'ta'ko Smith           |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 220.5 lbs. Male                  | Landon Saglin                   |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 200m 16U Male                    | Ethan Gonzalez                  |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 4x50m Freestyle Relay 19U Female  | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/21/23 | 3D Archery Compound 19U Male               | Wilbur Charles George Blackdeer |
| 7/21/23 | Baseball 19U Mix                           | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/22/23 | Basketball 14U Female                      | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/22/23 | Basketball 16U Female                      | Wisconsin                       |
| 7/22/23 | Volleyball 19U Female                      | Wisconsin                       |

| BRONZE  |   |                    |
|---------|---|--------------------|
| Date    | Event                                       | Name               |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics Discus 19U Male                   | Asenex Turney      |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Butterfly 14U Female           | Reese Vandenheuvel |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 100m Butterfly 19U Female          | Izzi Zablocki      |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200 M Individual Medley 14U Female | Reese Vandenheuvel |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 127.9 lbs. Male                   | Brexden Kane       |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 145.5 lbs. Male                   | Gregory Turney III |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 163.1 lbs. Male                   | Jerome Labarge     |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 176.4 lbs. Male                   | Devlin Vele        |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 220.5 lbs. Male                   | Wahkeenyah Waukau  |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 286.6 lbs. Male                   | Esaube Brown       |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 2000m 16U Male                    | Cree Simon Defoe   |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 4x400m Relay 19U Male             | Wisconsin          |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Breaststroke 14U Female       | Reese Vandenheuvel |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Breaststroke 19U Female       | Abishea Winnicki   |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 200m Butterfly 19Y Female          | Izzi Zablocki      |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 4x50M Medley Relay 19U Female      | Wisconsin          |
| 7/22/23 | Basketball 19U Female                       | Wisconsin          |







**Oliver Thorp Cleveland**

Black River Falls High School  
 Parents: Silas Cleveland, Sr. & Michelle Greendeer-Rave and Lance Rave  
 Oliver will be attending UW-La Crosse Business School. He has also been recruited to play NCAA College Football.

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 ladies were able to show perseverance in the face of adversity. They did an amazing job representing Bad River, Menominee, Oneida, Ho-Chunk, and all of Wisconsin. They were one of the shortest and smallest teams in the field, but they didn't use it as an excuse. There were many bumps and bruises, but they never let it slow them down. In the semifinal game they were down by 8 in the fourth

quarter but never gave up and forced overtime. Then they were down by 7 with 2 minutes left in overtime and came back to win by 10. They earned the silver medal by never giving up. Every indigenous community should be proud of these young ladies. They are smart, funny, hardworking, and have the brightest of futures. Remember these names because they will be future leaders in our communities, Olivia Pyawasay, Haley

Heath, Dacey Webster, Adrian Beaulieu-Morgan, Kalista Blackowl, Enique Blackowl, Harmonystar Walker, and Kendra Bigboy-Piehl."  
 Donovan Vigue explained, "I am currently 18 years old. I have been actively competing in the sport of wrestling since the age of 6. I live in Bonduel Wisconsin where I competed at the varsity level, and what inspired me to compete in this was being knocked down  
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**Sep 2023**

| SUN | MON                        | TUES               | WED                            | THURS                                | FRI                            | SAT |
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|     |                            |                    |                                |                                      | 1                              | 2   |
| 3   | 4                          | 5                  | 6                              | 7                                    | 8                              | 9   |
| 10  | Augusta/Fairchild          | Merrill/Hatfield   | Nellsville/Dells Dam           | BRF/Brockway/Maplewood               | Tomah/Catarac Blue Wing        | 16  |
| 17  | Bangor/Onalaska La Crosse  | New Lisbon/Mauston | Indian Heights/WI Dells/Lyndon | Christmas Mountain Baraboo/Reedsburg | WI Rapids/Nekoosa Chak Ha Chee | 23  |
| 24  | Wittenberg Potch Chee Nunk |                    |                                |                                      |                                | 30  |

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**August Elders Birthdays**

|                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Gary Climer               | 17 Alana De Cora-Ayesh   |
| 2 John Edwards              | Coleen Finn              |
| Peter Mallory               | Cheryl Nichol            |
| Greg Whitehorse             | Kathleen Schladt         |
| 3 Darryl Berefsky           | 18 Jeanette Decorah      |
| Donna Bryant                | Charles Fee, Sr.         |
| Georgette Garvin            | 19 Louis Costello        |
| 4 Thomas Eades              | Edward Gleason           |
| Winona Mann                 | Celeste Goff             |
| 5 Brenda Bruce              | Scott Murkve             |
| Kevin Towns                 | Brenda Owen              |
| 6 Paul Cloud                | 20 Todd Cloud            |
| Martin Funmaker             | Brenda Neff              |
| Martina Littlewolf          | Jouita Orozco            |
| Muriel Whiteagle-Lee        | Jeffrey Schmitz          |
| 7 Karen Martin              | 21 Charles Hopinkah, Sr. |
| Mary Thundercloud-Eary      | 22 Maria Baldwin         |
| 8 Vicki Johnson             | William Kirkwood         |
| 9 Gary Whitehorse           | Thomas Leonard           |
| 10 Daryl De Cora            | Quentin Thundercloud     |
| Kymberlee Elmgreen          | 23 Grace Brockhaus       |
| Rowland Rave                | William Browne           |
| Alberta Starnes             | Glenda Casteel           |
| Sherry Wilson               | Sherry Dalton            |
| Connie Winneshiek           | Roger Littlegeorge       |
| Esther Young Thunder        | Donna Martin             |
| 11 James Beverly            | 24 Dave Davis            |
| Selina Joshua               | Richard Mann             |
| Audrey Lewis                | Lenore Sweet             |
| Robert Tipton               | 25 David Deere           |
| 12 Brian Doxtator           | Fredrich Leonard         |
| George Greendeer            | Deborah Palonis          |
| Dean Turner                 | Connie Radtke            |
| Russell Weise               | Jeffrey Smith            |
| 13 Wayne Cooper             | Kenneth Whitewater       |
| Joann Guzman                | 26 Sharon Prusia         |
| Denis Rockman               | Rodney Thundercloud      |
| Beverly Spade               | 27 Darlene Denny         |
| Tracy Thundercloud          | Jeffrey Harrison         |
| 14 Howard Bell              | Annette Pidgeon          |
| Vicki Browneagle            | 28 Frederick Kingswan    |
| Rose Contreras              | Dana Kinser              |
| Brenda Peotter              | Warren Towns             |
| 15 Leslie Brown             | Herman Whiterabbit, Jr.  |
| Gladys Ebata                | 29 Linda Lebeck          |
| James Wabshoggin            | Gordon Thunder           |
| 16 Walter Lemieux, Jr.      | 30 Joanne Whiterabbit    |
| Victoria Stacy-Good Thunder | 31 Kimberly Helgerson    |
| Joseph White, Jr.           | George Lonetree          |
|                             | Joseph Lonetree          |

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again with another knee surgery and wanting to bounce back again even better. It was an amazing experience and meant more than words can explain. Thank you!”

Coach Leland Bird for the 16U basketball male team, who won the gold medal, shared, “The boys set a goal a year ago and they achieved it. They worked hard and played great as team. We are proud of them all.”

Lilliani Big Eagle, the setter for 16U

volleyball female team, said, “My Lakota name is Tatanka Ska Wij.

“I have been playing Volleyball since 9 years old. I started playing my first two years with “One Wisconsin” Volleyball club in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The years after that I have been playing with “FC Elite” Volleyball Club in Menasha, Wisconsin ever since.

“I was inspired to try out for Team Wisconsin after hearing my mother’s stories about her

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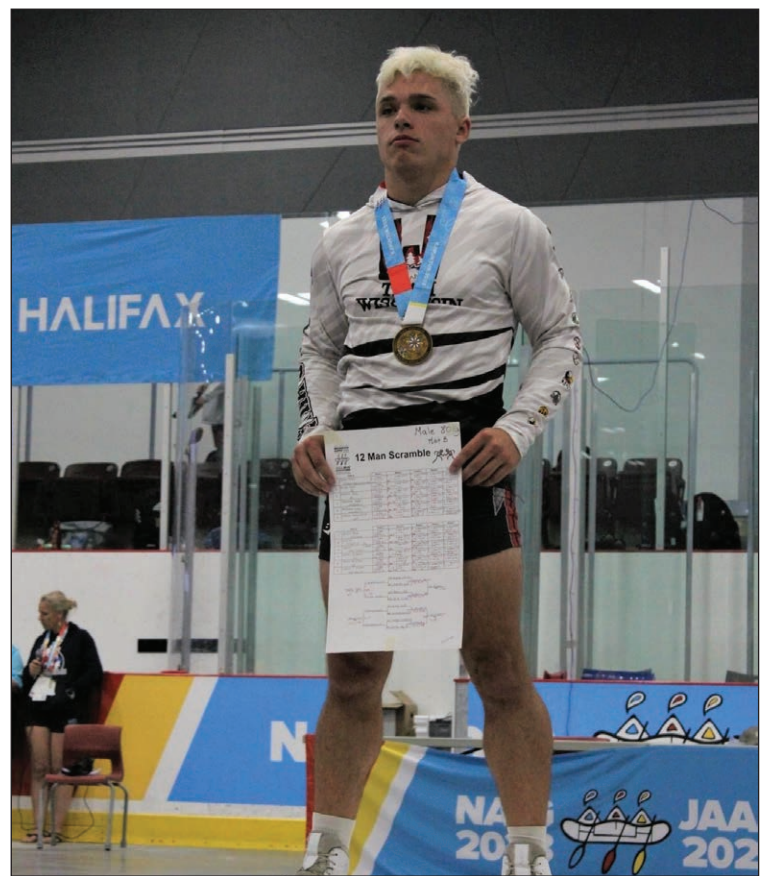


**Team Wisconsin Final Placings (cont'd)**

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|---------|--|-----------------------|
| Date    | Event                                  | Name                  |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics 100m 16U Male                | Ethan Gonzalez        |
| 7/18/23 | Athletics 800m 16U Male                | Cree Simon Defoe      |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Freestyle 19U Female      | Allison Girioux       |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200m Breaststroke 14 U Female | Kennadi Vandenheuvel  |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 100m Butterfly 14U Female     | Reese Vandenheuvel    |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics Shot Put 19U Female          | Seneca Cloud Funmaker |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics Shot Put 19U Male            | Asenex Turney         |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 4x400m Relay 14U Male        | Wisconsin             |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics 4x400m Relay 16U Female      | Wisconsin             |

| 5       |                                       |                      |
|---------|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Date    | Event                                 | Name                 |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics High Jump 19U Male          | Michael Miles, Jr.   |
| 7/19/23 | Athletics 4x100m Relay 14U Male       | Wisconsin            |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200m Freestyle 19U Female    | Allison Girioux      |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Backstroke 19U Female    | Kennadi Vandenheuvel |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 50m Backstroke 19U Female    | Allison Girioux      |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 167.5 lbs. Female           | Matilda Burns        |
| 7/19/23 | Wrestling 253 lbs. Male               | Ethan Thorbahn       |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Freestyle 19U Female    | Allison Girioux      |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Breaststroke 14U Female | Kennadi Vandenheuvel |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Breaststroke 19U Female | Allison Girioux      |
| 7/22/23 | Softball 16U Female                   | Wisconsin            |

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|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Date    | Event                                 | Name               |
| 7/19/23 | Swimming 200M Breaststroke 19U Female | Izzi Zablocki      |
| 7/20/23 | Athletics High Jump 16U Male          | Naataanii Powless  |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Freestyle 14U Female    | Reese Vandenheuvel |
| 7/20/23 | Swimming 100m Breaststroke 19U Female | Izzi Zablocki      |
| 7/22/23 | Softball 19U Female                   | Wisconsin          |





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 experience playing Volleyball in the Indigenous Games when she was younger. I missed the first tryouts for Team Wisconsin because I was hesitant in thinking I wouldn't make the team, but after talking with my parents I felt confident and comfortable enough to tryout in making the team.  
 "Being in Halifax, Nova Scotia meeting other tribes was very overwhelming in a good way. I had so much fun on and off the court with other athletes from other tribes. I loved representing my nations and felt very blessed in winning the gold with my teammates and my two amazing Coaches.

"Every game was fun and competitive, especially the finals match against Manitoba.  
 "I love playing Volleyball, it's an amazing sport. I love hitting and setting the ball every day. Growing up, that's all I have ever been around watching my mother and all my aunties always playing volleyball. I don't know where I would be if I wasn't playing the game.  
 "Wajiniginap šana wi,  
 "Wopila Tan̄ka,  
 "Thank you!"  
 The 2027 Games will be hosted by Calgary, Alberta!

**All NAIG photos contributed.**





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In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act  
Ho-Chunk Member, FAWN SMITH, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent  
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Ho-Chunk Member, Nicole Thunder, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent  
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And more particularly described as: Lot 7 of Joe Wolf Tract # 439 T 104 located in the  
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Duties and Obligations of Election Board.

- (1) Duties. The Election Board shall:
  - (a) Conduct all General and Special Elections in a fair and impartial manner.
  - (b) Carry out their duties consistent with the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC §1), as Public Officials.
  - (c) Carry out their duties consistent with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act (2 HCC §2).
  - (d) Determine, pursuant to Section 14, whether or not the General or Special Election shall be conducted by Mail Balloting or be held at polling places.
  - (e) Ensure that all candidates meet the qualifications for office and/or verify that all documents to be true and accurate. Prior to an Election, the Election Board shall hold a meeting to certify that all candidates meet the qualifications for office and/or verify that all documents to be true and accurate. Background checks shall be done by the Ho-Chunk Nation Compliance Department or its designee.
  - (f) The Election Board shall determine whether each candidate for elective office meets the appropriate qualifications listed in the Constitution and any other qualifications required under the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation, including Section 8, subparagraph d., below, and the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1).
  - (g) Background checks conducted to determine if a candidate meets these qualifications for office shall be made available and seen by all Election Board Members prior to the Election Board making the determination as to whether or not the candidate meets these qualifications for office. Background checks shall all be submitted at the same time to the Election Board for review prior to certification. Unless precluded by something beyond its control, the Election Board shall make the decision regarding certification of candidates at the same time for all candidates.
  - (h) After the Election Board makes the determination as to whether or not the candidate meets the qualifications for office, the background check will be immediately returned to the Election Board office. The Election Board office shall make a record of which Election Board Members viewed the background checks and when they returned it to the Election Board office. The Election Board office shall then maintain the background checks in a secure location until all potential legal challenges to the determination have been exhausted.
  - (i) Ensure that the election runs smoothly and that order is maintained at all times, including at Election Board Meetings and at all other Election Board activities.
  - (j) Ensure the safe keeping of all Official Ballots including Absentee Ballots. Except if the Election Board determines to conduct the election by Mail Balloting the Election Board office staff will process new envelopes for Absentee Ballots for every election. After each election, the Election Board office staff will shred all unused Absentee Ballots and envelopes.
  - (k) Prepare and approve all Official Ballots including, if necessary, Absentee Ballots. No Ballots will be changed without approval from the Election Board

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
(Live and/or Web Ex Connect\*)

Ho-Chunk Nation Land Development Team

HEARING DATE: August 14, 2023  
HEARING TIME: 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.  
HEARING LOCATION: Tomah Community Center 430 Julie Street Tomah  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: Land Development Team  
DECISION MAKING AUTHORITY: Land Development Team  
STAFF CONTACT: Loa Porter (715) 284-9343 Ext. 11280  
APPLICATION/DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSAL: Rezone site from R-1 to R-2 for multi-family facility  
LOCATION OF PROPOSAL/REQUEST: 28532 HWY-21 Tomah WI 54660. SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of section 18, township 18 North, Range 1 East of the 4<sup>th</sup> PM, Town of Byron, Monroe County, WI  
APPLICANT: Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing  
APPROVAL CRITERIA: Ho-Chunk Nation Zoning and Land Use Ordinance 8 HHC § 4  
HEARING POLICIES AND APPEALS: the Land Development Team will conduct the hearing pursuant to 8 HHC § 4. All interested persons may testify at the public hearing and may submit written comments and documents before or at the hearing. All hearings are conducted in facilities that are accessible to persons with physical disabilities.  
STAFF REPORT AND INSPECTION OF FILE: A staff report will be available for inspection seven (7) calendar days before the hearing. The staff report and application file may be inspected at the Ho-Chunk Nation Planning Office, W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI. 54615; between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.; Monday-Friday. Copies of documents are available for purchase. Questions or public comments can be directed to the staff contact.  
NOTICE: Individuals planning to attend the meeting who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the staff contact as soon as possible for arrangements.  
  
\*Please contact [Loa.Porter@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Loa.Porter@ho-chunk.com) or call 715-284-9343 Ext. 11280 for WebEx information.

Notice of Filling a Vacancy and Deadline  
For Districts 2 & 3  
Election Board Delegate and Alternate

| Districts      | Delegate | Alternate |
|----------------|----------|-----------|
| Lacrosse – D 2 | 1        |           |
| Madison – D 3  |          | 1         |

TERMS: All District nominations for Election Board Members and Alternate Election Board Members will be subject to confirmation by the Legislature.

All Election Board Members shall serve terms of two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

La Crosse terms ends December 2023 (Filling a vacancy).  
Madison terms ends December 2024 (Filling a vacancy).

**NOMINATIONS: One (1) Election Board Delegate - Lacrosse and One (1) Alternate – Madison to represent for each District must be voted upon during your District’s monthly meeting in August 2023.**

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, August 31, 2023

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

Posted 7/17/23



HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING NOTICE  
AUGUST 11, 2023  
9:00 A.M.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center  
Eileen Decorah Room  
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615





SUMMONS & SUBPOENA (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Jasmine Domenget, Petitioner, v. Alec Lopez, Respondent.

Case No.: CPL 23-04

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED: Alec Lopez

You are hereby informed that you have been named the respondent in the above-entitled child custody action. This legal notice of the Petition for Custody and Placement is now served upon you by publication.

The Court shall commence an Initial Child Custody Hearing at 10:00 a.m. CDT on the 14th day of September, 2023. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying Certificate of Service to the presiding judge.

NOTICE - VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.'

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act Ho-Chunk Member, CHRISTOPHER BADBOY, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: N1062 JOHNSON AVE WIS DELLS, WI 53965

Any objections must be filed in person at Executive Office Building / W9814 Airport Road or received by mail at:

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division Attn: Register of Deeds P.O. Box 310 Black River Falls, WI 54615 Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before AUGUST 30, 2023

Absent any objections the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds shall issue Title for the above described Permanent Improvements to the named individual(s) within 10 days following the deadline.

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Lucinda Vivian Littlesoldier

DOD: 3/18/2023

Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 23-05

For Official Use

FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

JUL 13 2023 Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

- 1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 2. The decedent, with date of birth February 16, 1949 and date of death March 18, 2023 was domiciled in Sauk County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of S1075 Winneshiek Street, Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin 53965

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

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date.

Mary Thunder Clerk of Court Name Printed or Typed 7/19/23 Date

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Phillip A. Brownwood

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 2207

For Official Use

FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

MAY 15 2023

Mary Thunder Clerk of Court / Assistant

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF Phillip A. Brownwood A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Andrew Sporn, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is August 25, 2023.

Mary Thunder Clerk of Court Name Printed or Typed 5/15/23 Date

Form completed by (Name) Address Telephone Bar Number (if any)

4TH ANNUAL Big Virtual Latch On Event

JOIN US WEDNESDAY AUGUST 9TH, 2023 FOR OUR 4TH ANNUAL LATCH ON EVENT!

EMBRACING SACRED ROOTS

Please send your favorite nursing picture and/or your breastfeeding story to nativebfcoalition@glitc.org or via Native Breastfeeding Coalition of Wisconsin on Facebook.

Exclusive pumpers, milk donators, fathers, partners and other supporters are invited to post their pictures or stories.



We are here to protect, promote and support breastfeeding in our Native American Communities, one latch at a time.

Continued from Page 1 inflection, and life experience. Approximately 500-600 recordings of both words and sentences are expected to be collected for the upcoming Hoocak Woiperes application, so the language can be shared for generations to come.

We have had them speaking it into the dictionary and now we're using those tools in order to get towards youth. They're going to be on their phone so they can have an app on their phone," Casey Brown, Public Relations Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation said.



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PRESENTS:

### WITTENBERG COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

THURSDAY AUGUST 31, 2023  
9AM-2PM

**Siga Funmaker  
Community Center**

**Enjoy booths from:**  
Ho-Chunk Nation Health Divisions  
NARCAN TRAINING  
Shawano County Public Health  
First Nations Financial  
Domestic Abuse Division  
Health First Network  
Judicare  
Wittenberg Public Library  
QPR TRAINING  
and MANY more!

Free event for tribal members and employees

Created 4.18.2023 RM

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health  
Ho-Chunk Nation Breastfeeding Coalition

*Come celebrate with us!*

### Indigenous Milk Medicine Week

Facebook Events August 7-14

Participation prizes

Daily Facebook activities

Family Resources

Pumping Support

Breastfeeding support

Education for families

Celebration August 10th, 2023  
DICC  
9am - 2pm  
during the Health Fair

PHAB  
Public Health Accreditation Board

Created 7.13.23 RM

HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
PUBLIC HEALTH DIVISION PRESENTS:

### BLACK RIVER FALLS COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR

THURSDAY AUGUST 10, 2023  
9AM-2PM

**District 1  
Community Center**

**Enjoy booths from:**  
Ho-Chunk Nation Health Divisions  
NARCAN TRAINING  
Jackson County Public Health  
First Nations Financial  
Domestic Abuse Division  
Inclusa  
Judicare  
BRF Public Library  
and MANY more!

Free event for tribal members and employees

Created 4.18.2023 RM

### 2023 Family Healing Camp

August 8-10, 2023

### Pre-Registration now Available!

Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow Grounds  
Black River Falls, WI 54615

Childcare available!

Parent/Legal Guardian must register their child to attend this camp.

### Copy-Follow link to register!

<https://shc.ho-chunk.com/>

\*A confirmation page will appear once successfully registered.

**Have car seat questions?**

**Not sure if you have your new car seat in correctly?**

**Concerned your car seat has expired or recalled?**

### Car Seat Check Event!

**When:** August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
**Where:** Black River Falls Health Fair,  
**Time:** Noon – 2:00 PM

**N7261 WARRIOR AVE, Black River Falls,  
Open to all Tribal Members, Employees and Families!**

Get your car seat questions answered by our Certified Passenger Safety Technicians!

Questions or More Information  
Please call  
Lisa Herritz  
Ph. 715-284-9851 ext. 35022  
Lisa.Herritz@Ho-Chunk.com

THE GREAT SEAL OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

Ho-Chunk Nation  
Department of Health



# ATTENTION: Ho-Chunk Nation Employees AUXIANT INSURANCE POLICY HOLDERS

If you have Auxiant insurance as an employee of the Ho Chunk Nation, annual Coordination of Benefits (COB) form is set to be mailed out by Auxiant in July.

**Coordination of Benefits (COB) Form**

COB forms are sent to all employees that are on the health plan with FAMILY coverage.

**1. Members can complete the COB forms Online.**

- a) Members who have an Auxiant.com user account established will receive an email notification indicating a new correspondence is available on Auxiant.com.
- b) Members can simply click on the email link to direct them to our secure and encrypted website where they can login and respond.
- c) If any user has forgotten their password to Auxiant.com, click on the lost/forgot password link beneath the login area.
- d) All members will continue to receive a paper copy in the mail and can always respond via traditional paper/mail or by calling customer services and a representative will accept the information over the phone.

| GETTING STARTED   |  |
|---|--|
| To register on the site, use the steps listed below:  |  |
| 1. Go to <a href="http://www.auxiant.com" style="color: white;">www.auxiant.com</a> .<br>2. Click <b>Register</b> .<br>3. Click <b>Plan Member Registration</b> . | 4. Complete the <b>Member Registration Form</b> .<br>Please have your <b>group number</b> and <b>member ID</b> available.<br>5. Click on the <b>Next</b> button once the fields are completed. |
| <b>If you have any problems with the site, please contact Auxiant at 1.800.279.6772</b>   |  |

## To complete the COB physical document for mailing or faxing.

**Please remember to fill out the back of the form, make any changes, and sign it.**

Return the physical document to the fax number or address listed on the front of the form as soon as possible.

If you need assistance completing this process, please contact a Benefits Coordinator at either House of Wellness (608)-355-1240 or Ho Chunk Health Care Center (715)284-9851 for guidance.

Below is an example of what the form will look like:

**Auxiant**  
 Auxiant Enrollment Department  
 PO Box 75008  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-5008

YOUR NAME |  
 YOUR ADDRESS  
 TOWN, WI 54615

Date: 07/01/23  
 Group Number: 3020

Re: Coordination of Benefits (COB) - Response Required

Dear Member,

Periodically, Auxiant will check with you to determine if you or your dependents have any other coverage in addition to the coverage you have with Auxiant. This is necessary to determine if other parties are responsible for payment and the order of payment as outlined in your plan document.

In order to verify this information, please complete and return the Coordination of Benefits Request form on the reverse side of this letter. Remember, all sections need to be completed. Please mail (self-addressed envelope included) or fax the completed form to:

Auxiant Enrollment Department  
 PO Box 75008  
 Cedar Rapids, IA 52407-5008  
 Fax 319-739-1112

You can complete this questionnaire online at [www.auxiant.com](http://www.auxiant.com) or call 800-475-2232 to provide COB information over the phone.

Please return this form immediately. Your response is required in order for Auxiant to process future claims. If we do not receive your Coordination of Benefits (COB) response your future claims will be denied without payment. If we receive this form at a later date but within the plan limitations, we will consider your claims for payment at that time.

Remember: if there is any change in status for any covered member, you are required to contact the plan sponsor within 31 days of the date this change occurs. If you do not notify the plan sponsor within this time frame, the date of the change will be used as the date for which coverage for you or the dependent(s) may terminate.

If you have any questions call 800-475-2232.

Sincerely,  
 Enrollment Department  
 Auxiant - Your Integrated Benefits Partner

Coordination of Benefits Request

**RESPONSE REQUIRED**

Employee Name: YOUR NAME  
 Birth Date: 01/01/1950  
 Member ID:

Contact info: (Please provide the best phone number to reach you)  
 My Current Phone Number: 7158675306  
 My Current Email Address: email@gmail.com  
 Address Change: ADDRESS TOWN STATE 54615 City  
 Address State Zip

QR 1000157

1) NAME OF BENEFICIARY (01/01/97) Does a divorce decree or child support order exist for the dependent? no  
 M) Enrolled in OTHER Medical Coverage? no (If No, move to next question)  
 Other Medical Policy Holder Name: Relationship to Policy Holder: Birthday: Other Coverage From: To: Type of Other Coverage: Medicare Part A: Part B: Part D: Eligibility Reason:

2) NAME OF BENEFICIARY (01/01/97) Does a divorce decree or child support order exist for the dependent? no  
 M) Enrolled in OTHER Medical Coverage? no (If No, move to next question)  
 Other Medical Policy Holder Name: Relationship to Policy Holder: Birthday: Other Coverage From: To: Type of Other Coverage: Medicare Part A: Part B: Part D: Eligibility Reason:

3) NAME OF BENEFICIARY (01/01/99) Does a divorce decree or child support order exist for the dependent? no  
 M) Enrolled in OTHER Medical Coverage? no (If No, move to next question)  
 Other Medical Policy Holder Name: Relationship to Policy Holder: Birthday: Other Coverage From: To: Type of Other Coverage: Medicare Part A: Part B: Part D: Eligibility Reason:

Please sign and return to Auxiant in order to not interrupt claims processing.  
 I hereby certify that the above information is true to the best of my knowledge.

YOUR NAME: 2023-07-01  
 Signature: Date



# BROADBAND COMMUNITY EVENT

Please attend to learn more about broadband and how it affects you.

## WHEN

Saturday, July 29th  
two sessions available,  
10:00am or 1:00pm

## WHERE

District 1 Community Center  
N7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls

**ALL JACKSON COUNTY RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND**

This is a community event please be respectful to the individuals that are here to learn, if you must bring children please make sure they are accompanied by an adult at all times.

## EVENT ITINERARY

9:00-10:00am Registration  
(Coffee & Donuts available)

10:00-11:30am Session 1  
(Session held upstairs)

12:00pm Lunch provided  
Provided by: TBD

12:00-1:00pm Registration

1:00-2:30pm Session 2  
(session held upstairs)

Door prizes  
at the end of each session,  
including 65" Smart TV

Must attend session, be 18,  
present to win and may only win  
one prize per day.



Broadband@ho-chunk.com

# 2023 ANNUAL CANOE TRIP!

REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED AFTER  
4 PM ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2ND!!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11TH @ 10:30 AM

WILDCAT MOUNTAIN STATE PARK  
HWY 33, ONTARIO, WI (KICKAPOO RIVER)

THE TRIP WILL LAST APPROX. 3 HOURS, SNACKS PROVIDED DURING TRIP & MEAL PROVIDED AT THE END OF THE TRIP. DAILY PARKING PASS WILL BE PROVIDED.

NO FURTHER CHECK INS ALLOWED AFTER BUS PICK UP FROM THE PARK. PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY (BEFORE 10 AM) TO ENSURE YOUR SPOT. MUST STAY WITH GROUP & NO CLIFF JUMPING/DIVING!

NO MORE THAN 3 PEOPLE IN A CANOE, AN ADULT IS REQUIRED IN CANOES WITH CHILDREN. PARTICIPANTS MUST PROVIDE THEIR OWN LIFE PRESERVER FOR CHILDREN UNDER 4.

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR THIS EVENT. PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL MONTANA AT RACHEL.MONTANA@HO-CHUNK.COM X35039 PLEASE ALLOW 24-48 HOURS FOR A RESPONSE.



CONTACT NAME, PHONE NUMBER, # IN GROUP (# OF ADULTS/# OF CHILDREN), # OF CANOES NEEDED, FOOD ALLERGIES/DIETARY RESTRICTIONS.

HCN HEALTH & WELLNESS 7/12/23 LK



HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JUNE 13, 2023

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

### Roll Call:

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:02 a.m.

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

The Vice President would like to note the agenda is lengthy today, and it is District Meeting week. Many of the Legislators will have to travel to their District Meetings to attend in person. This meeting will recess at 2 p.m., and will reconvene tomorrow at 9:00

a.m.

### Approval of Agenda:

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

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Legislative Meeting-June 6, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 6, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1 (Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Commission Reports:

#### Gaming Commission Report

Samantha Day, Gaming Commissioner Chairperson was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

### Reports:

#### EDA Update

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the EDA report. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to accept the EDA report. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### PR Communications Request

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

EDA Workgroup is working on their Community Assessment Survey. It has been requested

that the Legislative Public Relations Officer work with the EDA staff to make sure the information is provided ahead of time to the areas.

### Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

#### Department of Heritage Preservation

Samson Falcon, Executive Director of Heritage Preservation was present via video conference and gave a verbal update. No written report was received.

#### Department of Justice

Scott Seifert, Attorney General was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

#### Department of Natural Resources

Tina Brown, Executive Director of Natural Resources was present via video conference. No report was given.

#### Department of Treasury

Jeriah Rave, Finance Director was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

### Unfinished Business:

#### Senior Support Specialist New Job Description

Sara Peterson, Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Supervisor mentioned the Office Manager job description does not meet the needs of the clinic, and

does not cover the roles and responsibilities that Health is looking for. This job description was created to be the right hand person for the directors or whoever chooses to use the job description. This is a higher level position, requires an associate degree, and will be working with higher management.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve Senior Support Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 6-6-0 **MOTION TIED.** No Action Taken.

### New Business:

#### Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Neil Whitegull

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to TABLE Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Neil Whitegull until later on the agenda. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Vice President mentioned Mr. Whitegull will be present at 11:30 a.m.

#### Three Rivers House

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Three Rivers House in La Crosse supports many of the services and programs for the community. The building needs to be looked at with a feasibility study, to determine some project costs, safety impact, building code and compliance. The cost of the study is \$11,500.00 with

the funds coming out of the Tribal Assistance Fund.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle for Legislative Counsel to prepare a resolution that would designate the Tribal Assistance Fund to support the feasibility study for Three Rivers House, and to have for Department of Administration confirm in writing that the \$11,500.00 quote is correct and in effect. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the three-bid process be included in this request. Second concurs. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. George Stacy was out of the room during the vote.

### PFAS Assistance Request

Kevin Gunderson, Environmental Sciences Program Manager was in attendance and gave an update on the PFAS Treatment options for Brockway Sanitary District Drinking Water. It was recommended to choose Option 3: Installation Point of Use Reverse Osmosis, for 105 units effected, and PFAS Sampling for 20 sites.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke for Legislative Counsel prepare a resolution for next session to designate funding from the Tribal Assistance Fund Program, and to add language in the resolution to consider that the Nation reserves the right to seek indemnification or reimbursement from the Town of Brockway. Choosing Option 3: Installation of Use Reverse Osmosis for \$84,000, annual maintenance of \$9,000.00, and *Continued on Page 11*



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PFAS Sampling of \$14,000. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Food Distribution Community Specialist NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Food Distribution Community Specialist Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Warehouse Specialist NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Warehouse Specialist Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Lead Warehouse Manager NEW Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve the Lead Warehouse Manager Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer-Housing REVISED Job Description**

Tracy Littlejohn, Executive Director of Housing mentioned that this revision is to change from Exempt back to Non-Exempt status. It was originally changed back in 2021.

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy asked if anyone has confirmed this is a current set of regulations or current criteria.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer-Housing REVISED Job Description. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **SECOND IS WITHDRAWN.** **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer-Housing REVISED Job Description until the employee is present and Personnel can verify with the information on Exemption worksheet. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to have the Personnel Attorney to review the exempt information. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business: (Re-visit)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to revisit New Business: A. Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Neil Whitegull. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Neil Whitegull**

Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah read a portion of the resolution, and presented Mr. Whitegull with the framed citation.

“WHEREAS, the Legislature wishes to adopt a Recognition

Citation to honor and thank Neil Whitegull, for his long service to the Ho-Chunk People, spanning twenty-six (26) years, working as the Executive Director of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (“HHCDA”), and in related capacities, to provide Ho-Chunk Nation members with quality, affordable housing and programs that help meet the Nation’s social, cultural and community needs; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature finds it appropriate to recognize Neil Whitegull’s achievements, hard work, sacrifice, dedication and commitment to the Ho-Chunk People;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, and under the LEGISLATIVE ORGANIZATION ACT OF 2011, hereby authorizes the creation and adoption of a Legislative Recognition Citation to honor Neil Whitegull; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature authorizes the Vice President to execute said Citation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 A**, Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Recognition of Neil Whitegull. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch until 12:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:30 a.m.*

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC (12:20 p.m.)  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-P

VC-Video conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 12:15 p.m.

**Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 B**, Adoption

of Amendments to the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. George Stacy is on-line at 12:20 p.m.*

**Resolution-Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor and the Wisconsin Emergency Management for Wisconsin Credentialing and Asset Management System**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 C**, Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor and the Wisconsin Emergency Management for Wisconsin Credentialing and Asset Management System. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Request for Authorization for Treasury to negotiate the Indirect Cost (IDC) Rate**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to accept the proposed FY23 Indirect Cost GAP Rate of 13.53% and for Treasury to prepare, complete and submit all necessary documents in a timely manner, to authorize the Vice President to sign and release to appropriate parties; and for Treasury to take actions necessary to bring the Nation’s IDC rates into compliance for FY23 and FY24, including the negotiation of any improved IDC rates on behalf of the Nation, with the assistance of the Department of Justice and Legislative Counsel, should that be necessary. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Boiler Replacement**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 D**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Boiler Replacement. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Hotel Transformer**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 E**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Hotel Transformer. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Salt Shed**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 F**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells-Salt Shed. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-RTU Replacement**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 G**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-RTU Replacement. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-Boiler Replacement**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 H**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-Boiler Replacement. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-Digital Display**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 I**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-Digital Display. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-PA System**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 J**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison-PA System. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Madison-Wayfinding Signage**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 K**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Madison-Wayfinding Signage. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls-Coin Wrapper**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 L**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls-Coin Wrapper. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls-BPS Counter/Sorter**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 M**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming

Black River Falls-BPS Counter/Sorter. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls-Promotional Kiosks**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 N**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls-Promotional Kiosks. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah-Promotional/Enrollment Kiosks**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 O**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Tomah-Promotional/Enrollment Kiosks. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-HVAC Units**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 P**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-HVAC Units. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-IGT Resort Wallet**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 Q**, Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Nekoosa-IGT Resort Wallet. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

There was a concern brought up regarding the Capital Expenditure and Capital Projects.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar for Legislative Counsel to do research on the verbiage on the past resolutions regarding Capital Expenditures/Capital Projects, and bring back findings to the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account until there is representation from Housing. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-02-23G Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg-Shuttle Bus**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 R**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-02-23G Approval of Designation of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg-Shuttle Bus. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources 2023-2024 Grant Agreement for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP)**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 S**, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation to Apply for and Enter into the Greater Wisconsin Agency on Aging Resources 2023-2024 Grant Agreement for the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program FY 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 T**, Authorization for the Tribal Aging Unit to Apply for Public Transportation on Indian Reservations Program FY 2023. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution - Approval of**

**Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Higher Education Funding Request for FY 2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 U**, Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Higher Education Funding Request for FY 2024. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 08-03-21D Ho-Chunk Signature Authority**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 V**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 08-03-21D Ho-Chunk Signature Authority. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-3(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Home and Health Security Assurance General Welfare Payment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 W**, Home and Health Security Assurance General Welfare Payment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE **Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024** and **Resolution-Adoption of Ho-**

**Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming Commission and Health Insurance Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024** to the end of the agenda. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Finance Commission Presiding Officer made the following statement.

The Constitution authorizes the Legislature to enact an annual budget, which shall include an appropriation of annual funds for each branch of the government; and requires the Legislature to adopt annual appropriation bills for the Nation. The background and recent historical context, the Ho-Chunk Nation has been in the process of recovering from a world-wide pandemic, brought about by COVID-19, which specifically impacted Indian Country, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, its tribal members, gaming and non-gaming operations. Since March 2020, the Nation had been under a State of Emergency related to the pandemic, when the Legislature declared a State of Emergency. At one point the Nation's gaming enterprises were closed, thereby depriving the Nation of revenues, and leaving the Nation in an uncertain time to project future revenues. In the years since, the Nation has endured and made steady progress. Thus, the Legislature had to authorize, and continues to authorize budgets for the Nation in such uncertain times. In Early June 2023, the Legislature ended the Ho-Chunk Nation State of Emergency related to

COVID-19. Pursuant to the Budget Act, the Legislature set spending limits for the Branches of Government, aiming to keep costs down and avoid deficits, in light of the nation's continued recovery for the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency pursuant of the Budget Act and other laws.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 X**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-4(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming and Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 Y**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming and Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-13-23 Z**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

Carol Garvin, Planning said she requested funding in the

annual budget for the Energy Management Manager position in the amount of \$108,368. That money did not get put in Planning's budget. The Energy workgroup has been meeting for two years, and is starting to make headway. Without the position the Renewable Energy Project may be slower or come to a halt because the grant monies may run out. There is no guarantees this will move forward.

The Vice President mentioned there were hearings for all departments and divisions with the Finance Commission. At this time Legislature is approving the final Budget Bills. In the future, Planning would have to do a budget modification for an increase at this point.

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming Commission and Health Insurance Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024-TABLED until the end of the agenda.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:09 p.m. A motion was made in Executive Session to adjourn at 2:03 p.m., and will reconvene Wednesday, June 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE RECONVENED MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI JUNE 14, 2023**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle - Not Present  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-VC  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**

Quorum is established at 9:01 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 11:43 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle was not online during the vote.

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to take from the D3 Community Improvement Fund for various listed repairs in the estimate in the amount of \$695.08 which includes the estimate plus 5.6% sales tax for a total of \$36.86. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include that any unused funds should be returned to the Nation and the check be made payable to the vendor and release this motion to Open Session. Second concurs. 10-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke)

**MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. George Stacy was not online during the vote.

**New Business: (Re-visit)**

**Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE **Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account.** Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

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brought about by COVID-19, which specifically impacted Indian Country, including the Ho-Chunk Nation, its tribal members, gaming and non-gaming operations. Since March 2020, the Nation had been under a State of Emergency related to the pandemic, when the Legislature declared a State of Emergency. At one point the Nation's gaming enterprises were closed, thereby depriving the Nation of revenues, and leaving the Nation in an uncertain time to project future revenues. In the years since, the Nation has endured and made steady progress. Thus, the Legislature had to authorize, and continues to authorize budgets for the Nation in such uncertain times. In Early June 2023, the Legislature ended the Ho-Chunk Nation State of Emergency related to COVID-19. Pursuant to the Budget Act, the Legislature set spending limits for the Branches of Government, aiming to keep costs down and avoid deficits, in light of the nation's continued recovery for the COVID-19 Declaration of Emergency. Pursuant of the Budget Act and other laws.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-14-23 A**,

Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming Commission and Health Insurance Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-14-23 B**, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Branch, General Fund, Gaming Commission and Health Insurance Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to June 20, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Reconvened Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.*



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JUNE 20, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. George Stacy-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. -EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux -VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

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

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-June 13, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 13, 2023 Legislative Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reconvened Legislative Meeting-June 14, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 14, 2023 Reconvened Legislative Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**HHCDA Report**

Tracy Thundercloud was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Business**

Scott Marecek, Budget Analyst was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

**Department of Education**

Nehomah Thundercloud, Executive Director of Education was present and gave a verbal overview of all the programs. Written report was received June 20, 2023 at 9:53 a.m.

**Department of Housing**

Tracy Littlejohn, Executive Director of Housing was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

**Department of Labor**

Angela Ward, Executive Director of Labor was present via video conference and gave a brief update. No written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer-Housing REVISED Job Description**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve Heavy Equipment Operating Engineer-Housing REVISED Job Description, contingent for signature on the Fair Labor Standard Act Designation Worksheet. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to STRIKE Resolution-Approval of Funding of Existing Mortgage Assistance and Down Payment Assistance Programs Restricted Account from the agenda. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-13-23B, Adoption of Amendments to the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act-Rep. Stephanie Begay**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 A**, Rescission and Restatement of **Resolution 06-13-23 A**, Adoption of Amendments to the Confirmation Process of Executive Directors for the Ho-Chunk Nation Act. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**HAGA 2023-2024 Request**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the request for \$2,000 per event from Charitable Contributions for a total of \$20,000. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include reconciliation. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution - Hoocak Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2023-2024 Academic School Year**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 B**, Hoocak Waaziija Haci Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the School District of Baraboo for the 2023-2024 Academic School Year. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-

0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Department of Social Services Division of Child and Family Services Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Tribal Primary Prevention Grant Application**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 C**, Department of Social Services Division of Child and Family Services Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Board Tribal Primary Prevention Grant Application. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for Submission by Department of Social Services Child and Family Services of Annual Plans and Budgets to Wisconsin Department of Children and Families**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 D**, Support for Submission by Department of Social Services Child and Family Services of Annual Plans and Budgets to Wisconsin Department of Children and Families. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Support for Submission by Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division of Title IV-B 2023-2024 Annual Report and Funding Request to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 E**, Support for Submission by Department of Social Services Child and Family Services Division of Title IV-B 2023-2024 Annual Report and Funding Request to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-21-14JJ, Addressing Public Health Critical Response to Protect Ho-Chunk Nation Communities, Families and Children related to AODA Issues and the Drug Crisis**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 F**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 10-21-14JJ, Addressing Public Health Critical Response to Protect Ho-Chunk Nation Communities, Families and Children related to AODA Issues and the Drug Crisis. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Health PFAS Assistance for the Village of Brockway**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 G**, Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Health PFAS

Assistance for the Village of Brockway. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Administration Feasibility Study on the Three Rivers House Facility**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 H**, Approval of Expense from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Administration Feasibility Study on the Three Rivers House Facility. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Approval of 2023-2024 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Approval of 2023-2024 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation, until the Legislature received update quotes. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Follow-up on Capital Expenditure/Capital Projects from 6/13/23 Legislative Meeting**

Rep. Darren Brinegar mentioned there was a discussion on the terminology and requested Legislative Legal to look at this.

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the Finance Ordinance deserves to be clarified with new language. Legal will work preparing some amendments.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE Follow-up on Capital Expenditure/Capital Projects from 6/13/23 Legislative Meeting until next session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Nomination Hearing for Executive Director of Business Nominee**

**Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Laura LaMere to be Interim Director of the Department of Business**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE Nomination Hearing for Executive Director of Business Nominee until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to also TABLE Resolution-Acceptance/Denial of Application of Laura LaMere to be Interim Director of the Department of Business. Second concurs. 9-0-3(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adult and Minors**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 I**, General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adult and Minors. Second by Rep. George Stacy.

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

**Resolution-Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Department of Administration Milwaukee Branch Office – HVAC Units**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 J**, Approval for Designation of a Capital Project Department of Administration Milwaukee Branch Office – HVAC Units. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorizing Dedication of the Behavioral Health Division Wing and Legislative Recognition Citation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Resolution-Authorizing Dedication of the Behavioral Health Division Wing and Legislative Recognition Citation until after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Pilot is out of the room at 11:16 a.m.

**District Meetings:**

**D1 Howasa – June 13, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Connie Radtke that the Wausau area supports the Kalahari Resort in Wisconsin Dells for the 2023 Annual General Council location. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D1 Niioxawani – June 14, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Office of the President, and the Department of Personnel-Insurance Division the **MOTION** by Ken Whitewater, print the Elder medical card with TID# instead of the Elders Social Security. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the next Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Rodney Rave to fund any elder interested in having a radio receiver on their propane tank. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D2 Hinukwas – June 12, 2023**

No Motions

**D2 Ho'uni Xununik – June 13, 2023**

No Motions

Rep. Robert Pilot returns to the meeting at 11:18 a.m.

**D2 Hoxaikeja/Hogucejal Nižhakisuc – June 15, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCDA, Housing, and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Christine Romano to install a Flock System license plate readers for surveillance of potential drug activity in the District 2 communities. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCDA, Housing, and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Christine Romano to create and install Neighborhood Watch signs in the D2 tribal communities. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Christine Romano to support the proposed amendments to the Exclusion and Removal Act.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Christine Romano to request that the community supports the Neighborhood Watch Group.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Christine Romano to request a playground restricted account to address the children's needs with emphasis and priority for Indian Heights, Ho-Chunk Village and all D2 housing communities. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker Jr. to return free bingo packets to elders and also return the prior hotel rates for elders within 30 days. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to President-Elect Jon Greendeer, Department of Business and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Estelle Whitewing for President Elect Jon Greendeer and the Department of Business to attend the next area meeting to discuss the rewards club card program, elder hotel room rates, and to honor the motion posted in the Hocak Worak on October 2, 2007. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to HHCDA, Housing, and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Christine Romano to look into the condition of the current solar panels on tribal housing. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle refer to Department of Health and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Estelle Whitewing to have Behavioral Health Division Manager/Director (Evangeline Suquet) to come in-person for their next area meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Housing, and Housing Board of Directors the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker, Jr. to have Housing Board members include in their monthly report the amount of vacancies and rental units

available and a status report of the housing waiting list. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve Christine Romano as Alternate for Juneau County and Toni Rae Funmaker as Alternate for Sauk County pending background checks and refer to Department of Justice regarding the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker, Jr. to select Christine Romano and Toni Rae Funmaker to be alternates for the Law Enforcement Commissions (Juneau County and Sauk County respectively). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice, Ho-Chunk Police Department, Law Enforcement, and Treasury the **MOTION** by Cynthia Tack for Sauk County Sheriff's Department to be consulted on the process they used and for the Ho-Chunk Nation Treasury Department, and HCN Law Enforcement Commission to accept money on behalf of Clariss Funmaker. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Jon Warner to have the annual General Council meeting at the Alliant Center (Madison). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** 1 vote – Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow grounds,

Black River Falls 4 votes-Kalahari Convention Center, Wisconsin Dells 12 votes-Alliant Energy Center, Madison

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business the **MOTION** by Estelle Whitewing to have the Executive Branch remove all HCN tribal members from the exclusion lists at all HCN properties. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Department of Justice. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud leaves the meeting. Tribal Secretary, Rep. Stephanie Begay chairs the meeting at 11:28 a.m.*

**D3 Pac cinak – June 12, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to have Legislative Counsel draft a release to release Legislative of liability and prepare for next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Office of the President, Department of Health, and Behavioral Health the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to have HCN Behavioral Health pay for HIR Wellness for the Prevent Suicide Conference. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Rep. Lanette Walker to release unexpended funds report. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 9-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tee hoikšek – June 13, 2023**

No Motions

**D3 Tejop – June 14, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to TABLE D3 Tejop – June 14, 2023 to next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tešišik – June 15, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Heather Schulz for Tracy Littlejohn to provide an update on the Milwaukee Area HHCDA maintenance worker position, repairs and maintenance on all of the properties in Milwaukee. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Nikusara – June 15, 2023**

**NOTED FOR THE RECORD:**

There is a need for more TAU workers in the area to assist our elders, and to assist Merlin Crow with his duties. Merlin is also assisting in the Wittenberg area. *The Vice President returns and continues to chair the meeting. Continued on Page 15*

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11:34 a.m.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to Kelley Thundercloud, Budget Analyst to process the request regarding the MOTION by Ona Garvin to allocate \$2,500 from the D3 Community Fund for cooking and service equipment from the Nekoosa Community to use, also have the check made to Carmen Redcloud, and require a full reconciliation. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-1 (Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to Department of Administration, Realty, and Office of the President the MOTION by Ona Garvin to request Wysocki Farms remove their irrigation equipment from this property. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Guuŕgonak – June 12, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislature the MOTION by Ryan Greendeer to have the Legislature amend the Office of General Council Establishment Act to remove the Office of General Council Secretary from the Establishment Act. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Executive Branch the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to retain the Black Lives Matter signage in the Chicago Branch Office. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Office of the President and Department of Administration. Second concurs. 10-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Ben Krause-Decorah to have the Legislature to host a WebEx meeting to voice their concerns. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislative Legal the MOTION by Ryan Greendeer for Rep. Paul Fox to arrange a meeting with the Veterans Advisory Board Members and Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to refer to the D4 Legislators. Second concurs. 9-2(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Kristin White Eagle)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D4 Maanico Horuzra – June 15, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to bring back the language classes to the St. Paul area for the next six months, to begin August 2023 for \$4,040, to come from D5/D4 Community Improvement Funds. MOTION IS RESTATED to increase the funding from \$5000 up to \$10,000 with Rep. Pilot taking the lead on this project and securing the service provider agreement with Legislative Legal. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislature and Finance Commission the MOTION by Mark Stroessner to hold a picnic on September 14, 2023 with \$500 from Community Funds. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah to refer to Legislature and Finance Commission the MOTION by Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to allocate school supply funding in all area, for schools-aged children (Pre K-12). Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session

for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:52 a.m.*

*The Executive Session recessed lunch at 12:18 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the Executive Session to order at 1:00 p.m. Quorum established at 1:03 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Executive Session moved to Open Session at 3:23 p.m.*

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

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to add to the agenda District Meeting: D3 Tejop – June 14, 2023 minutes. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Meetings:**

**D3 Tejop – June 14, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislators the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to have the unexpended funds presented to the tribal membership, and the tribal membership be the ones to determine what to do with them. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Executive Session for Legal Advice the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle is that any money over \$50,000 has to go before General Council. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCA the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle for there to be Village West type project to be created in the Teejop area. Second by Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to MMIW Workgroup the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature implement the MMIW code immediately. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business: (Re-Visit)**

**Nomination Hearing for Executive Director of Business Nominee**

Laura LaMere was not in attendance for her Nomination Hearing, despite the Executive Legislative Information Officer reaching out to her.

**Resolution-Acceptance/ Denial of Application of Laura LaMere to be Interim Director of the Department of Business**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 K**, Acceptance of Application of Laura LaMere to be Interim Director of the Department of Business. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 2-8(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Brianna Tahdoahnippah, Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION DEFEATED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle abstained due to her family relationship.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 L**, Denial of Application of Laura LaMere to be Interim Director of the Department of Business. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. MOTION IS AMENDED to include within the resolution, the Legislature received this nomination late in the administration which will be ending, and that this denial will not be held against the nominee, this should have been received in the middle of May, and to add the date of the deadline. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Kristin White Eagle abstained due to her family relationship.

**Resolution-Authorizing Dedication of the Behavioral Health Division Wing and Legislative Recognition Citation**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-23 M**, Resolution-Authorizing Dedication of the Behavioral Health Division Wing and Legislative Recognition Citation. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Released to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize Vice President to assign staff to post a notice in the Worak for next distribution, and on social media seeking interested tribal members to serve as members of the Trust & Investment Committee and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMENDED to include a deadline of three weeks after posting in the Worak and social media. 8-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Phyllis Smoke and Rep. George Stacy are out of the room.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to July 11, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:39 p.m.*

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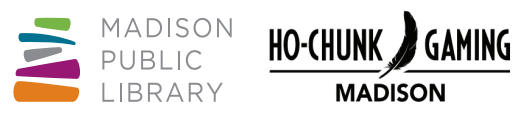
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