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# Labor Day Weekend Fills with Ho-Chunk Nation Activities

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN) sponsored multiple outdoor activities that took place in and around Black River Falls over the 2023 Labor Day weekend. The weather ranged from the 90 to 104 degrees.

The Rise Above Recovery Rally weekend kicked off with Prosperity in Recovery's Rise above Recovery Rally on Friday, Sept. 1, at the Lunda Community Park by the Upper Shelter and Band Shell. September is Nation Recovery Month. The Prosperity in Recovery group promotes family activities for those who are in recovery.

The rally opened with registration, introductions, a prayer, and a meal. The War Cloud Nation provided songs. There were informational booths and memorial items on display.

Sponsors of the rally included the Labor Day Pow-Wow Committee, Ho-Chunk Health & Wellness Division, District 1 Community Center, Jackson in Action, McDonald's, KC Fitness,

Riverside Nutrition, and an anonymous donor. Additional support came from the HCN Division of Behavioral Health, HCN Department of Social Services, Andrew Blackhawk Legion Post #129, and Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency.

The event speakers included Evangeline Suguet, James Allen Cross from Natives Against Heroin, Charles Kagigebi from Sober Driver Project, Sherri Larsen from We Do Recover, John Henry Skenandore from Project Lights Out, Tena Quackenbush from Stop the Stigma. There was a comedy act by Justina Hindsley.

The evening closed with a candlelight memorial, prayer by Mary Ann Dick, and honor song.

Labor Day Pow-Wow

## Fun Run/Walk

The Ho-Chunk Nation Health & Wellness Division hosted a fun run/walk on Sept. 2 at the District 1 Community Center. The goal was to promote health and wellness and foster positive community feelings. Participants could choose to complete 1.5 or three miles and the route was stroller and wheelchair accessible.

## Haapo'taiiga Applique Iron Woman Special

On Sept. 3, the family of Bridgadine (Garvin) Spiegler sponsored a dance special intended to give Bridge and all others battling cancer the strength to continue to persevere. Spiegler was diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic breast cancer. The dance special was for women, ages 18 plus, applique

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**Iron Woman Finalists and Champion: Tiffany Warner, Cameryn Collins, and Jovena Scabbyrobe**

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# Removal of District 3 Legislator Darren Brinegar

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In a Special Legislative Meeting on Sept. 5, representatives passed Resolution 09-05-23 A. This resolution states, "that the Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, finds good cause to remove District 3 Legislator Darren Brinegar, under Article IX, Section 3 of the Ho-Chunk Nation; and...that the basis for the Legislature's finding of good cause is that Rep. Brinegar did not comply with Section 10.e of the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics as it pertains to his receipt of an honorarium for his participation in the ITTF and simultaneous payment of his pay/salary; and...that the removal of Rep. Brinegar is effective September 6, 2023."

According to Article IX, Section 3 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, elected Legislators of the Nation are subject to removal by the Legislature.

The Constitution states, "Section 3. Legislative Removal of Legislators. The

Legislature may remove a member of the Legislature for good cause. Any member of the Legislature subject to removal shall be informed of the charges, be given adequate notice of the impending removal action, and given an opportunity to prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. An affirmative vote of three-fourths (3/4) of the entire Legislature shall be required for all Legislative removal actions under this Section. The Legislator subject to removal shall not vote."

The Constitution also requires that the Legislature adopt a Code governing Ethics and the conduct of all elected and appointed officials and employees. The first enacted Code of Ethics began on Jan. 12, 1999, and has been amended and updated from time to time. It is now codified in the Nation's Code.

The Code of Ethics, Section 10.e, states  
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 dancers. The challenge was last woman standing, winner takes all. Elimination was done by walking off or fallen regalia.

Over 35 dancers participated in the challenge. After twenty plus songs, five dancers were honored with Pendleton blankets. The finalists were Tiffany Warner from Winnebago, NE and breast cancer survivor, and Cameryn Collins from Plover, WI. Both received a jacket and paaxge earrings. The champion was Jovena Scabbyrobe from White Swan, WA and she was awarded \$3,500, a jacket, and a pair of paaxge earrings.

The challenge lasted over an hour and a half in ninety degree weather, for twenty six songs.

George Garvin and Tim Decorah spoke on behalf of the family.

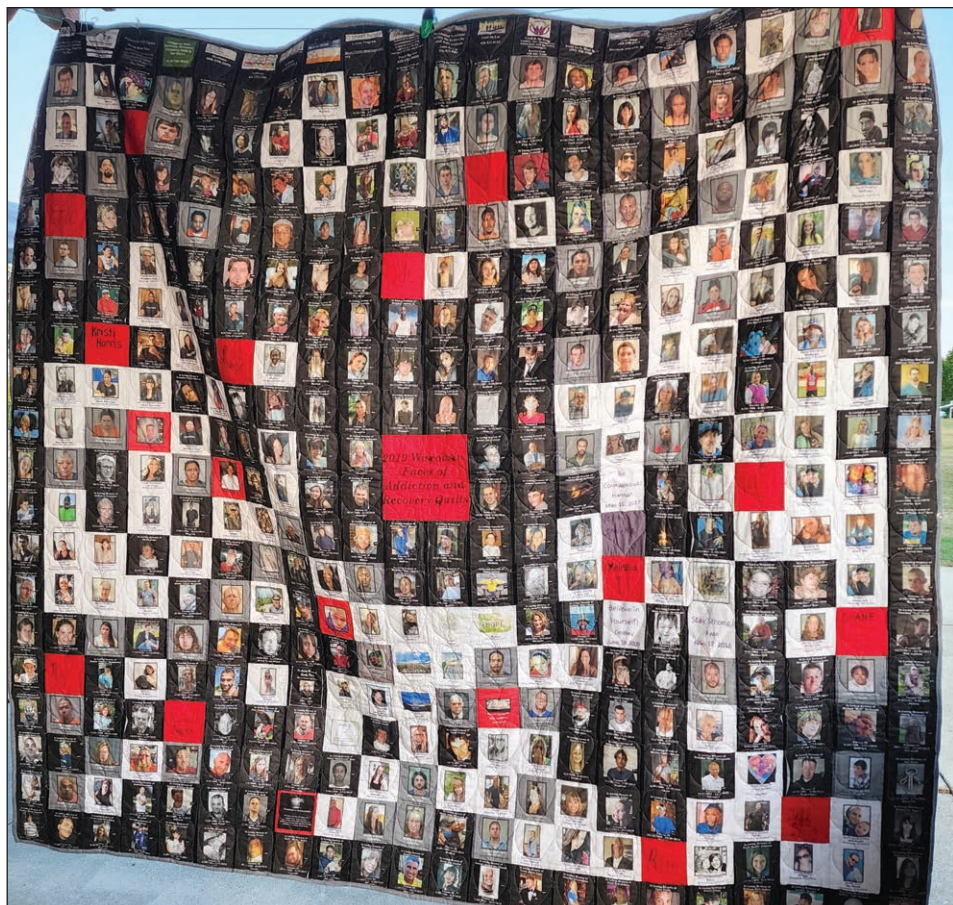
Co-Ed Softball Tournament  
 The 24th Annual Labor Day Co-Ed Softball Tournament took place Sept. 2 – 3 at the Sandpillow Softball Fields. Andi Jo Cloud organized the event.

The Wakajaxete (Big Thunder) Home Run Derby winners were Sophia Anderson from Team Sophia and Daben King from ED's Drain Cleaning. The Thundercloud family funded the award money in honor of the late Zack Thundercloud, who was the announcer and coach of the local little league team called the Bulldogs. Nehomah Thundercloud-Pucel represented her brother and family by presenting the awards.

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Rise Above Recovery Rally: War Cloud Nation Drum Group



Rise Above Recovery Rally: Memorial Item

# Highlighting Ho-Chunk Language Learners: Randall Blackdeer II

Kailli Berg

Language is history, language is life, and language is the cultural health of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Fewer than 30 first language or eminent speakers are left.

Randall Blackdeer II (Naatisak), Veterans Service Officer at the Ho-Chunk Nation, started taking an interest in Ho-Chunk language when he was in head start with his teacher Irene Thundercloud.

“When I came home with new words and phrases I got a lot of positive reinforcement from my parents and grandparents so that really helped reinforcing me wanting to learn more language,” said Blackdeer.

When Blackdeer was younger, he attended Orville Greendeer’s language camp for three years, where he learned a lot more about the language and culture. After, Blackdeer received a pretty good foundation of language, and was hired as a language apprentice in 2014, where he was teamed up with an elder speaker to learn more. Finally, he became a language instructor for high school students.

“I keep myself learning still because the critical state that the language is in, with so few speakers left, really encourages me to keep going,” said Blackdeer.

Blackdeer still teaches on his own, and his goals are to be able to speak in the lodges. Blackdeer is willing to help people out with their language learning. You can contact Blackdeer at [randall.blackdeer@gmail.com](mailto:randall.blackdeer@gmail.com).

“The more people we get who want to learn the language and fight to keep our language alive, the better chance we have. Encourage each other,” said Blackdeer.





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Sponsors of the tournament included Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls, Whitetail Crossing – Black River Falls, and Ace Scholze’s – Black River Falls.

Individual awards went to Kyle from ED’s Drain Cleaning for Home Run Chief, Kallen from Closing Time for Strikeout Chief, and Lena from New Bread for Girls Can Play Ball (most RBIs). Anita Naquayouma of New Breed was selected for the Nacgepii (good heart) Award.

Seventh place went to Bad News Bears. The sixth place team was New Breed.

Closing Time took fifth place. The fourth place winners was Team Sophia and they were the furthest travelers, hailing from Suttons Bay, Michigan.

BJ’s Airport took third. Second Place went to Warstic. The Champions were ED’s Drain Cleaning from Oneida.

Moccasin Tournament Sampson Funmaker organized the moccasin tournament.

Traditional Lacrosse & Double Ball Draw Tournament

On Sunday, Sept. 3, there was a traditional lacrosse and double ball tournament near the District 1 Community  
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Co-Ed Softball Tournament 2nd Place: Team Warstic



Co-Ed Softball Tournament 3rd Place: Team BJ's Airport



Co-Ed Softball Tournament 4th Place: Team Sophia



Co-Ed Softball Tournament 5th Place: Team Closing Time



Co-Ed Softball Tournament 6th Place: Team New Breed



Co-Ed Softball Tournament 7th Place: Team Bad News Bears



Co-Ed Softball Tournament: Girls Homerun Derby Winner Sophia Anderson



Co-Ed Softball Tournament: Nacgepii Award Anita Naquayouma



Co-Ed Softball Tournament: Boys Homerun Derby Winner Daben King and Nehomah Thundercloud-Pucel

*September*  
Elders Birthdays



1. Antoinette Thayer	17. Mary Houghton
2. James Dakota	Marsha Mahoney
Matthew Mallory	Wanda Owen-Reese
3. Bertha Gleason	Josiah Thunder
Isabelle Mallory	Steven Thundercloud
John Perry, Jr.	18. Teresa Armendariz
4. Mary Jacobs	James Cabasos
Sherry Petri	Phillip Coomes
Pamela Snowball	Donald Greengrass, Sr.
Roger Youngthunder	Luanne Macomber
5. Marilyn De Cora	19. Rose Bird
Sandra Ryan	Daniel Funmaker
Randy Schoenacher	Donna Sommers
Susan Schultz	20. Sheila Cleveland
6. Ricky Allen	Jeanine Heffner
Arnold Darnell	Susan Mallory
Carla Kingswan	21. Ernest Naquayouma III
William Lowe	22. Georgia Lonetree
Susan Meeuwse	23. Deborah Pettibone
7. Bernice Blackdeer	24. Gale Darnell
Barbara Long	Deanna Mead
Kathleen Missouri	Curtis West
Claudia Tauschek	Taylor White Eagle
James Whitehorse	25. Martha Jane Angell
8. Doris Cummings	26. Beatrice Brown
Steven Eades	John Dall
Douglas Johnson	Libby Fairchild
Luther Lonetree	Linda Gleason-Strupp
9. Twila Garvin	Lois Peters
Sonja Walker	27. Brian Decorah
10. Ann Benzing	Herman Decorah
11. Mark West	David Mrotek
12. Joyce Two Crow	Guadalupe Salinas
13. Toni Eisenga	28. Anne Mallory
Bernice Humphrey	Linda McHug
14. Kevin Decorah	Sheryl Winneshiek Ward
Dawn Wessels	29. Glenn Funmaker
Gale White	Darlene Greengrass
Glen White	30. Elaine Etherington
15. Roy Garvin, Jr.	Blaine Twinn
Judith Lombard	
William Winneshiek	
16. Faye Begay	
Clarice Jackson	
Cecelia Kraus	
Barbara Littlewolf	
Jeffery Lowe	
Terry Payer	
Darryl Powers	

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 Center. Teams were randomly drawn from players. There were cash prizes and contests for longest throw and accuracy. All levels of players were welcome and sticks were available on site.

Randall Blackdeer II organized the games.

**Book Signing**  
 Hattie Walker coordinated an all Ho-Chunk book signing event on Sept. 3 at the pow-wow. United States Representative Sharice Davids, Musician Irene Keenan, Jr., and Ria Thundercloud were the honored authors who attended. Musician Corey White was invited. Davids created "Sharice's Big Voice", Thundercloud penned "Finding My Dance", Keenan wrote "Dave Goes to the Moon", and White authored "Kunu's Practice Pays Off."

**Labor Day Contest Pow-Wow**  
 The HCN Labor Day Contest Pow-Wow took place Sept. 2, 3, and 4 at the Andrew Blackhawk Memorial Powwow Grounds near Black River Falls. The public was invited and there was no entry or camping fee.

Emcees for the weekend were Dylan Prescott and Lance Long. Dave Russell was the arena director. Head Veteran was Robert Mann. Hoki Clairmont was the head drum judge. The head man dance judge was David Cleveland. Shandiina Jack was the head woman dance judge. Host Drums were Bearheart and Iron Mound. Waylon Pettibone organized the event.

- Contest winners were:
- Drum Contest Winners
  - 1st Place: Black Lodge
  - 2nd Place: HeyLushka
  - 3rd Place: Southern Boys
  - 4th Place: Eagle Feather
  - Women Golden Age Combined
  - 1st: Anname Pushetoneque
  - 2nd: Thelma Whitewater
  - 3rd: Tina Hindsley
  - 4th: Becky Taylor
  - Men Golden Age Combined
  - 1st: Ken Funmaker, Sr
  - 2nd: William Hindsley
  - 3rd: Charles Hindsley
  - 4th: Albert King, Jr
  - Sr. Men Grass
  - 1st: Haga Cleveland
  - 2nd: Norman Smith
  - Sr. Men Traditional
  - 1st: Shane Mitchell
  - 2nd: Robert "RJ" Smith
  - 3rd: Ike Orlando
  - 4th: Les Painter
  - Sr. Men Fancy
  - 1st: Tyler Lasley
  - 2nd: JR. Lonelodge

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**Co-Ed Softball Tournament Champs: Team Ed's Drain Cleaning**



**Double Ball**



**Double Ball**



**Lacrosse Tournament near District 1 Community Center**



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- Sr. Men Woodland
  - 1st: Garrett Christiansen
  - 2nd: Dennis Youngbear
  - 3rd: Josh Zuncker
  - 4th: Eddie Larrea
- Sr. Women Jingle
  - 1st: Cassie Hindsley
  - 2nd: Lisa Whitebird
  - 3rd: Michelle Winneshiek
  - 4th: Kimberly LaRonge
- Sr. Women Traditional
  - 1st: Maria Garcia
  - 2nd: Erica Hawpetoss
  - 3rd: Corena Whitecloud
  - 4th: Tiffany Warner
- Sr. Women Fancy
  - 1st: Nahmi Lasley
  - 2nd: Lisa Ewack
  - 3rd: Amy Bearskin-Painter
- Sr. Women Applique
  - 1st: Regina Hindsley
  - 2nd: Tracy Pecore
  - 3rd: Cheryl Funmaker
  - 4th: Rita Kingswan
- Jr Adult Mens Grass
  - 1st: Sonny Demaroe
  - 2nd: Damian Funmaker
  - 3rd: Storm Whiteeagle
  - 4th: Leland Youngbird
- Jr. Adult Mens Traditional
  - 1st: Elijah Leonard
  - 2nd: Bryson Funmaker
  - 3rd: Paul Roberts
  - 4th: Emjay Whitecloud
- Jr. Adult Mens Fancy
  - 1st: Bubba Cleveland
  - 2nd: Marcus Gardner, Jr
  - 3rd: Craig Cleveland
- Jr. Mens Woodland
  - 1st: Marcus Winchester
  - 2nd: Jordan Thompson
  - 3rd: Jacob Blackdeer
  - 4th: Ryan Hill
- Jr. Womans Jingle
  - 1st: Celina Hall
  - 2nd: Emily Goodbear
  - 3rd: Jordan Dominguez
  - 4th: Kateri Busse
- Jr. Woman Traditional
  - 1st: Charish Toehay
  - 2nd: Unpowicahpinwin Goodwill
  - 3rd: Tianna Thompson
  - 4th: Bianca Whitecloud
- Jr. Womans Fancy
  - 1st: Jovena ScabbyRobe
  - 2nd: Megan Tucker
  - 3rd: Kaliyah Bear
  - 4th: Journey Brotherkton
- Jr. Womans Applique
  - 1st: Brittany Pelkey
  - 2nd: Rochelle Mann
  - 3rd: Elicia Leonard
  - 4th: Joleece Pecore

- 1st: Oaklyn St.John
- 2nd: Amyah Addison
- 3rd: ChyloCree Belisle
- Teen Girls Applique
  - 1st: Kaelyn Chasenah
  - 2nd: Kaylen Topsy
  - 3rd: Dianna Funmaker
- Teen Girls Traditional
  - 1st: Amari Funmaker
  - 2nd: Dyan Keahna
  - 3rd: Elise Leonard
- Teen Girls Fancy
  - 1st: Leila Cleveland
  - 2nd: Taylena Houghton
  - 3rd: Emma Lonelodge
- Teen Boys Grass
  - 1st: Cael Youngbear
  - 2nd: Xavier Escamea
  - 3rd: Corey Hindsley, Jr
- Teen Boys Woodland
  - 1st: Payton Roberts
  - 2nd: Gene Nyte Yellowbird
  - 3rd: Eldon Hindsley
- Teen Boys Traditional
  - 1st: Aison Funmaker
  - 2nd: Elias Leonard
  - 3rd: Aaron Addison
- Teen Boys Fancy
  - 1st: Jaden Painter
  - 2nd: Barron Waupoose
  - 3rd: Cadin Painter
- Jr. Boys Grass
  - 1st: Airian Murrifo
  - 2nd: Emmett WhiteEagle
  - 3rd: Maanape Pamoncutt
- Jr. Boys Traditional
  - 1st: Abel Decorah
  - 2nd: Matthew Cleveland
  - 3rd: Lorenzo Jordan, jr
- Jr. Boys Fancy
  - 1st: Jeffrey Bearridge
  - 2nd: Oliver Keahna
- Jr. Boys Woodland
  - 1st: Lerris Keahna
  - 2nd: Bryson Grant
  - 3rd: No-Ko-Se Hopinkah-Whitecloud
- Jr. Girls Jingle
  - 1st: Bree Scabbyrobe
  - 2nd: Eliana Leonard
  - 3rd: Sashana Walker
- Jr. Girls Applique
  - 1st: Rosella Walker
  - 2nd: Cisalyn Chasenah
  - 3rd: Sheri Boyd
- Jr. Girls Traditional
  - 1st: Wazoni Cloud
  - 2nd: Iliana Smith
  - 3rd: He-Les-Wv Hopinkah-Whitecloud
- Jr. Girls Fancy
  - 1st: Adrian Nicholas
  - 2nd: Azalea Jefeis
  - 3rd: Wacahpi Luxon



Book signing with Irene Keenan, Jr



Book signing with author Ria Thundercloud



Book signing with author Sharice Davids



Labor Day Pow-Wow



Labor Day Pow-Wow



# Neeshla Pow-Wow in Baraboo

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

The Ho-Chunk Nation hosted the 2023 Neeshla Pow-Wow on Aug. 25, 26, and 27 in Baraboo near the Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wisconsin Dells casino.

Boye Ladd and Sheldon Sundown were the emcees for the weekend. The arena director was Norman Roach. Shandiina Jack was the head female dance judge. The head male dance judge was Josiah Thunder. Chad Tahchawwickah was the head singing judge.

The contest winners were:

Applique, Girls 6-12

- 1st Washiniwinga Armell
- 2nd Isabella Montelongo
- 3rd Marvellina Lang
- 4th Anahkosah Jo Fish

Jingle, Girls 6-12

- 1st Taneal Metoxen
- 2nd Sophia Nicholas
- 3rd Eliana Leonard
- 4th Fawn Vasquez

Fancy, Girls 6-12

- 1st Selena Kaquatosh
- 2nd Wicahpi Luxon
- 3rd Lydia Sheridan
- 4th Naha Tyon

Traditional, Girls 6-12

- 1st Wazoni Cloud
- 2nd Iliana Smith
- 3rd Rainna Littlewolf
- 4th He-les-wv Hopinka-WhiteCloud

Grass, Boys 6-12

- 1st Maanape Pamonicutt
- 2nd Kamehl Timberwolf
- 3rd Emmett WhiteEagle
- 4th Cody Greendeer

Fancy, Boys 6-12

- 1st Albert King III
- 2nd Lerris Keahna-Cable
- 3rd Gordon Kaquatosh

Traditional, Boys 6-12

- 1st Kenny Funmaker
- 2nd Matthew Cleveland
- 3rd Bryson Grant
- 4th Abel Decorah

Applique, Teen Girls 13-17

- 1st Dianna Funmaker
- 2nd Nevaeh Cotto
- 3rd Kaylen TopSky
- 4th Paula Cloud

Jingle, Teen Girls 13-17

- 1st Maymangwa Garcia
- 2nd Nevaeh Littlehawk
- 3rd Ioleta Kingbird
- 4th Madison Kingbird

Fancy, Teen Girls 13-17

- 1st Kianna Kingbird
- 2nd Lenna Metoxen
- 3rd Taylena Houghto
- 4th Gabriella Logan

Traditional, Teen Girls 13-17

- 1st Amari Funmaker
- 2nd Delayna Bear
- 3rd Siena Brown
- 4th Marya Jones

Grass, Teen Boys 13-17

- 1st Aydrian Day
- 2nd Roman Rasmussen
- 3rd Levi Cleveland
- 4th Cael Youngbear

Fancy, Teen Boys 13-17

- 1st Lucas Cleveland
- 2nd Pershing Kaquatosh
- 3rd Jaden Painter
- 4th Joran Fingernail

Traditional, Teen Boys 13-17

- 1st Elias Leonard
- 2nd Eddie Benton
- 3rd Aison Funmakee
- 4th Eldon Hindsley

Fancy, Jr Womens 18-39

- 1st Cherish Kingbird
- 2nd Megan Tucker
- 3rd Angel Harris
- 4th Aliah Bear

Jingle, Jr Womens 18-39

- 1st Diana Sanapaw
- 2nd Raena Lasley
- 3rd Lorraina Thompson
- 4th Vanessa Goodman

Applique, Jr Womens 18-39

- 1st Tiana Thompson
- 2nd Rochelle Mann
- 3rd Cindy Warrington
- 4th Virginia Snake-Bumann

Traditional, Jr Womens 18-39

- 1st Tashena McCabe
- 2nd Alexa Rae Day
- 3rd Bianca WhiteCloud
- 4th Jacey Lamar

Fancy, Sr Womens 40-59

- 1st Star Silas
- 2nd Beatrice Fingernail
- 3rd Sheena Decorah

Applique, Sr Womens 40-59

- 1st Autumn White
- 2nd Semia Snowball
- 3rd Gina Hindsley
- 4th Maria Garcia

Jingle, Sr Womens 40-59

- 1st Sheena Cain
- 2nd Winona Tahdooahnippah
- 3rd Cassie Hindsley
- 4th Connie Danforth

Traditional, Sr Womens 40-59

- 1st Danielle George
- 2nd Tosha Goodwill
- 3rd Tiffani Warner
- 4th Naomi Peters

Golden Age Combine, Womens

- 1st Janice Cloud
- 2nd Becky Taylor

3rd Tina Hindsley

Fancy, Jr Mens 18-39

- 1st Albert King Jr
- 2nd Shorty Crawford
- 3rd Bluestar Roach Cleveland

Grass, Jr Mens 18-39

- 1st Cj Lasley
- 2nd Sonny DeMarce
- 3rd Storm WhiteEagle
- 4th Drake Logan

Traditional, Jr Mens 18-39

- 1st Brevin Boyd Sr
- 2nd Quentin Dick
- 3rd Rick Cleveland Jr
- 4th Elijah Leonard II

Fancy, Sr Mens 40-59

- 1st Wayne Silas Jr
- 2nd David Cleveland
- 3rd Marcus Gardner
- 4th Corey Hindsley Sr

Grass, Sr Mens 40-59

- 1st Haga Cleveland
- 2nd James Day
- 3rd Guy Fox
- 4th Kevin Kingbird

Traditional, Sr Mens 40-59

- 1st Les Painter
- 2nd Burton Warrington
- 3rd Kelly Logan
- 4th Orlando Ike

Golden Age Combine, Mens Golden Age 60+

- 1st Albert King Sr
- 2nd Tommie Snowball
- 3rd Mike King

Drum Contest

- 1st Iron Boy
- 2nd Heyluskah
- 3rd Meskwaki Nation
- 4th Hay Creek
- 5th NDN Scout





# Ho-Chunk Nation Donation Supports Tiger Youth Basketball Association

Ho-Chunk Nation District 1 Legislators Rep. Phyllis Smoke and Rep. Rodney Rave presented a donation from the Ho-Chunk Nation to Nick Kitowski, with The Tiger Youth Basketball Association (TYBA). A nine year old program for the Black River Falls area youth, Kindergarten to 8th grades. It was officially formed in March 2014 to bring better organization to youth basketball in Black River Falls.

TYBA is a feeder program for the Black River Falls Boys and Girls varsity basketball program, and is managed by a board of directors made up of community members,

including high school varsity basketball head coaches, Nate Erickson and David Cowley. Our mission statement:

*The future of Black River Falls basketball lies in the foundation of a solid youth program to teach and develop the fundamental skills necessary in the game of basketball. The program believes that all youth should have an opportunity to develop as young people and basketball players. The program has high expectations for our youth athletes and believes in teaching the fundamentals of basketball in a fun and positive environment.*



**HHODA** Ho-Chunk Housing & Community Development Agency  
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**FY2023 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)**

**Infrastructure for Village West – Sauk County, WI**

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHODA) intends to apply for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) funding on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation (Resolution 07-18-23 E and Resolution 07-18-23 F). HHODA is applying for ICDBG funds to provide infrastructure address housing needs in District 2 – Wisconsin Dells area for the full amount of \$2 million dollars. Infrastructure such as water, sewer, and roads is necessary to prepare a land parcel for clearing and grubbing for site development. A citizen participation event was scheduled on August 22, 2023 at House of Wellness that resulted in community comments and feedback in favor of the two infrastructure projects.

**Project 1 – Infrastructure for Village West Project (Baraboo, WI)**

- Provide infrastructure such as water, sewer, and roads for Low-Income Housing Tax Credit project (Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority grant awarded – 2023) for the construction of a 40-unit affordable housing complex for persons of low-to moderate-income.
- The maximum amount of \$1 million allocated in the application for this project.
- This project meets an essential need for Ho-Chunk Nation/AIAN members residing in Ho-Chunk Nation communities for housing that is energy efficient and affordable.

**Project 2 – Infrastructure Extension throughout Village West (Baraboo, WI)**

- The second project will provide infrastructure such as water, sewer, and roads for further housing or economic development at Village West in the Wisconsin Dells area.
- Infrastructure also includes preparing a land parcel for clearing and grubbing for economic site development.
- The maximum amount of \$1 million allocated in the application for this project.
- This project meets an essential need for Ho-Chunk Nation/AIAN members residing in Ho-Chunk Nation communities for housing and/or community development.

This public announcement will ensure the Citizen Participation requirements were followed in accordance with 24 CFR 1003.604 for the proposed projects in the FY2023 ICDBG application.

**HO-CHUNK COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY (CEDS)**

**Ho - Chunk CEDS Survey**

The CEDS survey will assist with the creation of the CEDS document. This document will serve as a plan to improve decision-making when considering future projects that may raise revenue and impact the appropriation of funds.

**Open to Ho-Chunk Community Members**

Survey is available through Sept. 17th, 2023

**Scan to Join or Click Link**

<https://survey.sogolytics.com/r/k4LUFQ>

Questions? Email: [economicdiversification@ho-chunk.com](mailto:economicdiversification@ho-chunk.com)

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*Thank You!*

THANK YOU TO OUR VENDORS, STAFF, AND MOST OF ALL OUR COMMUNITY FOR JOINING US AT OUR 6 SUMMER HEALTH FAIRS! THEY WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SUCH A SUCCESS WITHOUT ALL OF YOU.

Thank you from the Public Health Staff

Continued from Page 1 that, “(a) Public Official of the Nation shall take either (1) only honoraria for participating in an extra-governmental event, ceremony, or similar function or (2) only regular work pay/salary, but not both simultaneously if the event occurs during work hours to avoid double payment by an organization and the tribe, or an organization within the tribe”

Darren Brinegar was appointed to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Inter-Tribal Task Force

(ITTF) to assist the Task Force and represent the interests of the Ho-Chunk Nation. At an ITTF meeting on March 10, 2022, the ITTF voted to have Brinegar serve as a Co-Chair of the Task Force and approved a motion to increase the monthly stipend/honorarium to the Co-Chairs to \$400 per month.

Brinegar Served on the ITTF from 2022 through Aug. 1, 2023. The process for payment to Brinegar of ITTF stipends/honoraria was that the Ho-Chunk Nation would be invoiced

for his participation, and distribute payment directly to Brinegar, and then the tribe would be reimbursed by the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

During his appointment to the ITTF, Brinegar requested and received payments from the Nation as part of the process for payment of the stipend/honoraria from the ITTF. In June 2023, the Legislature shared concerns with Brinegar about the payments he received for his participation in the ITTF, and whether it was appropriate for him to receive such payment and if he complied with Section 10.e of the Code of Ethics, by avoiding the double payment of the stipend/honoraria and his work salary.

According to Resolution 09-05-23 A, in a Legislative Executive Session on July 11, 2023 a motion was adopted to schedule removal hearing for Brinegar and Brinegar was in attendance. Then in another

Legislative Executive Session on Aug. 1, 2023, a motion was adopted to approve the charge against Brinegar that he took both the ITTF honorarium and accepted his regular pay/salary simultaneously and Brinegar was in attendance. Then on Aug. 22, 2023, in a Legislative Executive Session, a motion was adopted to schedule a Special Legislative Meeting for Aug. 31.

On Aug. 28, Brinegar requested the Aug. 31 hearing be rescheduled for another date because one of his witnesses was not able to attend the Aug. 31 date. In a Legislative Executive Session on Aug. 29, a motion was adopted to change the date of the Legislative Removal Hearing to Sept. 5, as part of a Special Legislative Meeting and Brinegar was in attendance.

Resolution 09-05-23 A passed by ten members voting affirmative, zero opposed, and two abstaining.





## Ho-Chunk Applique Call for Artists

The Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center is seeking submissions for applique dresses.

This exhibit celebrates the hard work and creativity of Ho-Chunk artists. Ribbon work applique has a long tradition of storytelling and personal expression within our culture, traditions, and communities.

Ho-Chunk Artists are invited to enter full applique dresses (skirts, blouse, brooch, and necklace).

Dresses will be displayed first come, first serve and be on display until March 2024.

**Deadline: September 15**  
Submit images to:  
[josephine.lee@ho-chunk.com](mailto:josephine.lee@ho-chunk.com)



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## SEPTEMBER 24

10 AM - 2 PM  
DOWNTOWN BARABOO | FREE EVENT  
[WWW.BARABOOACTSCOALITION.ORG](http://WWW.BARABOOACTSCOALITION.ORG)

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# Sep 2023

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10	11 Augusta/Fairchild	12 Merrillan/Hatfield	13 Neillsville/Dells Dam	14 BRF/Brockway/Maplewood	15 Tomah/Catarac Blue Wing	16
17 Bangor/Onalaska La Crosse	18 New Lisbon/Mauston	19 Indian Heights/WI Dells/Lyndon	20 Christmas Mountain Baraboo/Reedsburg	21 WI Rapids/Nekoosa Chak Ha Chee	22	23
24 Wittenberg Potosi/Chee Nunk	25	26	27	28	29	30

HO-CHUNK NATION ENROLLED HOMEOWNERS: PLEASE CALL ANTHONY LITTLEWOLF @ 608-374-1225 EXT 15780, FOR PUBLIC SANITARY SERVICES, IF YOU DO NOT GET AN ANSWER, PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE WITH CALL BACK NUMBER, AND WE WILL RETURN YOUR CALL. PLEASE HAVE ALL ITEMS READY FOR PICKUP AT THE END OF THEIR DRIVEWAY AND CLEAR ACCESS TO ITEMS BEING DISPOSED. SCHEDULES ARE TENTATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CHANGE. THANK YOU KINDLY. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

### Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Department Waiver of Liability, Assumption of Risk, and Indemnity Agreement

**Waiver:** In consideration of having the Ho-Chunk Nation Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions provide public sanitary services for Ho-Chunk tribal member homeowners, hereinafter "the Activity," I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns, **do hereby release, waive, discharge, and covenant not to sue** the Ho-Chunk Nation or Ho-Chunk Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions, its officers, employees, and agents from liability from any and all claims including the negligence of the Ho-Chunk Nation, its officers, employees and agents, resulting in personal injury, accidents or illnesses (including death), and property damage and/or loss arising from, but not limited to, participation in the Activity.

**Assumption of Risks:** Participation in the Activity carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid potential injuries. The specific risks vary, but the risks range from inadvertent damage to personal, private property such as lawns, curbs, mailboxes, buildings, vehicles, pets, livestock, etc.

**I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in the Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.**

**Indemnification and Hold Harmless:** I also agree to INDEMNIFY AND HOLD the Ho-Chunk Nation and Ho-Chunk Housing Department and its respective teams and/or divisions HARMLESS from any and all claims, actions, suits, procedures, costs, expenses, damages and liabilities, including attorney's fees brought as a result of involvement in the Activity and to reimburse them for any such expenses incurred.

**Severability:** The undersigned further expressly agrees that the foregoing waiver and assumption of risks agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as is permitted by the law of the Ho-Chunk Nation and that if any portion thereof is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

**Acknowledgment of Understanding:** I have read this waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily, and intend by my signature to be a complete and unconditional release of all liability to the greatest extent allowed by law.

Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_ Name (sign) \_\_\_\_\_ Date (MM/DD/YYYY) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

FREE ADMISSION OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

# 2023 CENTRAL WISCONSIN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY POWWOW & NATIVE AMERICAN ART MARKET

October 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>  
Central Wisconsin Convention & Expo Center  
10101 Market Street • Rothschild, Wisconsin  
Doors open at 11am

Saturday, October 7 & Sunday, October 8  
GRAND ENTRY • 1 pm & 7 pm FEAST • 5 pm  
GRAND ENTRY • 12 pm

Masters of Ceremonies  
John Teller, Jr. & Dylan Prescott  
Arena Director  
Paul Roberts, Jr.  
Host Drum  
TBA

Honorarium for FIRST 6 DRUMS REGISTERED!  
Minimum 6-person drum, no drum hopping.  
Call/text 608-697-9300 after 9/1/23 to pre-register.

Sound System  
Tradition

PROUGHT TO YOU BY  
CENTRAL WISCONSIN INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY COMMITTEE  
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FOREST COUNTY POTAWATOMI Keeper of the Fire

!! SPECIALS !!  
Each Session • Head Man/Woman Selected Each Session  
Dancer Session Pay

Craft & Food Vendors contact [Tricia.Zunker@gmail.com](mailto:Tricia.Zunker@gmail.com) or text 608-697-9300.  
Food trucks ONLY. No indoor food vendors.





# 2023 Address Verifications Should Be in Your Mailbox

Ardith Van Riper

The Ho-Chunk Nation 2023 Address Verification Forms (AVFs) from the Office of Enrollment have been mailed out. The annual AVFs are used for election purposes and to determine district residency.

The electronic AVFs opens on Monday, Sept. 9 at <https://avf.hochunk.com>. You will need your last four digits of your social security number, last four digits of your tribal ID, and your date of birth to log in. A second page will appear after you

click on the "Submit" button.

Please note that paper AVFs require blue or black ink. If you make an error, do not use white out. Instead, draw a single line through the error and initial. Write the correction above or below. The paper AVF must be

signed in front of a Notary Public.

All AVFs are due Friday, Oct. 13, at 4:30 pm.

The 2023 AVF is not indicative of a Per Capita Distribution but is necessary to remain compliant with the Per Capita Distribution Ordinance.



Ho-Chunk Nation  
Community Health Department



## Sept. Foot Clinics

Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary

**WI Dells Tribal Aging Unit • 9/7**  
E8863 Winneshiek Drive, WI Dells  
(608) 253-2185

**Madison Branch Office • 9/19**  
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison  
(608) 277-9964

**La Crosse Three Rivers House • 9/19**  
724 Main Street, La Crosse  
(608) 783-6025

**Tomah Tribal Aging Unit • 9/26**  
358 Eos Road, Tomah  
(608) 372-5202

**Wittenberg Tribal Aging Unit • 9/26**  
W17956 Witt-Birn Townline Road, Wittenberg  
(715) 253-2382

**Nekoosa Health Office • 9/28**  
1021 County Road G, Nekoosa  
(715) 886-5444

**10AM-  
2PM**

08/31/23 MH Please call local contact to schedule an appointment or for more information.

## SEPTEMBER

# 2023

**HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM**

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:00AM - 11:45PM**  
**1:00PM - 3:45 PM**



**SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE**  
**PHONE: 715-284-7461 EXT. 35038**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 OPEN BRF
4 <b>LABOR DAY</b> CLOSED	5 OPEN BRF	6 <b>WITTENBERG</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION</b> 10:30 AM-12:30 PM	7 OPEN BRF	8 OPEN BRF
11 OPEN BRF	12 OPEN BRF	13 <b>WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION</b> NUTRITION EDUCATION WITH ALEX RICHESON 10AM-130PM	14 OPEN BRF	15 <b>WIS. DELLS</b> <b>DELIVERIES</b> OPEN
18 OPEN BRF NUTRITION EDUCATION WITH KATHY BRAATEN	19 OPEN BRF	20 <b>TOMAH</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION</b> 12N-1:00 PM	21 OPEN BRF	22 <b>LACROSSE</b> <b>PICK-UPS</b> OPEN
25 OPEN BRF	26 <b>LAST SEPTEMBER PICK UP</b> DAY OPEN BRF	27 <b>NEKOOSA</b> <b>DISTRIBUTION</b> 12N-1:00 PM	28 <b>SHIPMENT</b> CLOSED	29 <b>INVENTORY</b> CLOSED

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



**KIJIRE NAAGU RECRUITMENT  
FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 15, 2023**

Kijire Naagu is seeking qualified candidates for its board of directors. The board will act as a fiduciary to the Kijire Naagu and manage general affairs of the Kijire Naagu Healing Village. Board of Directors will be meeting bi-monthly. Special Meetings may be called by the Board Chair, at any time to conduct business necessary for the initial operation of Kijire Naagu Healing Village. Board of Directors are further expected to serve a three (3) year term of office.

QUALIFIED CANDIDATES MUST HAVE EXPERIENCE IN ONE OR MORE OF THESE AREAS:

- Personal Experience in Recovery and Addiction
- Ho-Chunk Language, Cultural and Spiritual Matters
- Education or Experience in Behavioral Health field
- Social Services
- Medical Services
- Business/Financial
- Fundraising and/or grant writing for non-profit organizations

Additionally, candidates should have an understanding of Ho-Chunk Communities and a strong desire to help people heal. If interested, please send a letter of interest and resume.

Roberta Decorah, Vice-Chairperson Kijire Naagu  
11972 Freedom Road  
Tomah, WI 54660  
Bertie\_Decorah\_@hotmail.com  
(608) 343-8146

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

Table with 3 columns: Districts, Delegate, Alternate. Row 1: 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 715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583

Posted 7/17/23

SUMMONS (Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Joy LightStorming, Petitioner, v. Heath Mrotek, Respondent.

Case No.: EP 23-01

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Heath Mrotek

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the Petition for Order for Protection is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the underlying cause(s) of action is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. A hearing on an Elder Protection Petition shall be held within forty-five (45) days of the filing of the Petition, in accordance with ELDER PROTECTION ACT OF 2001, 4 HCC § 1.21. The Court shall commence a proceeding at 1:30 p.m. CDT on the 22nd day of September 2023. A failure to attend may result in the entrance of a dismissal or a judgment against the absent party. Id.

The Court notes that the hearing will be closed and confidential. Persons who may attend are the parties, representatives of CFS, necessary Court officials, and attorneys for the parties. Other persons may appear only to testify.

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. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

P:/Procedural Templates/Summons/Elder Protection: 10/30/2015 Update

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NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, JESSICA NAKAI, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: 1004 WILSON LN NEKOOSA WI 54457

And more particularly described as: LOT 18 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS, WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before October 1, 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.

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, TRICIA CUSTODIO, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: W8816 DECORAH RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 14 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 33, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before October 16, 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.

NOTICE RIGHT TO OBJECT

In accordance with HCC 8 §14 Title Transfer & Recording Act

Ho-Chunk Member, RICHARD NAKAI, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at: 1018 WILSON LN NEKOOSA WI 54457

And more particularly described as: LOT 17 OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SECTION 24, TOWNSHIP 21 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST, TOWN OF PORT EDWARDS, WOOD COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT, For Official Use FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT AUG 04 2023 Notice to Creditors Case No. PR 23-03

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: Felicia Jo Wanna 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, Barbara J. Helgeson, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is November 20, 2023. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

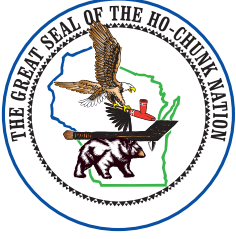
Mary Swanda Clerk of Court Mary Thunder Name Printed or Typed 08/04/23 Date

Form completed by: (Name) Atty Christian Fox Address 107 Main Street PO Box 789 Black River Falls, WI 54615 Telephone 715-284-1234 Bar Number (if any) 17F-20217C-55



# NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION

## Thursday, October 5, 2023



### LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 3, SEAT 3

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 3. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the removal of Darren Brinegar, District 3, Seat 3 effective September 6, 2023 by Resolution 09-05-23A. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

#### ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES

Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the Legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:

- (a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within thirty (30) days.

#### NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board Office before the close of the nomination period on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 by 4:30 PM. ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

#### ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

#### REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing

identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses

#### ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Sunday, September 24, 2023).

#### ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, September 30, 2023, by 4:00 P.M. See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*. Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

**Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Thursday, October 5, 2023.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board  
W8801 Mission Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
TELEPHONE: (715) 284-8900  
TOLL FREE: (800) 890-0583  
FAX: (715) 284-8600  
E-MAIL: Election.board@ho-chunk.com

#### POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

**Please check eligible voter list for your District.**

#### CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

POSTED 9/6/2023

#### ELECTIONEERING:

There shall be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Thursday, October 5, 2023

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
Wednesday, September 6, 2023

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST**  
Thursday, September 7, 2023

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE**  
4:30 PM  
Wednesday, September 20, 2023

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
4:00 PM  
Sunday, September 24, 2023

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
4:00 PM  
Saturday, September 30, 2023

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
Thursday, October 5, 2023

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

**WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI**  
CHAK-HAH-CHEE  
COMMUNITY BUILDING  
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane  
(715)886-8411

**WITTENBERG, WI**  
SIGA FUNMAKER  
COMMUNITY CENTER  
W17634 Radke Road  
(715)253-4407

**MADISON, WI**  
MADISON BRANCH  
OFFICE  
4724 Tradewinds Parkway  
(608)277-9964

**MILWAUKEE, WI**  
MILWAUKEE BRANCH  
OFFICE  
3501 S. Howell Avenue  
(414)747-8680

**GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
2413 Hazelwood Ln  
(920) 490-2775

**Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.**



## Anthony Falcon

July 31, 1979 - August 23, 2023

Black River Falls, WI—Anthony Martin Falcon (Maaxihogiwixga- Circles the Clouds), age 44, passed away on August 23, 2023, in Black River Falls. Anthony was born on July 31, 1979, in Santa Fe, New Mexico, to Mann and Arlene (Antone) Falcon and raised in Black River Falls WI. He was educated in the Black River school system and was a graduate of Black River Falls High School. Anthony attended Haskell All Nations University and played basketball. He then attended Kansas University earning his Bachelors and later his Masters Degree in Economics. His full intention was coming home to work for the Ho-Chunk Nation-which is what he did.

He was known for his dedication to the Native American Church and an avid Kansas University Basketball fan. His joy was singing NAC songs and at pow-wows. He enjoyed spending time with family, friends, his girls and grand babies.

Anthony is survived by his father Mann Falcon, mother Arlene Falcon; Aunts Betsy Joann; brothers Samson (Jessi), Gabriel (Sarina), John (Maggie), Valene Falcon; sisters Thalia, Bess, Lucasta, Ardith, Lisa, Ashde (KS) Sandra Ascencio (Sells, AZ); daughters Mia, Hannah, Summer Sky, and Jaella Falcon; significant partner, Victoria, her children Jovahn, Niyanna, grand babies Natalia and Levi; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

His was preceded in death by his grandparents Emanuel and Rose Falcon, and Valene and Ella Antone.

A Service will be held at the Falcon residence on Sunday, August 27, at 9 am with interment to follow at Decorah Cemetery.



**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
AUGUST 1, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

### Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-P  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohrippah-EX

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

**Opening Prayer:** President Jon Greendeer offered a word

of prayer.

### Approval of Agenda:

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda **ADDING New Business: Q. Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue a Grant Application with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) for Infectious Disease Planning & Response and ADDING Critical Care before Commission Reports.** Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

**Legislative Meeting-July 18, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 18, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Legislative Meeting-July 27, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 27, 2023 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with

## Karena Lea (Snake) Custodio

July 28, 1978 – August 22, 2023

Karena Lea (Snake) Custodio, age 45, of Black River Falls, WI, passed away on August 22, 2023, at Gunderson Lutheran Medical Center in La Crosse, WI, surrounded by her family. She was born on July 28, 1978 in Black River Falls, the daughter of Norman D. Snake Sr. and Cheryl Lynn Decorah.

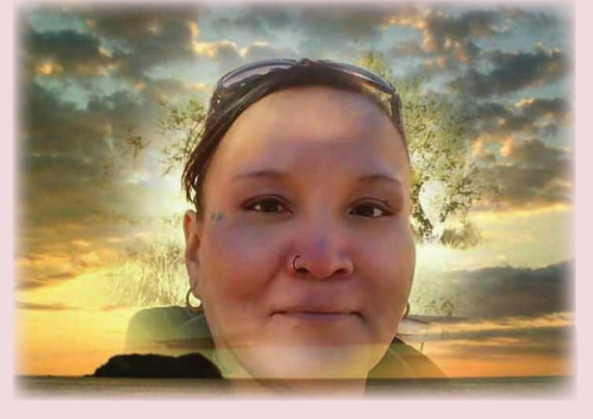
She worked various jobs for the Ho-Chunk Nation. She enjoyed doing arts and crafts, baking, and spending time with family and friends. Karena had a big heart; continuously trying to help others no matter her own situation.

Karena is survived by her children, Miguel (Winnie) Custodio Jr., Alejandro (Thea) Rodriguez, Michaela (Isaias) Custodio, and Marissa (Jordan) Stabler; sister, Tricia Snake-Custodio; brother, Marlin Keith Snake; grandchildren, Taylan, Benson, Anevay, Xavier, Eliyanah, Ezra, and Liyana; and aunts, Gloria Perez and Doris Cummings.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Norman Sr. and Cheryl Snake; siblings, Norman Snake Jr.; and son, Darus Stabler.

Funeral services for Karena will take place Friday, August 25, 2023, at the District One Community Center at 12:00 p.m. Shannon Rave will officiate. Friends and family are invited to visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. There will also be a visitation on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the Buswell Funeral Home from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Burial will immediately follow the service at the Decorah Cemetery.

The Buswell Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements, 715-284-2231.



corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### Critical Care

Rep. Kristin White Eagle added this to the agenda over concerns regarding critical care and the needs of the Tribal members. The Office of the President (OOP) has had many requests over the weekend, as well as many of the Representatives. Will OOP be able to sustain the amount of requests coming in, and providing help during this critical time of care or loss? What is the need for continuing through the year?

Executive Secretary Virginia DeFord mentioned there are guidelines and credit card policies to be followed. Phone calls come in all the time, and over the weekends for assistance. Most requests are for hotel rooms. Some requests that have been denied because they are not immediate family or Tribal members.

President Greendeer mentioned the largest expense is hotel rooms. OOP understands that not every request has to have a hotel room, however they still want to be compassionate in the time of need. The Office of

the President collaborated with the Emergency Assistance Program. As of today, all request will go through intake at Child and Family Services (CFS), and then will move to Kimberly Whitewater or Fredricka Miner for approval. Emergency Assistance is subsidized by a grant during COVID, to provide funding for food vouchers or fuel cards. They are in the process of completing a full evaluation so there will be consistency, clear process and requirements. The President mentioned the current process is not financially sustainable, and the parameters are going to have to be refined. It is an area of concern at this point. For now the Executive Secretary will provide the information, and refer calls to CFS. This will be a quick turnaround.

### Commission Reports:

**Special Finance Commission-July 24, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the July 24, 2023 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-2(Rep. Sarah Lemieux- White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar)

## Joanne Rae Whiterabbit

July 31, 1979 - August 23, 2023



Joanne Rae Whiterabbit, age 59, of Hudson, WI passed away on August 27, 2023, at her home with family by her side. Joanne was born on August 30, 1963, to parents Ronald and Roberta Whiterabbit.

She was a cheerleader at Blaine Senior High ('81) attended Augsburg College and graduated with a degree in business management.

She worked as Executive Director of for The Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce for 10 years. Joanne was involved with nonprofits and sat on numerous boards across the American Indian Community. She was one of the most kind, generous, and hilarious people you would ever meet. Her favorite pass times were listening to tunes while boating on the St. Croix River, meeting up with friends at Barkers, pull-tabling, and watching the Vikings. Her love for her children was one of a kind and she would do anything for them.

She will remain in the hearts of her children Ron and Jae Whiterabbit. Her aunt Charlene Steele, Uncle's Byron and Dwight Steele, Uncle Forrest (Kathyleen) and Forrest Whiterabbit Jr. Aunt Elaine (Robert), Sharyn (James) Whiterabbit Noonan. Uncle Harvey Helgemo, Cousins Wendy Helgemo and Heidi, Adalina and Dalia Tucker. Nephew Morgan Whiterabbit. Her brother Chad (Nichole) and their children, Lauren, Ryan, Coltan Whiterabbit. Her best friend, Colleen Warner, and Ron Grubner.

She is preceded in death by her parents Ronald (Sharen) and Roberta; sister Renee; Grandparents Murray (Val), Mitchell (Camille), Whiterabbit. Grandparents August (Helen) Wiecki. Aunts Marlene Helgemo and Sharyn Whiterabbit.

A memorial gathering for Joanne will be held on August 30, 2023, at O'Connell Family Funeral Home in Hudson from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Memorials are preferred to The Minnesota American Indian Chamber of Commerce.

### MOTION CARRIED.

**Finance Commission-July 26, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the July 26, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Skyline Golf Course Expansion Project**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 A**, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Skyline Golf Course Expansion Project. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-1(Rep. Danielle DeLong)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Danielle DeLong opposed the request coming from the Compact Deduct, as the golf course does not serve the entire Nation.

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### Reports:

#### Tribal Enrollment Numbers

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Tribal Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Ho-Chunk Nation Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to accept report. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Office of General Council Report

A written report was received.

#### Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

##### Department of Administration

A written report was received.

##### Department of Health

A written report was received.

##### Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

##### Department of Social Services

A written report was received.

#### Elder Advisory Board

A written report was received.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority the **MOTION** by Francis Littlewolf to have the parking lot resealed and painted when funds are available. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to request TAU provide cost of insurance and options regarding the **MOTION** by Joann Maney to have Ho-Chunk Nation to pay deductible for Elders Home Insurance. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present, and was asked to provide a report on the highest and lowest served according to age group. Department of Health is in contract negotiations with an Optometrist for House of Wellness, and a Dentist for Ho-Chunk Health Care Center. There is usually an issue with recruiting in Black River Falls with it being a rural health care center. It has been reported there is a shortage of health care workers nationwide.

Executive Director of Personnel Jeriah Rave mentioned part of his strategic plan is recruitment and retention. Regarding Class & Comp, that is going to be started up shortly with Gallagher, it is looking like an 18 month process.

### Unfinished Business:

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

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren

Brinegar to have Legislative Legal prepare a resolution to put Finance Ordinance out for comment with proposed amendments to the definitions. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### HHCDA Rent Subsidy Request

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to have detailed report from HHCDA regarding Rent Subsidy. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to reference the July 10, 2023 memo from Nicole Kimpton. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

### New Business:

#### Legislative Citation for Joann Jones

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative Counsel to prepare a resolution for a Legislative Citation for Joann Jones for the Legislative Meeting on August 22, 2023. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorizing Department of Health to Contract for Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Priority Allocation Funding for Water Resources

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 B**, Authorizing Department of Health to Contract for Bureau of Indian Affairs Tribal Priority Allocation Funding for Water Resources. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Support for Submission by Department of Social Services of Annual Plans and Budgets to Wisconsin Department of Health Services

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 C**, Support for Submission by Department of Social Services of Annual Plans and Budgets to Wisconsin Department of Health Services. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 D**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Maawakacak #439 T 2170 for Specpro Professional Services, LLC

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 E**, Authorization of a Business Site Land Lease on Maawakacak #439 T 2170 for Specpro Professional Services, LLC. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION**

**CARRIED.**

#### Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) Summary-Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Sara Pomeroy

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle would like to include the reimbursement of \$250.00 for biometric testing, which can be applied to other health, dental, or optical expenses.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to update the health policy to include the Health Reimbursement Arrangement. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to update the plan document instead of health policy. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Apply for a National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Infection Control Grant

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 F**, Support for the Health Department to Apply for a National Indian Health Board (NIHB) Infection Control Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorizing 2023 MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative (NADGI)

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 G**, Authorizing 2023 MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Native American Drug and Gang Initiative (NADGI). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorizing Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Shawano County Sheriff's Department for Access to the TIME System

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 H**, Authorizing Agreement between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Shawano County Sheriff's Department for Access to the TIME System. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Authorizing MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Sauk County Drug Task Force

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 I**, Authorizing MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Sauk County Drug Task Force. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Danielle DeLong is out of the room at 11:18 a.m.

#### Resolution-Authorizing MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department

#### and the Juneau County Drug Task Force

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 J**, Authorizing MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department and the Juneau County Drug Task Force. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Danielle DeLong returns to the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

#### Resolution-Authorizing Application for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Community Health Aide Program Grant

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned this resolution was back on the agenda, as it was requested that Behavioral Health provide a project plan and narrative. That information has been received.

There was questions and concerns regarding the grant covering salaries, and what might happen if the grant is not approved.

Rep. Stephanie Begay asked if they have funding in the current budget to cover the employees without this grant. Ms. Suquet said she will be forced to do a true increase request, one with potential grant funding and one without.

Rep. Begay continued, how you can have staff in the division without enough funding, and did this happen last year. Ms. Suquet said this issue came with some internal promotions, new hires, in addition to the two Cost of Living Adjustments which impacted all health budgets. With her NPD budget she did not estimate a shortfall of the budget.

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 K**, Authorizing Application for U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Service Community Health Aide Program Grant. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 7-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Session:

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay 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. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:39 a.m.

The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 11:58 a.m.

President Greendeer called the Executive Session to order at 12:50 p.m. Quorum was established.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting returned to Open Session at 1:20 p.m.

### New Business (Continued):

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy mentioned the process of holding the Confirmation Hearing. The attorneys usually mention where they are within the law. Background checks have been completed. Then the candidates have an opportunity to introduce themselves and speak on their experience, goals or objectives. Legislators will have an opportunity to ask questions of the candidate. There are two resolutions drafted one to confirm or deny. Under the law, Legislature can take up to two more meetings to decide.

#### Confirmation Hearing for Executive Director of Education Nominee

Acting Executive Director of Education Ryan Crain, Sr. was present, and went over his education, work history and fielded questions from the Legislature.

#### Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Ryan Crain to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Education

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 L**, Confirmation of Ryan Crain to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 7-3(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Confirmation Hearing for Executive Director of Labor Nominee

Acting Executive Director of Labor Jean Stacy-Snow was present, and went over her education, work history and fielded questions from the Legislature.

#### Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Jean Stacy-Snow to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Labor

**MOTION** by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 M**, Confirmation of Jean Stacy-Snow to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Labor. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Pursue a Grant Application with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) for Infectious Disease Planning & Response

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 N**, Support for the Health Department to Pursue a Grant Application with the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) for Infectious Disease Planning & Response. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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**2<sup>nd</sup> 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. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:09 p.m.*

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

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:38 p.m.*

*Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Release to Open Session:**

**Resolution-Establishment of Village West Housing Legislative Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 O,**

Establishment of Village West Housing Legislative Workgroup and release the resolution and motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Code Talkers Memorial**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that discussion on Code Talkers Memorial is released to Open Session and that Legislators are allowed to discuss this with the tribal membership. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Stephanie Begay out of the room.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin

White Eagle that the Nation make contact with the tribal liaison through Wisconsin Department of Transportation to work towards dual language on the Code Talkers Memorial and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle is out of the room.*

**Release to Open Session (Continued):**

**Resolution-Support for the Restoration of Man Mound and Diversion of Man Mound Road**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-01-23 P,** Support for the Restoration of

Man Mound and Diversion of Man Mound Road and release this to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. out of the room.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 8, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
AUGUST 8, 2023**

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-EX  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-EX  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-P  
Rep. Paul Fox-EX  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video Conference

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

**Opening Prayer:** President Jon Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the agenda ADDING New Business: D. Confirmation Hearing for the Director of Business Nominee; New Business: E. Confirmation/Denial of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of Business, TABLING Unfinished Business: A. HHCDA Rent Subsidy Request. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-August 1, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 1, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-2(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

**Gaming Commission Report** A written report was received.  
**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Heritage Preservation** No Report was received.

**Department of Justice** A written report was received.

**Department of Natural Resources** A written report was received.

**Department of Agriculture** A written report was received.

**Department of Treasury** A written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

**HHCDA Rent Subsidy Request-Vice President Karena Thundercloud-TABLED AT THE APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Appointment of Hinu Smith and Randy Poelma to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-08-23 A,** Appointment of Hinu Smith and Randy Poelma to the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 08-08-23 B,** Authorization to Place Amendments to the Finance Ordinance out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Establishment of Capital Project for the Gaming Commission Surveillance Equipment and Funding from the Fiscal Year 2021 Unexpended Funds**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 08-14-23 A,** Establishment of Capital Project for the Gaming Commission Surveillance Equipment and Funding from the Fiscal Year 2021 Unexpended Funds. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Tribal Access Program**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 08-08-23 C,** Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Tribal Access Program. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Confirmation Hearing for Director of Business Nominee**

Acting Director of Business Robert Mudd was present, and went over his work history and fielded questions from the Legislature.

**Resolution-Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business Resolution-Denial of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 08-08-23 D,** Confirmation of Robert Mudd to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Business. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar 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. Rodney Rave. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

*Rep. Rodney Rave was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 10:41 a.m.*

*Rep. Kristin White Eagle was excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:16 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting returned to Open Session at 12:06 p.m.*

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

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 22, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:07 p.m.*

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

**Call to Order:** President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

**Roll Call:**

President Jon Greendeer-P  
Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Rodney Rave-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P (8:57 a.m.)

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P  
Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC  
VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 8:33 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**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. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 8:39 a.m. Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. arrived to the meeting at 8:57 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 9:31 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Robert Pilot were not on the call during the vote.*

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Robert Pilot were not on the call during the vote.*

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 9:33 a.m.*



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## 2023

September 16, 2023

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REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST BUFFET BEGINS AT 8:00 AM

### BUS SCHEDULE

**LEAVING: La Crosse-** 3800 WI 16 (Valley View Mall) Loading @ 6 a.m. Depart 6:15 a.m. Stop in HCG-TOMAH 27867 Hwy 21 approx. 7 a.m. Depart by 7:15 a.m.

**LEAVING: St. Paul-** 1724 Shelby Ave. Loading @ 5 a.m. Depart 5:15 a.m. Stop in HCG-BRF W9010 Hwy 54 approx. 7:30 a.m. Depart 7:45 a.m.

**LEAVING: Green Bay-**2413 Hazelwood Ln. Loading @ 6 a.m. Depart 6:15 a.m. Stop Appleton Park and Ride #44-01 Randolph Dr. approx. 7 a.m. Depart 7:15 a.m.

**LEAVING: Chicago-**4738 N. Milw. Ave. Loading 5 a.m. Depart 5:15 a.m. Stop HCG-MADISON 4002 Evan Acres Road approx. 7:30 a.m. Depart 7:45 a.m.

**LEAVING: Wittenberg-** HCG N7198 U.S. 45 Loading 6 a.m. Depart 6:15 a.m. Stop HCG-NEKOOSA 949 Cty G approx. 8 a.m. Depart 8:15 a.m.

**LEAVING: Milwaukee-** TBD

**ELDER PREFERENCE**

### ENROLLMENT WILL BE ONSITE TO ISSUE IDs

#### ❖ Requirements for Adult TID Cards\*

- Current mailing & physical address
- The following valid identification documents must be provided (non-expired)
  - Driver's License, State ID, Temporary License (temporary paper print out)
  - Passport
  - Certified Birth Certificate
  - Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)

#### ❖ Fees

- *First Tribal ID Cards and Elder Tribal ID Cards:* Free
- *Tribal ID Cards:* \$20.00
- *Accepted forms of payment:*
  - Cash (change not provided)
  - Money Order or Cashier's Check (made payable to Ho-Chunk Nation)

#### ❖ Hours

- **First come, first serve basis (Elders Prioritized)**
- ***Kalahari***
  - *Friday* September 15, 2023: 11am – 5pm
  - *Saturday* September 16, 2023: 8am – until quorum is met
  - *Verifications provided after quorum is met*

#### ❖ Questions? Contact Info

- **Email:** [enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com](mailto:enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com)
- **Phone:** 715-284-7824

\*Tribal IDs will not be processed for Minor's or those with Name Changes the day of General Council 2023

For online reservations at **HCG – Wisconsin Dells Hotel**, listed below is the direct link:

Group Code: 13383

<https://gettaroom.b4checkin.com/hochunkwisconsin#groupSignIn>

For online reservations at the **Kalahari Resort and Convention Center**, listed below is the direct link:

<https://book.passkey.com/e/50640089>