

Alzheimer's Association Walk To End Alzheimer's® Black River Falls Presented By Ho-Chunk Nation Anticipated To Raise More Than \$30,000

BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI, SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 -Participants from across the Black River Falls area took part in this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's - Black River Falls presented by Ho-Chunk Nation at Field of Honor Veterans Park on September 17. The Walk, which was chaired by Mary Gerdes of WWIS Radio, is anticipated to raise more than \$30,000 to fund research and local services in Black River Falls and surrounding areas, including support groups, education, information and referral services, care and support, advocacy efforts and a 24/7 Helpline - 800.272.3900.

"The FDA's recent approval of the first-ever treatment proven to slow the progression of Alzheimer's is a monumental step forward in our fight against the disease," said David Grams, Executive Director, Alzheimer's Association Wisconsin Chapter. "The Walk to End Alzheimer's plays a critical role in helping us advance our cause and provides hope of a future with *Continued on Page 3*





The Annual Meeting of General Council Reaches Quorum for the First Time in Four Years

Ardith Van Riper

The Annual Meeting of the General Council met on Saturday, Sept. 16, at the Kalahari Convention Center in Lake Delton, WI. The General Council retains the power to set policy for the Ho-Chunk Nation. The vote quorum of over 1,256 was met a little before 1:00 pm and business was conducted for the first time four years. Quorum is twenty percent of the eligible voters of the Nation. Registration recorded 1,457 members.

The 2022 Annual Meeting was set for July 30 in Madison at Warner Park. Registered participants reached 1,141 but did not meet the quorum number of 1,236.

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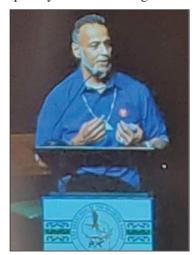
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Greetings to All,

I feel like we finally got to let it happen and it felt good to gather once again! I knew that if I ever had the chance to play a role in making sure our annual meeting of the General Council were to take place, I'd put everything we could behind it and we did! When our work on the Executive side synchronized with the funding from the Legislature and the coordination of the Office of General Council, I knew we'd see quorum and see it rather quickly and we could get onto



business.

It always resonates with me that the General Council is our FIRST Branch of Government to which the other three branches derive their powers and authorities. The General Council upon meeting a minimum quorum of 20% of all eligible voters sets the policy for the Nation and is also widely known for removing elected officials for malfeasance. That being said, it's safe to say, it's not in the best interest to ignore the final resolutions passed by the body but there is always a snag that puts decision makers in a bit of an uncomfortable state.

Resolutions don't even have to be read, reviewed, or fully displayed before the voters who attend the General Council. They need no research, data, projections, impact statements, legal, or financial review so when a resolution gets tossed up for a vote and gets passed, there's almost certainty all the work that should have taken place prior could have an effect on whether that resolution can

be legally or financially acted upon. This has been going on for as long as I've been going to the General Council and it gets frustrating because these hit roadblocks that could have been avoided if the research was done ahead of time.

That being said, if the format remains the same, we will continue to run into these very same issues over and over again. I find this happening with the latest spotlight on a resolution which was passed that calls for an amendment to the Enrollment Code which will modify through statute, the blood quantum of every tribal member to 4/4 Ho-Chunk who was enrolled in 1999 and subsequently, their descendants to qualify them for tribal enrollment. My role as President per this resolution is "to propose a Resolution on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation General Council to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to amend the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code" to reflect this proposal.

Like many that have

passed in our history, this resolution may resolve one matter but will do so while being completely blind of the legal, financial, or administrative effects. This fact doesn't single out this specific resolution because there are many that sit in the "graveyard" that never had a chance because no discussion, research, or impact studies were made before they materialized in front of a body that will literally vote on anything placed in front of them.

Concluding this, I am absolutely driven on having an open discussion on how we address the fact our enrollment eligibility will cease to be met by the generations coming down the line because this is in front of us. As well, solutions will not be without their share of opposing viewpoints but regardless, no solutions should come without research, data, and dialogue. I am not a preservationist in that I don't believe we should stand by and watch the system we currently have erase us from existence. I also believe we have our own history, culture, social and political structure and casting a solution that purportedly works for another tribe is going to work for us.

There's some work behind this and I'm willing to roll my sleeves up to get the information in front of us before we make another decision without any of those essential facts bringing this to the table. I urge we open these discussions in our homes and our social networks. Important issues like this don't always need the government to marshal the narrative or frame the topic.

Pushing all this aside for just one moment to say thank you! It was an absolute pleasure to see you and your families at the 2023 General Council and to literally feel the support of our people. As always, I'll keep you posted and try to get a little bit of rest between all the things going on around me. Take care, Family! Jon

Promega 2023 Fall Art Showcase to Honor Artist Truman Lowe

Exhibit featuring works by Lowe and former students to open September 19

Madison, WI USA (September 6, 2023) The Promega Fall Art Showcase will honor the life of Truman Lowe, a visionary artist, mentor and art professor. The exhibition will feature sculptures by Lowe alongside works by several of his former students. The Fall Art Showcase opens September 19 at the BioPharmaceutical Technology Center.

Truman Lowe: Artist, Teacher, Mentor

Truman Lowe was an acclaimed Ho-Chunk artist and professor in the Department of Art at the University of Wisconsin-Madison for 45 years. He also served as curator of contemporary art at the National Museum of the American Indian.

Lowe's large, site-specific installations use natural materials including wood, stone and metal to push creative boundaries and foster innovation. His works evoke a powerful connection with nature and exhibit a unique blend of versatility, precision and emotional depth.

As a mentor and teacher, Lowe's guidance and expertise were instrumental in nurturing emerging talent, encouraging originality and fostering a deep understanding and appreciation for Native American art and culture. Lowe was known for providing artists with the tools to navigate the intricacies of the art world and encouraging them to fearlessly delve into their artistic voice.

Jr. Promega is collaborating with the Little Eagle Arts Foundation for this event.

Symposium and Opening Reception

• WHAT: "Honoring Truman Lowe" Promega 2023 Fall Art Showcase

• WHEN: Tuesday, September 19; symposium at 3:30 pm followed by a reception from 4:30-6:30 pm

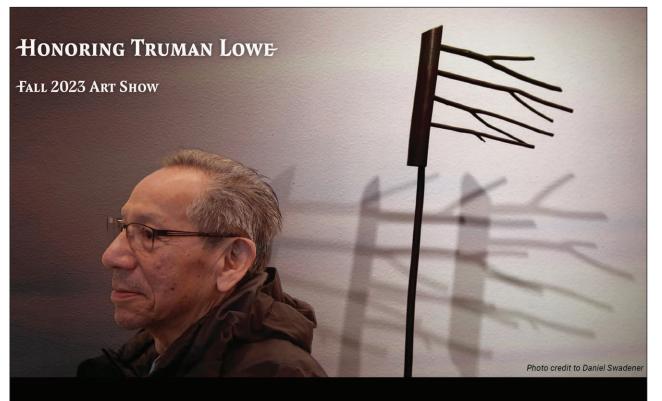
• WHERE: Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center, 5445 E Cheryl Parkway in Fitchburg, WI

• The event is free and open to the public. The Fall Art Showcase runs through December 29 and is open to the public Monday through Friday 8:00 am - 4:00 pm at the Promega BioPharmaceutical Technology Center. The quarterly Promega Art Showcase is

made possible through support from Promega Corporation. For more information visit www. promega-artshow.com. To receive art show announcements, contact artshow@promega.com.

About the Promega Art Showcase

Promega Corporation has sponsored the Promega Art Showcase since 1996 as part of the company's commitment to creativity and innovation in the arts, culture and sciences. The Biopharmaceutical Technology Center, located on 5445 East Cheryl Parkway, was developed in part to provide Promega employees and community members a place to pursue these objectives. Learn more about the Promega Art Showcase here, Promega Corporation here and the company's larger corporate responsibility story here.



Honoring Truman Lowe's Legacy

The Fall Art Showcase will honor the legacy of Truman Lowe by exhibiting his art alongside pieces by several former students: Sarah McRae, Bentley Spang, Karen Goulet, Chloris Lowe, Tom Jones, Joe Feddersen and John Hitchcock.

The opening symposium will feature guest speakers Patricia Marroquin Norby and Jo Ortel. Norby is the Associate Curator of Native American Art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and the first person of Indigenous descent hired for a full-time curatorial position in the museum's 150-year history. Jo Ortel is an author, art historian, and Professor Emerita of Art History of Beloit College.

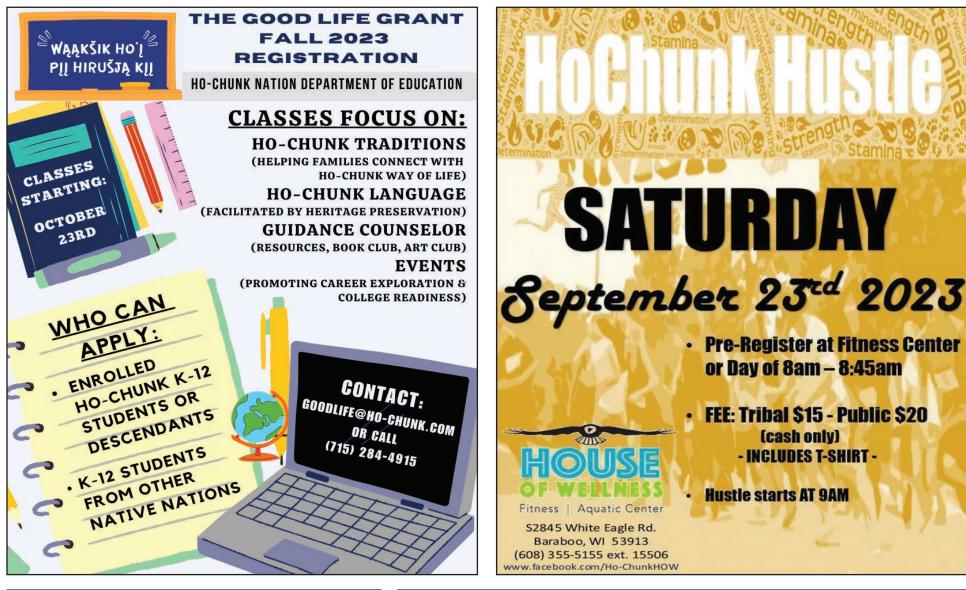
The reception will feature traditional Ho-Chunk food based on recipes provided by Chef Elena Terry of the culinary organization Wild Bearies. Music will be provided by Felix Sainz,

CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF AN ARTIST, TEACHER AND MENTOR



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additional treatments for all those who are impacted." More than 6 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease – a leading cause of death in the United States. Additionally, more than 11 million family members and friends provide care to people living with Alzheimer's and other dementias. In Wisconsin, there are more than 120,000 people living with the disease and 191,000 serving as caregivers.

Donations can still be made to the Walk to End Alzheimer's through December 31 at act.alz.org/blackriverfalls. Mail-in donations should be directed to our regional mail-processing hub:

Alzheimer's Association Attn: WTEA Black River Falls, WI 12701 Whitewater Drive, Suite 290





Minnetonka, MN 55343

Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's®

The Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support and research. Since 1989, the Alzheimer's Association mobilized millions of Americans in the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk®; now the Alzheimer's Association is continuing to lead the way with Walk to End Alzheimer's. Together, we can end Alzheimer's.

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Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocąk Worak will be October 6th which will be published on October 13th. Please contact Hocąk Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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Submissions deadlines for the Hocak Worak are by 4:30 PM. We cannot guarantee the publication of submissions meeting these deadlines if the space is not available. No part of this publication may be produced without express written consent from the Editor.

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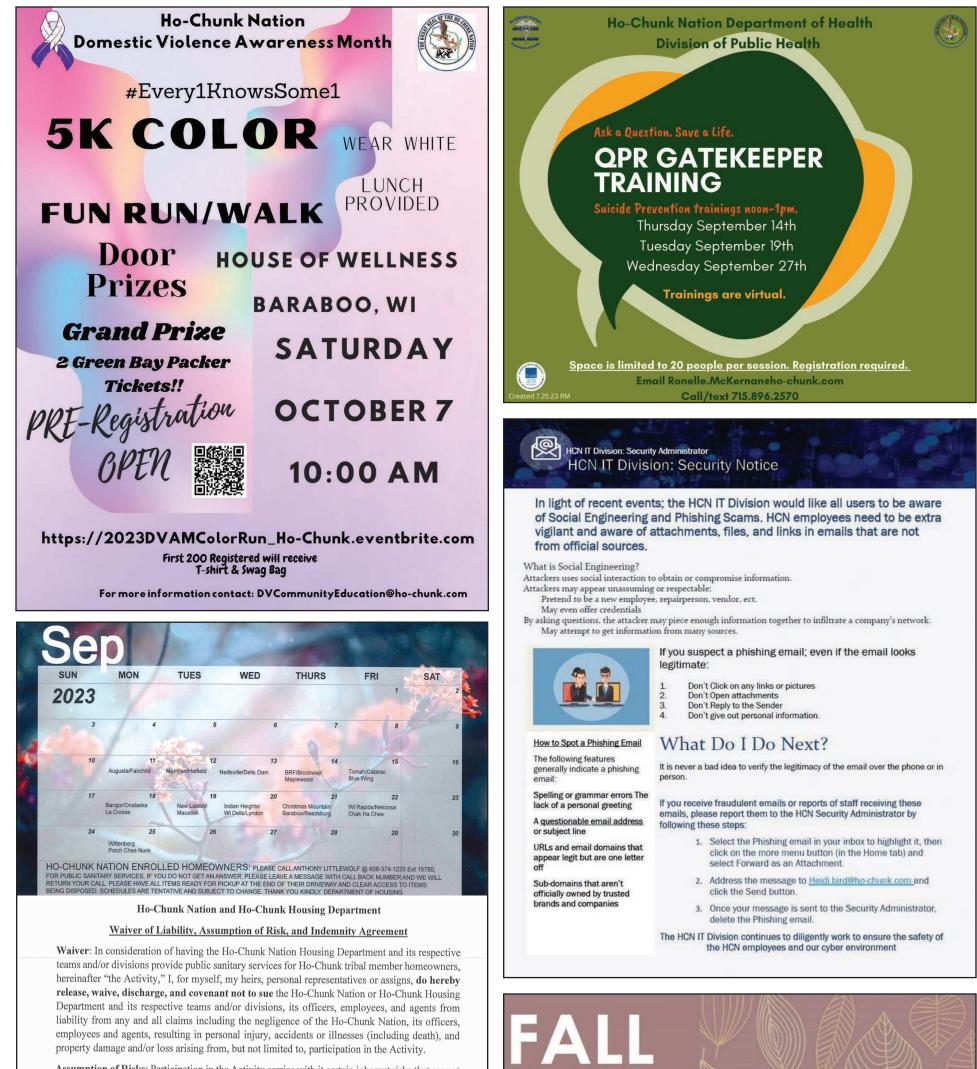
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I have read the previous paragraphs and I know, understand, and appreciate these and other risks that are inherent in the Activity. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks.

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 HoChunk 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:		
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Looking for art and craft vendors to come set up for our fall fest. The cost is \$5.00 a table which will go to fundraiser.

Nekoosa Community Center is raising funds to help with our Halloween Celebration.

We will be selling soup and frybread for lunch and baked goods. There will be a 50/50 raffle,

If you would like more information please reach out to <u>Carmen.Redcloud@hochunk.com</u>



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The Wisconsin Arts Board is now accepting applications for the 2023-2024 Woodland Indian Arts Grant Program This year's application deadline is Thursday, October 26, 2023 at 3pm

The Woodland Indian Arts program is designed to promote and develop a foundation of cultural and economic support for traditional and contemporary Native American arts in Wisconsin. As part of this work, the Arts Board annually distributes funds from Gaming Compact monies to support artistic activities among Wisconsin's tribes, bands, and urban Indian communities.

Types of activities funded include but are not limited to:

• Projects focused on the documentation, preservation, or revitalization of arts activities,

language, foodways/food traditions, or cultural knowledge in Wisconsin's Native American communities,

 Technical assistance and professional development to Native artists and arts organizations,

 Professional arts administration positions in support of Native arts, • Presentation and promotion of Native artists through festivals,

markets, exhibitions, various media and other forms of presentation, and Planning grants in preparation for

any of the above. New, expanded or existing projects are eligible. Traditional and

FNS HANDBOOK 501 **EXHIBIT M**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM ON INDIAN RESERVATIONS (FDPIR)

FY 2024 NET MONTHLY INCOME STANDARDS

Effective October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

The net monthly income standard for each household size is the sum of the applicable Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) net monthly income standard and the applicable SNAP standard deduction

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,215	+	\$198	=	\$1,413
2	\$1,644	+	\$198	=	\$1,842
3	\$2,072	+	\$198	=	\$2,270
4	\$2,500	+	\$208	=	\$2,708
5	\$2,929	+	\$244	=	\$3,173
6	\$3,357	+	\$279	=	\$3,636
7	\$3,785	+	\$279	=	\$4,064
8	\$4,214	+	\$279	=	\$4,493
Each additional member					\$429

Household Size	SNAP Net Monthly Income Standards		SNAP Standard Deduction		FDPIR Net Monthly Income Standards
1	\$1,518	+	\$338	=	\$1,856
2	\$2,054	+	\$338	=	\$2,392
3	\$2,590	+	\$338	=	\$2,928
4	\$3,125	+	\$338	=	\$3,463
5	\$3,661	+	\$338	=	\$3,999
6	\$4,197	+	\$349	=	\$4,546
7	\$4,733	+	\$349	=	\$5,082
8	\$5,269	+	\$349	=	\$5,618
Each additional member					\$536

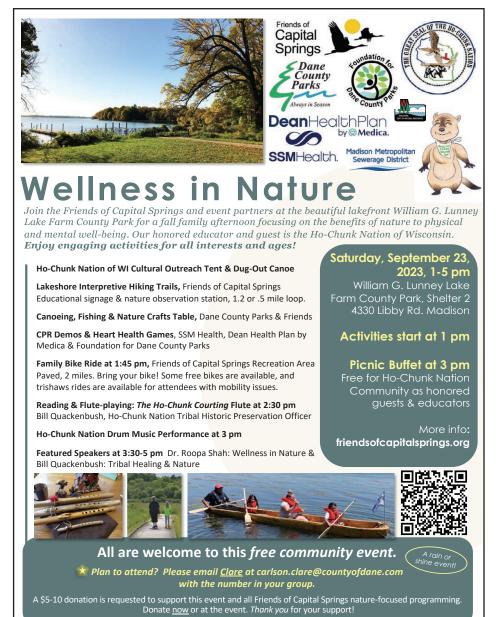
contemporary art forms are welcome.

To access the WIA application, please visit the Arts Board website, click on "COMMUNITY," select "Grant Programs" from the dropdown menu, and locate the "Woodland Indian Arts" link. Or, click 'Find Out More' below.

Please be sure to review the FY24 program guidelines and eligibility

details before starting an application. Applicants have the option to submit narrative responses via video or audio recording.

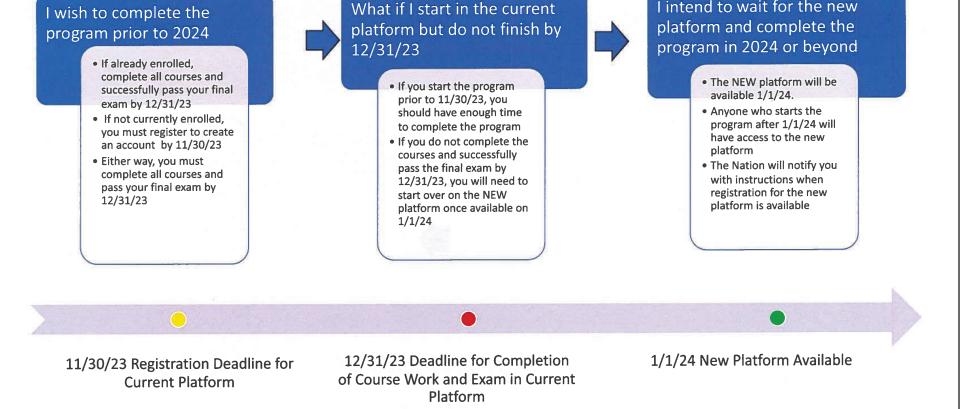
If you have questions regarding the Woodland Indian Arts program, please contact Kaitlyn Berle, WAB's Folk and Traditional Arts Coordinator, at (608) 266-8106 or kaitlyn.berle@wisconsin. gov.





Financial Literacy Program Platform Transition

I wish to complete the program prior to 2024





I intend to wait for the new

On January 1, 2024, the Financial Literacy program is moving to a new and improved online platform and there are dates of interest that will assist you in making the transition as seamless as possible. Please review the timeline and email us with any questions at HonorYourFuture@ho-chunk.com.

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The Office of General Council attempted a virtual meeting of the General Council in 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. The virtual meeting was set for Dec. 5 to be coordinated and broadcasted from Ho-Chunk Gaming -Wisconsin Dells. The emcee for the event was Matt Mann and he had announced that there were 1,239 individuals registered at one point during the virtual meeting. The number needed for a quorum was 1,233 or more. However, only 727 individuals participated in the final quorum vote.

The 2019 Annual Meeting of General Council was the last time quorum was met. The Ho-Chunk Nation met on Sept. 14 at the Kalahari Resort with 2,260 voting members present. The General Council had 13 proposed resolutions and passed six.

Registration for the 2023 Annual Meeting of General Council opened at 8:00 am. Informational booths, craft vendors, and the Health Department were set up in the hallways surrounding the main meeting conference room. The Enrollment Division was also on hand to issue tribal IDs.

Buses originating from La Crosse, St. Paul, Green Bay, Chicago, Wittenberg, and Milwaukee made stops in Tomah, Black River Falls, Appleton, Madison, and Nekoosa to deliver and return individuals.

The Sanford WhiteEagle Legion Post 556 brought in the colors. Jon Warner emceed until Wilfrid Cleveland was voted in as Presiding Chair



Person. Tim McCumber, WCMC Village Administrator, Clerk, and Treasure Village of Lake Delton provided a welcome address. Trial Court Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe provided a report from the Judicial Branch. The Language Division coordinated some games modeled off of Jeopardy and Family Feud. President Jon Greendeer offered some words in regards to the Executive Branch.

Mr. Cleveland appointed Pamela Wilber as Recording Secretary with Adrienne Thunder assisting and Forrest Funmaker as Sargent at Arms. Wilfrid Cleveland asked Truman Williams, Sr. to offer a word of prayer before beginning the meeting.

There were 19 proposed resolutions for the 2023 Annual Meeting of General Council. Here is a summary of those resolutions:

1. To Remove Vice President, **District One Legislative** Representative Karena Thundercloud, for Malfeasance. Yes - 471, No - 830, Abstain - 144, Total - 1,445. Motion Defeated.

2. To Establish a Department of Athletics under the Executive Branch. Yes - 584, No - 738, Abstain - 135, Total -1,457. Motion Defeated. 3. To Amend the General

Council Meeting Procedures. Yes - 450, No - 828, Abstain - 141, Total - 1,419. Motion **Defeated.**

4. To Amend the General Council Bylaws. Yes – 444, No -753, Abstain - 158, Total 1,355. Motion Defeated.

5. To Reinstate the General Council Agency and Reversal of the Office of General Council Establishment Act. Yes - 404, No - 694, Abstain – 268, Total – 1,366. Motion Defeated.

6. Setting Forth the Rights of Nature Policy and Implementation Plan. Yes - 1,010, No - 236, Abstain -148, Total – 1,394. **Motion** Carried.

7. To Modify the Blood Degree of Each and Every Person of Ho-Chunk Nation



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Indian Blood Who was Duly Enrolled in the Ho-Chunk Nation on December 1, 1999 Will Now be Considered Full-Blood or 4/4 Blood Degree. Yes - 783, No - 572, Abstain – 79, Total – 1,434. **Motion** Carried.

8. To Reverse SU21-04 and Remand the Case Back to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trail Court with the Explicit Instruction that all Property Purchased with Per Capita Shall not be Divisible Property and Further that it is Contrary to that Interest to Consider the Value of that Property when Dividing Property and Therefore Cannot be Given Consideration in Determining the Division of Assets or Equity and that doing so does not Secure our Rights, Advance the General Welfare, Safeguard our Interests, Sustain our Culture, Promote our Traditions and Perpetuate our Existence, as Defined

within the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution. Yes – 716, No - 243, Abstain - 258, Total -1,217. Motion Carried.

9. Motion to Adjourn. Yes – 678, No – 717, Åbstain – 50, Total – 1,445. **Motion** Defeated.

10. To Reclaim our Traditional Territory. Yes - 1,060, No - 122, Abstain -158, Total – 1,340. **Motion** Carried.

11. To Request Secretarial Election to Permit Enrollment by Minors and Others that Meet Blood Quantum and DNA Requirements but were Previously Enrolled in Other Indian Tribes and have Relinquished. Yes – 630, No – 584, Abstain – 163, Total 1.377. Motion Carried. 12. To Restrict Executive

Session. Yes – 415, No – 787, Abstain - 162, Total - 1,364. Motion Defeated.

13. To Establish the Ethics

Review Committee. Motion not discussed.

14. To Request a Secretarial Election Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to Strike the Language One-Fourth (1/4) and Now Reflect the Following: Add Descendants of Persons Listed in Section 1 (A), Provided, that such Persons are at Least One-Eighth (1/8) Ho-Chunk Blood. Motion not discussed.

15. To Establish the Constitution and Law Amendment Committee. Motion not discussed.

16. Reviewing and Reversing Certain Legislative Actions; and Adopting Policy Regarding Resolutions Adopted by the Legislature; and Adopting Policy Regarding Executive Sessions of Public Meetings. Yes - 437, No - 522, Abstain – 339, Total – 1,298. **Motion Defeated.** Continued on Page 7







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17. To Allow Ho-Chunk. com Electronic Mail Addresses for All Adult (18 years of age) Ho-Chunk Nation enrolled members. Yes – 361, No – 952, Abstain – 75, Total – 1,388. **Motion Defeated.**

18. To Establish Policy for Felony Registration. **Motion not discussed.**

19. To Allow Virtual Voting. **Motion not discussed.**

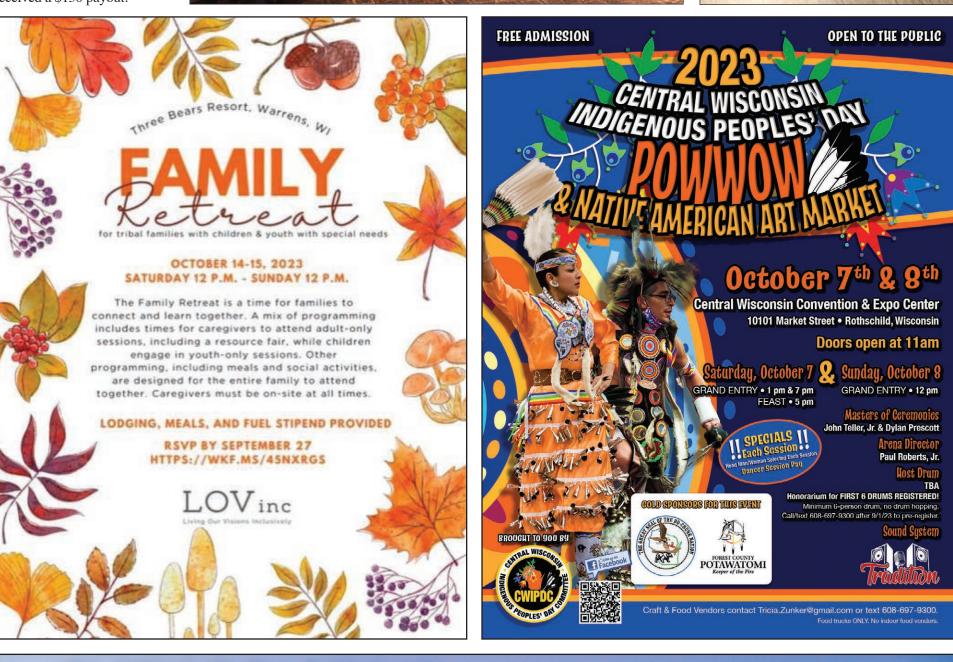
20. To Form a Constitutional Convention to Update 1994 Constitution. **Motion not discussed.**

21. Motion to Adjourn. Yes -1,085, No -87, Abstain -35, Total -1,207. Motion Carried.

Registered participants received a \$150 payout.







INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY



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HONORING WAKĄJAZIGA AND HĄĄKEJĄNĮHEĮGĄ AND INDIGENOUS CONNECTION TO THE LAND

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2023 12:00PM - 3:00PM ALDO LEOPOLD FOUNDATION YELLOW THUNDER MEMORIAL

Highlighting Ho-Chunk Language Learners: John Stacy

Kaili Berg Reporter

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.

John Stacy (44) (Coonake Huuk), Executive Administrative Officer, is from Black River Falls where he grew up on the Indian Mission with his parents Waldo and Lee Stacy. He is bear clan and began learning Ho-Chunk in his pre to early teenage years through the Cooka Orville Greendeer's language camps at the Greendeer homestead.

"This happened for two or three summers growing up. Some of Cooka Orville's language philosophies have stayed with me on my path to learning the language. He would always say that the Hoocak language is the sacred language that we aren't learning, we're simply waking it up within ourselves because it is already within us as Hoocaks," said Stacy.

Stacy said he continues his passion to learn because if he is not keeping up on it, it will disappear just as fast as it can be picked up.

Striving for continuous improvement is just the same as with anything else. If

you want to learn a skill or to become proficient at anything it takes practice. Sometimes a lot of practice.'

Throughout his time working for the Ho-Chunk Nation he has had a lot of good teachers offering their time and effort into helping him learn.

"I know they take their work seriously and I want to show them that their efforts are not in vain. I plan to continue to do what I can to be available when learning opportunities present themselves.'

Stacy said he remembered a time when our current President Joe Biden was giving a campaign speech when he was Vice President. He talked about priorities and what his father told him.

"He said show me your budget and that will tell me what your priorities are. I feel the same way about learning the language. If you prioritize learning you have to make a commitment to invest the most valuable thing we have, and that's time."

Stacy hopes he can encourage others with a place to start.

"Make a commitment to prioritize it and invest your time into it, and before you know it you'll be happy you did. Wa'iniginapsana."



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

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 gualifications 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

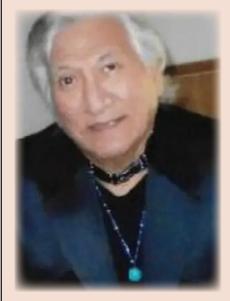
(i) Ensure that the election runs smoothly and that order is maintained at all times, including at Election Board Meetings and at all other Election Board activities.

(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



Benjamin Conrad Decorah October 29, 1948 - September 9, 2023



Benjamin Conrad Decorah, 74, of Black River Falls, WI, started his final journey Saturday, September 9, 2023, at Gunderson Hospital in La Crosse, WI. Benjamin was born October 29, 1948, to Robert "A Hoo Pa He Kah" and Mae (Red Eagle) Decorah.

He was an avid musician who played the guitar, bass guitar, steel guitar and drums. He was proud of his collection of musical instruments and enjoyed showing them off to friends and family. He enjoyed beading and selling his work at the powwows. He had a great sense of humor, enjoyed quotes from movies, listening to country music, and reading the funnies from the newspaper. He

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

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was a man with great class who loved to dress to impress.

Benjamin is survived by his sister, Cheri Ann Snake of Black River Falls; two nieces, Shannon Renee Decorah of Tacoma, WA, and Veronica Allyn Watson (Robert Lee Watson III) of Oswego, IL; one nephew, Benjamin Aller Hudson (Laura Hall) of Black River Falls; five great-nephews, Hasani Dante Hart, Savion, Robert Lee Watson IV, Malcom Watson, and Julius Watson; longtime friend Bonnie Anderson of Black River Falls and her daughter, Jeanne Solie, along with her children (who he considered his own daughter and grandchildren) Blake and Ethan Solie and Allana Anderson and great granddaughter, Sage Solie.

Benjamin was preceded in death by his parents, Robert "A Hoo Pa He Kah" and Mae Decorah; brothers Douglas Decorah, Tyrone Decorah, Bernard "Tom" Decorah, and sister Bernadine (Decorah) Miller.

Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be Tuesday, September 12, 2023. 12:00 p.m. held at the Blue Wing Community Center at 300 Epinal Ave; Tomah, Wi 54660. Robert Mann will officiate; burial will follow at the Blue Wing Cemetery. Visitation will be on Monday, September 11, 2023, 4:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Torkelson Funeral Home, 2224 Superior Ave; Tomah, WI 54660, as well as from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service on Thursday at Blue Wing Community Center.

LEGAL / LEGISLATIVE MINUTES HEALTH / September 22, 2023

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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.



A limited number of Portable Air Purifying Units are available to assist high risk Ho-Chunk tribal members impacted by poor air quality in the Department of Health service area.

Those with the follow conditions are at high risk:

- Asthma
- Lung Diseases (COPD, emphysema, bronchitis, lung cancer)
- Heart Disease

For Additional information contact Randy Poelma at: 715-284-9851 ext. 35061 Or randy.poelma@ho-chunk.com www.health.ho-chunk.com

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health



Did you know that falls are the leading cause of fatal and non-fatal injuries among adults 65 and older?

Did you know that household rugs are a leading cause of falls among older adults?

Exchange Your Rug for a Mug Today!

- Adults 60 and older Bring in one or more throw rugs (4x6 feet or smaller) to the BRF Fire & EMS Station (30 S Water St, BRF) or Jackson County DHHS (421 County Rd R, BRF) during September.
- Exchange for a FREE travel mug and coupon for a FREE coffee at Revolution in BRF.
- Enjoy being safe at home while sipping from your new mug!



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

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 16, 2023

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HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE **REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE** OFFICES **BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI** AUGUST 22, 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-VC Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC

Rep. Shelby Visintin-P Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P Rep. Danielle DeLong-P Rep. Robert Pilot-P Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-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. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is out of the room during the vote.

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Legislative Meeting-August 8, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 8, 2023 Legislative Meeting with corrections. minutes by Rep. Phyllis Second Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is out of the room during the vote.

Special Legislative Meeting-August 14, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 14, 2023 Special Legislative Minutes Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep.

Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. is out of the room during the vote.

Reports:

HHCDA Monthly Report

A written report was received.

EDA Update

Kyle White Eagle Economic Diversification Director was present via video conference and provided the EDA Update.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the report. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) MOTION CARRIED.

CEDS Survey Incentive

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy survey incentive in the amount of \$6,200 to come out of Special Projects. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

A written report was received.

Department of Education

A written report was received.

Department of Housing

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Continued from Page 10 A written report was received.

Department of Labor

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

HHCDA Rent Subsidy Request

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE HHCDA Rent Subsidy Request

until the annual meeting between HHCDA and Legislature, and then refer to Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Critical Care

President Greendeer gave an update on the Critical Care/ ICU and bereavement issues. The previous administration, in the last fiscal year, \$94,775 was provided in hotel rooms alone, which is \$30,000 over budget. The Nation usually provides assistance is for up to 1-4 rooms for four nights. The Office of the President (OOP) handle all calls after 4:30 p.m. and weekends. This provision is offered to next of kin, meaning immediate family. The Office of the President wants to have the ability to provide accommodations but will need a sustainable means to do so. OOP have collected data which includes hotel, food and gas cards to help assist. This is a sensitive subject, and we want to be there when they need it the most. Bereavement has been static, it is in the Enrollment Division to provide the assistance to cover rooms and other needs. For Emergency Assistance, calls are going to general intake and then being processed.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud would like to have a policy in place so everyone is on the same page. The bereavement payment of \$1,500 has not been increased in a long time. We need to look at increasing that payment.

President Greendeer will follow up with the guidelines for assistance.

New Business:

Tribal Memory Care Coordinator-New Job Description

on the Ho-Chunk pharmacy plan with Serve You's clinical guidelines in place. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to add prior authorization process for GPL-1 medications for Type 2 Diabetes to the Plan Document. Second by Vice President Thundercloud. Karena 4-8(Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION DEFEATED.

13-0-0

Rep. Paul Fox is out of the room at 11:34 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to change the Plan Document to modify the imaging/canning referral process by a Ho-Chunk clinic to only allow the 100% member benefit when a Non-Tribal member chooses from a list of lower cost providers as maintained by the Alliance. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud 11-0-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Paul Fox returns to the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to change the Plan Document to modify the three (3) medical plans to allow genetic testing when deemed medically necessary on order to provide treatment. Second by Rep. Rave. 13-0-0 Rodney **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to change the Plan Document if a dialysis facility attempts to "balance bill" a plan member, the Insurance Department in conjunction with its health and welfare consultant and party administrator third may negotiate a settlement proposed payment of and the "balance bill" on behalf of the plan member by the Ho-Chunk Nation Insurance Department not to exceed fair marker reimbursement when combining the \$10,000 per month AND the "balance amount. Second by bill" Karena Vice President

Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing Wittenberg -**Renovations**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 B, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Wittenberg _ Crossing Renovations. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing – Black River Falls Renovations

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 C, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing – Black River Falls Second by Renovations. Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing Nekoosa **Renovations**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 D, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing Nekoosa Renovations. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming and Whitetail Crossing – Tomah **Renovations**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 E, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming and Whitetail Crossing – Tomah Renovations. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative District 1 Community *Improvements*

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 F, Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative Community District 1 Improvements. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Stephanie Begay is off line at the time of the vote.

Improvements

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 H, Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative District 3 Community Improvements. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorizing Continuation and Funding of District 5 Community **İmprovements** Capital Project and Renaming as District 4 **Community Improvements**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 I, Authorizing Continuation and Funding of District 5 Community Improvements Capital Project and Renaming as District 4 Community Improvements. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Healing Center **Restricted Account**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 J, Establishment and Funding of Healing Center Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC *§11)*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 K, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC § 11). Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to consider issues and further the discussion of the Redistricting Workgroup that was created by Resolution 11-07-17 A, and that the Legislature refers the issue of redistricting to the Redistricting Workgroup and request the workgroup schedule an initial meeting. Second by

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt *Resolution* 08-22-23 M, Support for the Department of Health to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024-2025 Clean Water Act Section 106 Program Grant. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 MÔTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1904 on Lot #12 of the Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 N, Cancellation of Lease #1904 on Lot #12 of the Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #12 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158 for William and Tamarack Goodbear

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 O, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #12 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158 for William and Tamarack Goodbear. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #2150 on Lot #14 of Garvin Subdivision #439 Ť 2152

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 P, Cancellation of Lease #2150 on Lot #14 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #14 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 for Phyllis Smoke

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 Q, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #14 of Garvin Subdivision #439 T 2152 for Phyllis Smoke. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National **Telecommunications** and Information Administration (NTIA)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the Tribal Memory Coordinator Care Job Second Description. by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Legislative Public Relations **Officer-Appointed-New** Job Description

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Legislative Public Relations Officer-Appointed Job Description. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Gallagher Coverage Changes

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to change the Plan Document to add coverage for Omnipod Thundercloud. 12-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Karena Snake Custodio.

Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Baraboo Crossing _ **Renovations**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 A, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Whitetail Crossing Baraboo Renovations. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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Resolution-Approval

Resolution-Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative District 2 Community *Improvements*

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 G, Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative Community District 2 Improvements. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorizing Continuation and Funding of Capital Project Legislative District 3 *Community*

Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRRIED**.

Resolution-Exclusion of Amazon from Non-Gaming Vendor Licensing under the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming **Ordinance**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 L, Exclusion of Amazon from Non-Gaming Vendor Licensing under the Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Ordinance. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MÔTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Support for the Department of Health to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2024-2025 Clean Water Act Section 106 **Program Grant**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 R, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Shelby Visintin is out of the room at 12:08 p.m.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy *Continued on Page 12*

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

Continued from Page 11 Efficiency and Conservation Resolution-Amendments Block Grant (EECGB) Program

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to accept *Resolution* 08-22-23 S, Authorization Department of for the Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant Block (EECGB) Program. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to adopt the resolution. Second concurs. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Shelby Visintin returns to the meeting at 12:11 p.m. Rep. Phyllis Smoke is out of the room at 12:11 p.m.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution *04-18-23B* Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of **Energy Preventing Outages** and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Grant

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to adopt *Resolution* 08-22-23 T, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-18-23B Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the U.S. Department of Energy Outages Preventing and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electric Grid Grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke returns to the meeting at 12:14 p.m.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk **Transportation** Authority Town of Komensky, Jackson County, West Clay School Road Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 U, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Komensky, Jackson County, West Clay School Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Manchester, Jackson County, Paquette Road Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Darren

to the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Advisory **Board Bylaws**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 X, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Veterans Affairs Advisory Board Bylaws. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to recess for lunch until 1:15 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:23 p.m.

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:20 p.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-VC (2:15 p.m.) Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC Rep. Shelby Visintin-P Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC Rep. Robert Pilot-VC Rep. Paul Fox-P Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:20 p.m.

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa – August 15, 2023 No Motions

D1 Niioxawani – August 9, 2023 No Motion

D2 Hinukwas– August 14, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Counsel Legislative for consideration and strategy the MOTION by Tracy Littlejohn for the Legislature to look into getting recognition by The State of Minnesota to be recognized. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

15,2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Social Services and Office of the President for consideration budget and modification regarding the MOTION by Marie Lewis that an additional outreach worker for Tomah TAU. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Tahdooahnippaĥ) Brianna **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Business for a report for the next meeting regarding the MOTION by Marie Lewis to report the Department of Business to look into the hotel discount rates for elder. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Liza Green to nominate Deana Mitch for the nomination for Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice, Ho-Chunk Police Department and Office of the President the MOTION by Myra Jo Price to have better communication between Monroe County Sheriff Department and Ho-Chunk Police Department and to have better understanding of jurisdictional authority. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Department of Health and Behavioral Health the MOTION by Roberta Decorah that the Director of Behavioral Health attend Tomah area meeting in person and explain what their process is when providing treatment for tribal members entering treatment centers. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to of the President Office and Department of Justice the MOTION by Roberta Decorah that we request of HCN Department of Justice and how the public nuisance applies to the law enforcement agreement. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0

0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud was out of the *room at 1:28 p.m.*

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Education and Office of the President the MOTION by Carole Bedeau to reach out to UW-L tutoring services for them to provide tutoring services for the Tomah students. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Department of Labor for consideration of the MOTION by Roberta Decorah to have Emergency Management Coordinator attend in person at the Tomah area meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D3 Pac cinak – August 14, 2023 No Motions

D3 Tee hoikšek – August 15, 2023 No Motions

D3 Tejop – August 16, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal, Treasury and Attorney General the MOTION by Muriel Whiteagle-Lee how long has Rep. Brinegar been on the Transportation Board and did he receive the money, a request to a forensic audit. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Branch the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman anything pertaining to D3 Rep. Darren Brinegar be made available to the public and not to executive session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 5-4(Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Rodney Rave) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to to Department refer of Administration the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to get a sign for the Madison Branch

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Election Board the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to accept Lance Decker as Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 MÔTION ĊARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to D3 Legislators the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle D3 Legislators have to attend all area meeting in person. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud returns to the *meeting at 1:35 p.m.*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to Legislative Legal and Attorney General the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature shall draft a resolution advising the Tribes Attorney General to direct the Whistleblower complaint regarding Mr. Brinegar to the Ho-Chunk Trial Court and to file corresponding ethics charges, as well as any other pertinent legal charges. This motion reaffirms our dedication to upholding tribal ethical standards and legal integrity. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin 10-0-2(Rep. Darren Brinegar, President Vice Karena Thundercloud) MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Administration the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman for Executive Branch to develop SOP's to address maintenance on all tribal building. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-**0 MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice and Social Services the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to investigate what happened to the donation that was given to Youth Services from a community member. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-**0 MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Justice and Social Service the MOTION Saresa Ryckman to by investigate where the TAU fundraising money is. Second

Brinegar to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 V,Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Manchester, Jackson County, Paquette Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Robert Pilot is out of the room during the vote.

Resolution-Ho-Chunk **Transportation** Authority Jackson County, CTHN Project Cooperative Agreement

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adopt Resolution 08-22-23 W,Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, CTH N Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Donald Greengrass to nominate Marsha Smith for Housing Board.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Marsha Smith to contribute Indigenous \$10,000 for Peoples Day Traditional La Crosse Tournament, and that Tracy Littlejohn will provide a detailed budget before the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D2 Ho'uni Xununik – August

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission with the quote for furniture and Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Carole Bedeau to purchase new office furniture for the classroom that would cost no more than \$850.00. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Social Services and Department of Education the MOTION by Roberta Decorah that Youth Service have an academic component added back to Youth Services. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12Office. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Education the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to expedite the tutoring services for all areas. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-**0 MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Executive Departments that have Branch Offices the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman for all staff in the Teejop Branch Office have a meet and greet to introduce themselves to the community. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 MÔTION ČARRIED.

by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D3 Tešišik – August 17, 2023 No Motions

D3 Nikusara – August 17. *2023*

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Elizabeth Walker to request funding from Wood County (\$500) made out to Carmen Redcloud.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Heritage Preservation and Office of the President the MOTION by Ona Garvin add a full time Ho-Chunk teacher in person or virtual to the budget. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 Continued on Page 13

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MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Elizabeth Walker to request \$8,026 to go on a trip with the Junior All-Stars of Music. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Ona Garvin to include the \$500 late fees. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Legislature the MOTION by Ona Garvin to send a letter from Ho-Chunk Nation to Ada Deer's family, memorializing and thanking her for the life of service to the tribes. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D4 Guušgonak – August 14, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature and Department

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 29, 2023

<u>Call to Order:</u> 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. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P Rep. Danielle DeLong-P Rep. Robert Pilot-P

of Health the MOTION by Ben Krause to amend the Job Description of the Behavioral Health Division director in the following 6 months, mandating that the Behavioral Health Division Director must either be an enrolled Native American or possess over 10 years of advanced knowledge and education specifically in Native American psychology training. A minimum of one year in a post-doctoral fellowship will fulfill the above requirements. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature and Department of Health the MOTION by Ben Krause to amend the Job Descriptions for all Behavioral Health clinical staff, requiring them to either be enrolled Native Americans or have a minimum of one year of experience working in a Native American clinical setting. Alternatively, they must have a minimum of 5 years of experience working with Native American clients in non-clinical settings. A clinical practicum involving work with Native Americans is acceptable in lieu of the aforementioned requirements. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep.

Darren Brinegar, Rep. Rodney Rave)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature and Department of Health the MOTION by Ben Krause that the Division of Behavioral Health implement the necessary measures to include a pediatric clinical therapist or licensed clinical therapist within their team. The designated professional must have demonstrated educational or clinical experience working specifically with pediatric Native American patients. underscores This action the commitment to cultural competency and seeks to enhance the provision of specialized care to the Native American pediatric population. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-1 Shelby Visintin) (Rep. **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Tribal Aging Unit the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have TAU research a way to provide food aide to District 4 Tribal Elders. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – August 17, 2023

the Elders that would come and speak on their behalf are not here anymore. The 45 day comment period was not honored, and feels like a dictatorship that the resolution passed. The Elder Board was not even asked for their opinions or knowledge of it.

Elite Elder Marie Lewis said her main concern is the Elders all the time. We always talk about kiisak. As representatives on the board, members attend area meetings to inform Elders about the meetings. The minutes were not getting out to the elders. Rep. Lemieux attended the TAU meetings and would bring back their concerns. This had not been happening before and the concerns and motions would just die. It was not mentioned that this change was happening. If the Legislature thinks having delegates from each area better serves the Elders, then that is good.

Greg Blackcoon, Director of Tribal Aging expressed the TAU stance. Nobody was informed of the revisions regarding the composition of the board, and he stands by the Elder Advisory Board. The Elders have expressed their opposition of the revisions regarding the board, and the composition recommendation. There was not a lot of consultation with the board, and none from the TAU. There was overwhelming support to retain their board in its current structure. The board was constructed for the meal sites for the Title 3 and Title 6 Grants. The board expressing to keep the board as is.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Commission the Finance MOTION by Stephanie Yellowbank for \$10,000 sponsorship and on honor guard for the Beyond Yellow Ribbon Golf Fundraiser coming from District 4 Community Funds. 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. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:49 p.m.

Rep. Stephanie Begay is online at 2:15 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:23 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken

Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act to be added after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 5-5(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Robert Pilot)-3(Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Phyllis Smoke). TIED VOTE. President Greendeer is in favor. **MOTION CARRIED**.

Unfinished Business:

Critical Care

Rep. Kristin White Eagle would like to keep Critical Care on the agenda until there is any action the Executive Branch needs from the Legislative Branch.

The President Jon Greendeer gave a brief update on some of the changes that have been implemented. A draft of the policy will be forwarded to the Legislature. in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah were not on the call during the vote.*

Release to Open Session:

Ho-Chunk Cinema Update **MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to authorize Department of Business to work on the renovations and repair of the Ho-Chunk Cinema and take responsibility for that project in an effort to reopen the property as a cinema. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. MOTION IS AMENDED to include release of this motion to Open Session. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to August 29, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. Rep. Stephanie Begay and Rep. Robert Pilot were not on the call during the vote.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

Volunteer to Distribute Said Funds

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt *Resolution 08-29-23 B*, Approval of Tribal Member Payout for September 16, 2023 General Council Meeting and Authorization for Office of General Council Volunteer to Distribute Said Funds. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Rodney Rave returns to the meeting at 10:54 a.m.

Gaming Commission Bylaws

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Gaming Commission Bylaws until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

G W E A / B e n e f i t s Informational Document

Nižhakisuc–August 22, 2023after Executive Session.Second concurs.13-0-0MOTION CARRIED.Approval of Previous

Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-August 22,2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 22, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned there are several Tribal Elders in attendance regarding the recent changes to the TAU Establishment Act. The amendments were adopted during the August 22, 2023 Legislative Meeting. A rescission of the amendments is what the Elders would like to change.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle gave a brief history of

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video Conference

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

<u>Opening</u> <u>Prayer:</u> President Jon Greendeer offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to add New Business: J. Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180 and move District Meetings: D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/

how the changes occurred. There had been several requests from the District 3 for more representation on the board in all areas. In District 3 there are five areas and only two have representation. The TAU Establishment Act mentioned the meal sites in addition of Chicago and Minneapolis. Since the meal sites are represented, the board should only be discussing meal site issues. District 4 does not have meal sites, and should not be included. The Advisory Board does not only talk about meal site issues but other elder concerns. A resolution was adopted in March 2023 for a 45 day comment period to include all areas.

Elite Elder Connie Lonetree mentioned the elder population is dwindling down. A lot of **MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay for Legislative Legal to draft a resolution for rescission of Resolution 08-22-23 K, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit

Rep. Rodney Rave was out of the room at 10:51 p.m.

<u>New Business:</u>

Resolution-Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Charitable Request Act (4 HCC § 8) out for Thirty Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt *Resolution* 08-29-23 A, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendments to the Charitable Request Act (4 HCC § 8) out for Thirty Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Approval of Tribal Member Payout for September 16, 2023 General Council Meeting and Authorization for Office of General Council

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept GWEA/ Informational Benefits Document for distribution to the membership by whatever means necessary through the Executive and Legislative Branches for email distribution, social media platform, website, and to include document for area meeting purposes. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION IS AMENDED to TABLE to the next Legislative session, and to put the document out for consideration before the Treasurer, Executive Director of Health and Office of the President for review prior to next session. Second concurs. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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Resolution-Confirmation of James Delarosa as District 2 Juneau County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community **Development Agency Board** Member

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-29-23 C, Confirmation of James Delarosa as District 2 Juneau County Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud returns to the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Resolution-Authorization for TDS/Selectrow Right of Entry to 517 Sime Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660 for Fiber **Expansion**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt 08-29-23 D. Resolution TDS/ Authorization for Selectrow Right of Entry to 517 Sime Avenue, Tomah, WI 54660 for Fiber Expansion. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Confirmation Hearing for Executive Director of the Department of Natural **Resources** Nominee

President Jon Greendeer introduced the nominee for Executive Director of Department of Natural Resources.

Acting Executive Director of Department of Natural Resources Brandon Bleuer was present, and went over his education, work history.

Resolution-Confirmation/ Denial of Brandon Bleuer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to TABLE Resolution-Confirmation/Denial of Brandon Bleuer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Letter of Support for the Jackson County's WisDOT Transportation Alternative **Program** Applications

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke for the Vice President Thundercloud to sign the Letter of Support to apply for the Jackson County's WisDOT Transportation Alternative Program Applications. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt *Resolution* 08-29-23 E, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is out of the room during the vote.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Land, Law Relations, Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. *Rep.* Brianna Tahdooahnippah is out of the room during the vote.

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

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was excused from Executive Session from 11:57 a.m. to 12:06 p.m.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:22 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

President Jon Greendeer called the Executive Session to order at 1:00 p.m. Quorum was established at 1:03 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:03 p.m.

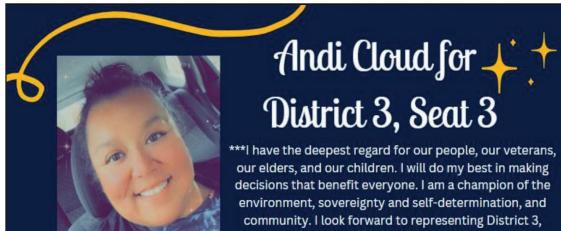
MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Vice President Thundercloud to Karena postpone the August 31, 2023 Special Legislative Meeting to September 5, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. MOTION IS AMENDED to include releasing this motion to Open Session. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah out of the room.

Amendment to the Agenda

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to add New Business: Resolution-Authorization Κ. of Service Line Agreement



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for Jackson Electric on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – August 22, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Department of Business and Office of the President for consideration of September Area meetings the MOTION by Christine Romano to the ED of Business to be at the next area meeting in person. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel and Attorney General for opinion MOTION regarding the Christine Romano by to restrict that only Ho-Chunk Tribal members be nominated and confirmed as Executive Director for the Ho-Chunk Nation, and added to the Executive Director Confirmation Act. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request an opinion from the Executive Director of Personnel and refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Michelle Samphere that the terms and conditions of discretionary transfer to be implemented for Ho-Chunk Preference based on education and qualifications. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Beloit Workgroup and Legislative Counsel for an update for area meetings regarding the MOTION by Jon Warner to have area reps for District 2 release executive session information on the Beloit project to the area meeting in within reason. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Jon Warner to have Legislative lobbyist support to help decriminalize marijuana for the State of Wisconsin and Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Administration, Office of the President and Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Jon Warner to support Colin Price and his flex storage fair market value, willing to be taxed, all tenants be taxed and lease under Ho-Chunk Nation jurisdiction. Second by Rep. Stephanie MOTION Begay. 13-0-0 CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President, Department of Administration, Ho-Chunk Authority, Transportation Environmental Health, and Village West Workgroup the MOTION by Cynthia Tack for Administration, Transportation and LDT, Environmental Health to work with project 1 and the original project 2 to carry out infrastructure at Village West. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Village West Workgroup the MOTION by Cynthia Tack to have a basketball court added to the Village West affordable housing project with four basketball hoops. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. MÔTION IS AMENDED to also refer to HHCDA. Second concurs. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business: (Revisited)

Resolution-Rescission of Resolution 08-22-23 K Adoption of Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC §11)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 08-29-23 F, Rescission of Resolution 08-22-23 K Adoption of Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act (1 HCC §11). Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle)-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for Jackson Electric on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180

Education

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

- Bachelor of Science (2006)
- Master of Education (2012)

Highlights

- · Currently serving on the state's Council on Library and Network Development (Governor appointed)
- 10+ years in Education
- Strong experience in tribal and local government
- · First Indigenous Storyteller-in-Residence with Madison Public Library

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listening and working on district concerns.

Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Theresa Day to TABLE the nomination for Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Health, Office of the President, Social Services, and Kiijire Nagu the MOTION by Christine Romano to start as soon as possible in developing, making, implementing and funding for a comprehensive treatment facility that would encompass the whole process from intake to aftercare utilizing grants, and or third party payment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 MÔTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt *Resolution* 08-29-23 G, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for Jackson Electric on Lot 133 of the Wazee Subdivision #439 T 2180. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to September 6, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Legislative Meeting The adjourned at 2:17 p.m.

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Costume Contest

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Couple with two for a top prize of \$2,000 Cash
Single category with a top prize of \$1,000 Cash.

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Visit the Rewards Club booth for more information. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions at any time.

NOTICES

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. <u>Vacancies in the</u> <u>Legislature</u>. 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. 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@hochunk.com

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

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)(b).

REGISTRATION:

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

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

<u>Please check eligible voter list for</u> <u>your District.</u>

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. 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.

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