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May 27-19

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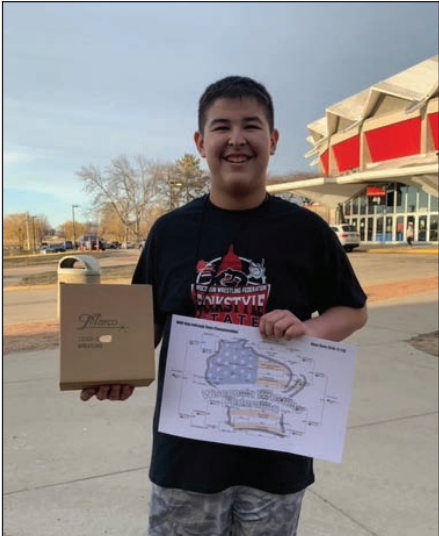
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# Ho-Chunk Wrestler takes on State Championship title

Kaili Berg

Eli Komanekin, a Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member recently competed in the WWF Kids Folkstyle Championships in Madison, Wisconsin.

Eli placed first in the 210 pound bracket for the ages 10 to 11. In the final match of the day he competed against a fellow Ho-Chunk wrestler, Azrael Chavez, of Mauston.



Eli had gone 3-3 on winning his brackets over the course of three weeks. He placed first as conference champion in the Northeast Valley, Regional Champion at the Merrill Qualifier, and finally WWF Youth State Champion at 210 pounds.

Eli is the son to BreeAnna Walker and Quon Komanekin, and grandson to Lanette and Lawrence Walker and Kim and Jeff Komanekin.



## Gov Evers Honors the 2022 Governors Financial Literacy Award Recipients

*Awards Recognize Individuals & Organizations for Elevating the Financial Literacy, Capability, and Financial Inclusion of Wisconsin's Residents*

MADISON, Wis. – Today Gov. Tony Evers honored nine individuals and twelve organizations as recipients of the 2022 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards in a ceremony at the Wisconsin State Capitol. The recipients were honored for their efforts in helping Wisconsinites build their financial literacy and capability skills.

"Financial education gives people the tools they need to achieve their dreams, expand their opportunities, and attain financial security for themselves and their families," said Gov. Evers. "The dedication of these individuals and organizations to help Wisconsinites become more financially secure and achieve their dreams is commendable and helps ensure not only the future success of

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Governor Evers

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



# Thank you from Jon Greendeer

We’ve come to a point where the Peoples’ voices are stronger and more clear. Many of the candidates in this year’s election heard them and answered the call. With our best foot forward, we began campaigns, each of which, respectful of the others’ as we have many similar positions on our platforms but perhaps different ways of reaching them.

Across the board, a great pool of candidates emerged offering their service and their strengths in what we each felt our Nation needs. Regardless of the outcome, our collective ideas cannot go by the wayside and it will take all of us and perhaps even more to reestablish ourselves as the strong Nation our predecessors built for us over the last several decades. We will get there.

On July 5th, I will begin my second term as President in the service of our Ho-Chunk People. I am not going to make any assumptions as to what the first steps into this office will be like but I will say it will be very different than the one I stepped out of all those years ago. I myself have changed from my last term as time has matured and humbled me through all of the trials that have been set in front of me. I know in taking on this role there will be many hurdles and hardships in front

of me but I also know I’m not alone. During my toughest challenges in my past service, I took comfort in knowing that there were a lot of people praying for me & giving me strength.

The call for unity has been echoed far and wide among our branches and the candidates’ platforms. It’s not without cause. I’m here not because I’m better than any candidate but because I believe I may provide a sense of more familiarity and hopefully, a peaceful reassurance that experience will better guide us through the frequent unexpected circumstances like those we’ve been dealt with in the last few years. I made the decision to run for office therefore I made the decision to own the responsibility of that office. This is not the place for a critic with complaints and no solutions. It’s a place where we find solutions and work hard to see them though. We will move forward with humility, respect, and determination to solidify our futures with a long term sustainable plan.

For those who’ve supported me along the way, thank you. I’ll do my best to live up to the high expectations our People have for those in office. For the voters who supported other candidates, you definitely couldn’t go

wrong with your choice. Each are strong, committed people in our communities who’ve demonstrated their loyalty for decades to the health and welfare of our families. The qualities you find in them are qualities I should endeavor to exemplify during my time as best I can. I ask that you guide me and keep me in line just as you would them or anyone else. It is time that we all step up and take responsibility

and accountability and move forward towards a life of self-reliance, with good hearts focused on taking care of each other.

To our People far and wide, our best days are ahead of us but we will not see them without work and cooperation. Some of the challenges are quite visible, others yet to be discovered but regardless, they will be met head on by a unified

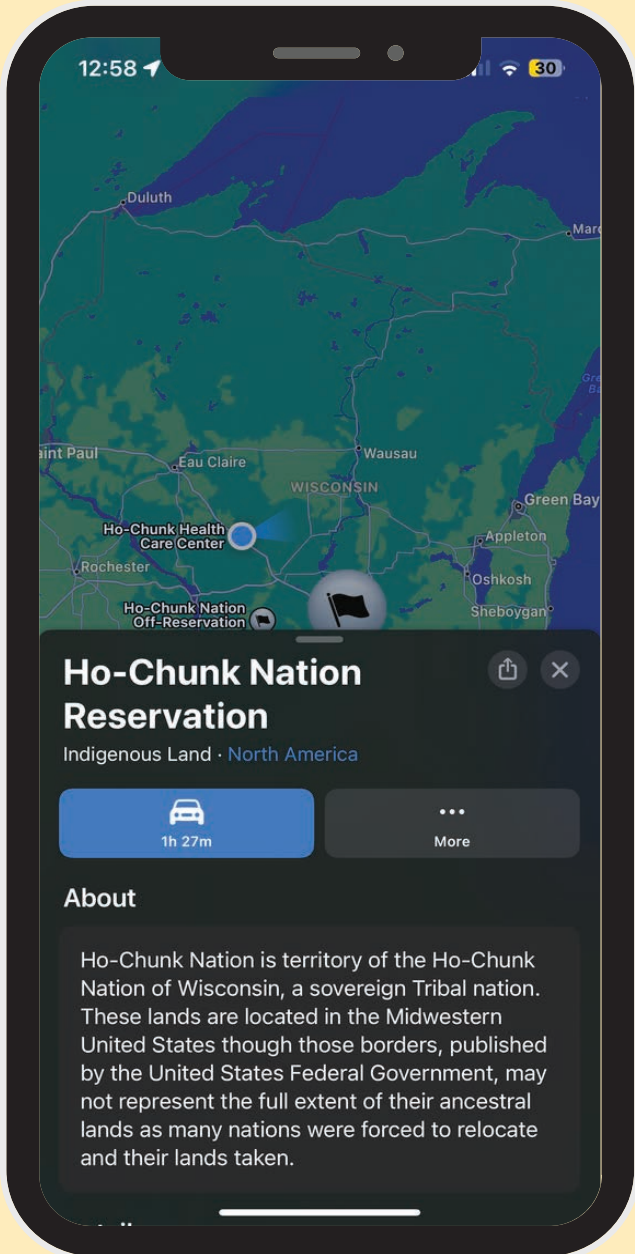
team across the branches of government. I take this opportunity with incredible honor and as promised from the day I completed my first term, I will remain with you to help wherever I can. I am grateful beyond words, so I will let my actions be the way I express it.

Thank you friends and family!

Maq̓susga



## Ho-Chunk Lands now Visible on Apple Maps



Kailli Berg Drivers now using Apple Maps, an iPhone feature, will be able to navigate through Ho-Chunk tribal lands, and others in Wisconsin and across Indian Country.

The recent iOS update for the navigation application gives information about the hundreds of sovereign Indigenous nations within the U.S. and Canada.

Apple is using the same color for Indigenous lands and First Nation demarcations as for international state borders. The borders can be seen in Maps from a plum color.

Another feature within Maps includes landmarks within Indian Country. It can also help you navigate to nearby indigenous restaurants under the category 'Indigenous Foods.'

Continued from Page 1 individuals and families, but our entire state."

The 2022 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards honored recipients in one of three categories, individual, organization, or legacy, for providing exceptional financial literacy and capability education in an inclusive and innovative manner. The legacy award is given to an organization, business, or individual whose purpose and heritage is ingrained in sustained financial literacy and capability efforts. This lifetime recognition is intended to be conferred only once to recipients.

The recipients of the 2022 Governor's Financial Literacy Awards are:

- Individual Category:
- Jahnavi Datta, Middleton High School, Verona
  - Zachary L. Hancock, Marine Credit Union, La Crosse
  - Brenda Mears, Fox Valley Lutheran High School, Appleton
  - Terry Patterson-Taylor, Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation, Milwaukee
  - Bill Priebe, Priebe Family Foundation, Milwaukee
  - Sharon D. Robinson, City of Milwaukee, Department of Administration, Milwaukee
  - Vicky Selkove, City of Racine, Racine
- Organization Category:
- Brothers Infrastructure Group Construction, Milwaukee
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## Janice Rice gives Ho-Chunk Culture Presentations across Wisconsin

Kailli Berg On Thursday, March 30, Janice Rice gave a presentation; "Walk with Me Among My Homelands: Hear the Echoes of My Ancestors," at UW-Barron County.

Janice is a Ho-Chunk member Bear Clan and a retired UW-Madison librarian. She discusses Native culture, philosophy, teachings, values and land stewardship across the state of Wisconsin.

Rice has focused her profession

on American Indian resources, literature, culture, history, and land preservation and revitalization. She has a masters of library science and MLS advanced degrees in American Indian librarianship from UW-Madison. She was honored with Women of Color in Education from UW-Madison and the UW System in 2009.

In her presentation she discussed names of leaders, women leaders, removals of the Ho-Chunk people, and boarding schools.



# Harry Whitehorse Sculpture at Teejop

Submitted by Deb Whitehorse

This story begins 200 years ago with an acorn that grew into a majestic white oak tree at Teejop. Generations of Ho-Chunk set up summer villages near the tree. Many decades passed, and the city

of Madison eventually built a school named in honor of the naturalist Henry David Thoreau next to the giant oak. The teachers and students at Thoreau School came to love the tree and couldn't imagine a time without its big limbs shading their playground.

But that day came in 2000 when the tree reached the end of its life, and the school had to remove it for safety reasons. A Thoreau parent contacted Ho-Chunk artist Harry Whitehorse about creating a sculpture from the tree so that it could live on to be a teaching tool about the indigenous people who continue to live at Teejop.

Harry was born at the Mission in Black River Falls in 1927. In the 1930s, the family set up camp in the wetlands on the outskirts of Teejop and eventually purchased the land. Harry's uncle, artist George Seymour mentored Harry in carving and silver smith. They sold their creations at the family basket stand near the Yahara River Black Bridge and US Highway 12 at Teejop. Harry and his brother, Walter, served in the Navy on combat ships during World War 2.

After the war, Harry attended an art school and the University of Wisconsin for a short period. He became a professional artist, working on commissions while running a successful auto body shop and raising a family of 7 children. Eventually, Harry pursued art full-time and was well-

known for oil painting, bird carving, jewelry making, and wood and metal sculpture. He had gained a reputation for creating heartfelt sculptures from large trees that held sentimental meaning for neighborhoods.

On April 27, 2000, Harry Whitehorse presented his ideas for a statue to Thoreau School. Harry created "Ho-Chunk Family Tree," and the community held a dedication celebration on May 3, 2001.

The sculpture exemplifies the ageless harmony of the twelve Ho-Chunk clans and memorializes the gratitude for our bountiful food, animals, birds, and fish. The staff has used Harry's sculpture as a teaching tool for Thoreau students.

Twenty-two years after that dedication, Thoreau School organized a land acknowledgment ceremony recognizing their "school stands on the sacred land of the Ho-Chunk people and take responsibility to build partnerships with First Nations." Thoreau also celebrated the legacy of Harry's sculpture.

Speaker Elliott Funmaker Sr. expressed to the Thoreau students and staff that it was their responsibility to take care of this land. Harry's brother Walter, whom we believe may be the Nation's last living WW2 veteran, said the ceremony was a "reverent reminder to the younger generation of how scared our land is."



Harry Whitehorse with the Ho Chunk Family Tree in 2001.



Elliott Funmaker Sr. addresses the Thoreau students on April 13, 2021.



Clint Whitehorse, Elliott Funmaker Sr., and Ken Whitehorse on April 13, 2021.

## Ho-Chunk Nation Neighborhood Investment Fund Update

Kaili Berg

On Thursday, April 6, Governor Tony Evers and Elmer Moore of the Wisconsin Housing and Economic Development Authority, made multiple stops around the state of Wisconsin, ending their visit at the Ho-Chunk Nation in Black River Falls, discussing the Ho-Chunk Nations Neighborhood Investment Fund.

Executive Director of Housing and Public Work, Tracy Littlejohn; Executive Director of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Development

Agency (HHCDA), Neil Whitegull; and District 2 Legislator, Representative Stay Begay, were in attendance on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Neighborhood Investment fund was received by the Nation in 2021, as part of the COVID-19 relief grant. The grant is valued at nearly \$11 million, and is dedicated to two projects: Ten supportive housing units, and 22 small homes spread across five counties.

Affordable housing has become an issue within

the Ho-Chunk Nation and affordable housing is a critical foundation to addressing other pressing issues in the community, such as mental health,

education reformation, and the preservation of families.

According to Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Executive Director Neil

Whitegull, the homes are set to be complete sometime between August 2023 and April 2024.

**Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be May 5th which will be published on May 12th. Please contact Hocak 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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# Graduate Showcase 2023

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

Deadline is June 16 to submit Graduate materials.

A special section of the Hocak Worak will showcase 2023 graduates. Graduates include college, high school, and head start.

Email Newsletter@Ho-Chunk.com if you would like your graduate to appear in this showcase.

Submit the following before June

16:

1. Photo
2. Name of graduate
3. Hoocak name (optional)
4. Parents/Guardians names
5. Place graduating from
6. Degree name (for college grads)
7. Future Endeavors or Extra-Curricular Activity

The showcase will appear in Issue 12 which publishes on June 23.

## Congratulations!

TO THE CLASS OF 2023

### Graduate Showcase

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

Submit photo and information via email before **June 16**.

Email: **Newsletter@ho-chunk.com**



## 2023 MEMORIAL DAY POW-WOW

MAY 27-29, 2023

ANDREW BLACKHAWK MEMORIAL POW-WOW GROUNDS  
5 MI. EAST OF BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI ON HWY 54

GRAND ENTRIES:  
SAT 1 & 7PM  
SUN 1 & 7PM  
MON 1 PM

DRUM & DANCE REGISTRATION:  
SAT 10AM – 5PM

FLAG RAISING:  
MON 10 AM

MC'S:  
BOYE LADD  
KEN FUNMAKER, JR.

ARENA DIRECTOR:  
ROBERT FUNMAKER

VENDOR INFORMATION CONTACT:  
SHEILA CLEVELAND  
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GENERAL INFORMATION:  
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(715) 284-2658

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FREE CAMPING

DANCE SPECIALS  
PUBLIC Welcome  
DAY\$PAY

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4 Person Scramble

2ND ANNUAL

# GOLF FUNDRAISER

JUNE 16, 2023

REGISTRATION BEFORE 5/16: \$90 | REGISTRATION AFTER 5/16: \$100

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1000 Chula Vista Pkwy, Wisconsin Dells

Come enjoy a beautiful day on the greens AND support a great cause!  
All proceeds help benefit FNCF community outreach.

REGISTRATION 8:30AM - 9:30AM / START TIME 10AM  
DINNER INCLUDED - FOLLOWING GOLF

TO REGISTER or SPONSOR:  
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715-284-2470

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PRE-REGISTER AS A TEAM OR INDIVIDUAL!

### 5TH ANNUAL NATIVE ART MARKETPLACE

DRIFTLESS HISTORIUM

100 South 2nd Street  
Mount Horeb, WI 53572  
(608)437-6486

JUNE 3 & 4, 2023  
SAT 10 AM - 5 PM  
SUN 10 AM - 4 PM

### FREE EVENT ALL WELCOME

CELEBRATE NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE

A collaboration of the Driftless Historium and Little Eagle Arts Foundation (LEAF).

Featuring Ho-Chunk music, dance & cultural presentation. FREE friendship bracelet activity all weekend.

Detailed Event Info  
www.mthorebhistory.org

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## 2023 MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS WOMEN 5K

MMIW RUN/WALK

DATE / VENUE  
MAY 5 RIVERSIDE PARK, LA CROSSE, WI

ENTRY FEE: \$5  
REGISTRATION STARTS: 11 AM  
PROGRAM: 11:30 AM  
RUN/WALK: 12 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT: HENRY.GREENGRASS@HO-CHUNK.COM  
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NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, APRIL LINK, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent

Improvements located at: N7610 KINGSWAN RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 16 OF THE NW 1/4 OF HE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32,

TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMESNKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

Ho-Chunk Nation Realty Division

Attn: Register of Deeds

P.O. Box 310

Black River Falls, WI 54615

Phone: (715) 284-9343 Ext 11032

By or before June 5, 2023

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

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Iris Mae Laes

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR22-04

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: Iris Mae Laes

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, Ira Laes, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is \_\_\_\_\_.

Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Clerk of Court

Name Printed or Typed

Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Ira Laes

Address

4932 Rosewood Ct.

Little Spamico, WI 54141

Telephone

920-246-4863

Bar Number (If any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Phillip A Brownwood

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR22-07

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Phillip A. Brownwood

A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Andrew G. Storm, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is \_\_\_\_\_.

Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Clerk of Court

Mary F. Thunder

Name Printed or Typed

4-5-23

Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Address

Telephone

Bar Number (If any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

McKayla P. McKee

☐ Amended

Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR22-06

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: McKayla P. McKee

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, Phyllis McKee, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is June 9, 2023.

Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Clerk of Court

Mary F. Thunder

Name Printed or Typed

4-12-23

Date

Form completed by: (Name)

Address

Telephone

Bar Number (If any)

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors

This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Loretta J. Patterson

☐ Amended

Notice of Hearing on

Petition for Probate

by Thomasa B Chavez

Case No. PR 23-02

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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

FEB 08 2023

Mary F. Thunder

Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 6/21/1947

2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/19/1912 and date of death 11/7/2019 was domiciled in Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5619 43rd St. New Lisbon, WI 53950.

3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable:

\_\_\_\_\_

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge \_\_\_\_\_, on (Date) JUNE 7, 2023 at (Time) 10:00am.

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

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

Please note that the court does not provide transportation.

Clerk of Court

Mary F. Thunder

Name Printed or Typed

3/8/23

Date

HO-CHUNK NATION REGISTER OF DEEDS

Request for New Title to Improvements to Real Property

I, WILLIAM PAYER am requesting that a New Title be issued to me for the following improvements located on lands held in Trust by the Secretary of Interior for the Ho-Chunk Nation or an Individual Indian, located in JACKSON County, State of Wisconsin ("Property") (if more space is needed, please attach addendum): Physical address of property: N7364 KINGSWAN RD BRF WI 54615 with a physical description of: NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMESNKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

I am the current occupant/owner of such improvements, and at this time there is no existing title to them. I have attached two affidavits from disinterested witnesses (parties other than myself, my spouse, or my children) describing the improvements to real property, when they were constructed, and the chain of ownership from the original occupant to myself.

William B Payer

Signature WILLIAM PAYER

2-13-2023

Date Filed

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO OBJECT

This Notice of Right to Object is being posted at the property in question and in the Hocak Worak. Any person who believes that the requestor above is not entitled to ownership interest in the physical property described in their request must submit an objection in writing to the Ho-Chunk Nation Register of Deeds within 45 days of the date of the Request for New Title.



SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Adult Ward: D.B, DOB 11/10/1932 Petitioners v. Arnold Cloud, Respondent.

Case No.: GU 23-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Arnold Cloud

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. Due to a lack of information regarding Respondent’s whereabouts, the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court determines that the Notice of Hearing required under the HOC K NATION CHILDREN, FAMILY AND ELDER WELFARE ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND SPENDTHRIFT ORDINANCE 4 HCC   14.8 cannot be met and therefore turns to the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*.

This legal notice of the filed *Petition* is now served upon you by publication in accordance with the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(C)(1)(f). A proceeding concerning the above-named Adult Ward is pending in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene a *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HOC K NATION CHILDREN, FAMILY AND ELDER WELFARE ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND SPENDTHRIFT ORDINANCE 4 HCC   14.9. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the Adult Ward must appear along with the Adult Ward at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at **10:00 A.m. CDT** on the **19th** day of **April, 2023** for the following purpose: *Gaurdianship Hearing*. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying *Certificate of Service* to the presiding judge. *See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HOC K NATION CHILDREN, FAMILY AND ELDER WELFARE ADULT GUARDIANSHIP AND SPENDTHRIFT ORDINANCE 4 HCC   14.9.d, the proceeding 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.

**NOTICE** – Failure to respond to this *Summons* or attend the *Hearing* as scheduled above, *can affect your right to object to the Petition* and the Court may determine to proceed in your absence pursuant to *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 44(C) and issue a judgment against you.

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.

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SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

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Case No.: GU 23-02

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Diane Cloud

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NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, TIFFANY YOUNGTHUNDER, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

W9004 NAC GE PI RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 15 WITHIN THE NW1/4 OF THE NE1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NOTH, REANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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

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

By or before MAY 20, 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, JEAN STACY SNOW, has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent Improvements located at:

N7625 KINGSWAN RD BRF WI 54615

And more particularly described as: LOT 12 OF THE NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 22 NORTH, RANGE 3 WEST, TOWN OF KOMENSKY, JACKSON COUNTY, WISCONSIN

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- Marine Credit Union Foundation, La Crosse
- Fox Valley Memory Project, Menasha
- Gundersen Credit Union, La Crosse
- Ho-Chunk Nation, Black River Falls
- Prime Financial Credit Union, Cudahy
- The Wisconsin Credit Union League, Saver's Sweepstakes®, Madison

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- University of Wisconsin-Madison, Division of Extension, Encouraging Financial Conversations

Training Curriculum, West Bend

- Wisconsin Coalition on Student Debt and Ascendium Education Group, Wisconsin Student Loan Help Hotline, Madison

Legacy Category:

- Sherri Hendrickson, retired educator at Monroe High School, Monroe
- Patrick W. Kubeny, Rhinelander High School, Rhinelander
- Acts Housing, Milwaukee
- Bank On Greater Milwaukee, Milwaukee
- Wisconsin Bankers Foundation, Madison

The recipients were selected by the Governor's Council on Financial Literacy and Capability from the nominations submitted for consideration. Criteria used to judge nominations included: innovative implementation of an effective financial literacy and capability program or program element within the last two years; emphasis on financial inclusion, demonstrated measurable results; collaboration with partners; and scalability of the program design. Visit the Council's webpage to read a

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DFSI Secretary Designee Olson Collins



Award Recipients Group Photo

**Experience**

**Lifelong District 2 resident**

**Attended 300 Area meetings**

**General Council Chairman and Emcee**

**Traditional Court Member**

**Numerous committees representing District 2**

**Former District 2 Legislator**

**I will address the issues:**

- Financial awareness**
- Housing matters**
- Fair employment**
- Land development**
- Elder care**
- Advocate effective services**

**ELECT**

**ROBERT**

**L.**

**FUNMAKER**

**JR**

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE DISTRICT 2, SEAT 1

**June 6, 2023**

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**This will determine the course of our District 2 voice for the next four years.**

**Effective communication, honesty and transparency leads to building trust for our members.**



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OR  
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— WIN A CHANCE AT —  
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**SATURDAY, MAY 27**  
**HOURLY HOT SEAT DRAWINGS | 11AM - 5PM**  
One Winner will have a chance to win up to  
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HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS,  
WI  
MARCH 22, 2023

**Call to Order:** President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

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

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 10:06 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda moving New Business: C. Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Kijire Naagu Healing Camp 2023 before Reports. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to move New Business: A. Waks`ik Woosga Revitalization before Reports. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-March 14, 2023**

**MOTION**by Rep.Stephanie Begay to approve the March 14, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Amendment to the agenda:**

**Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Kijire Naagu Healing Camp 2023**

Elite Elder, Roberta Decorah was present and gave an update on the Kijire Naagu Healing Camp, providing a tentative calendar of events for May 15-19, 2023.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 03-22-23 A**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for Kijire Naagu Healing Camp 2023 to include Behavioral Health Staff. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 6-0-6 (Rep.

George Stacy, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. abstained as Roberta Decorah is his Cuuwi.*  
*Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained as Roberta Decorah is her Naani.*  
*Rep. George Stacy abstained due to being out of the room during the discussion.*

**Waks`ik Woosga Revitalization**

Wallace (Rock) Greendeer was present and spoke on what the Waks`ik Woosga Revitalization Learning group is, and what the intent will be. There is a six month, three and six year lesson plan and a budget included in the packet.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that the position of Legislature is to support the Waks`ik Woosga Revitalization Program in its effort to increase the ability of our Ho-Chunk language to be learned through songs, prayers, and other language practices that we use in our traditional Waks`ik ways. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 11-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**Tribal Enrollment Numbers-Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month-TABLE**

**Office of General Council Report**

A written report was received.

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

**Department of Business**

Scott Marecek Budget Analyst was present on behalf of Sherman Funmaker, Interim Executive Director of Business and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

**Department of Education**

**Hoocak Ee Cooni Waziperes Hocira**

Mary Thundercloud-Early was present and gave a presentation. The mission of Hoocak Ee Cooni Waziperes Hocira is to:

- Save the Hoocak language by teaching it to 4 month to 4 years old preschoolers.
- To have a language nest of speaker in the community.
- To teach the language to the parents and extended family of the children.
- Have Weekly language classes for the parents.
- To have monthly gatherings that reinforce the language to the parents so the parents will utilize the language in the home.

*Rep. George Stacy is online at 11:23 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to Legislative Counsel and Quarles to check on a yearly compact deduct for Hoocak Ee Cooni Waziperes

Hocira and other centers to continue to move forward. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Director of Education, Nehomah Thundercloud mentioned having great discussions on setting up systems with Department of Public Instruction (DPI), Ho-Chunk and the Black River Falls School District, and will give updates as they go along.

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned there are other school districts that have Tribal enrolled students having the same issues at other school districts, please keep that in mind.

Rep. Danielle DeLong mentions Legislature has a Racism Taskforce Workgroup. There have been increasing number of parents bringing up racial incidents happening in their districts and throughout the State. How can Education potentially address this issue?

Executive Director Thundercloud said Education has some nationally trained SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) Facilitators on staff. There is a second intensive training planned for the first week in August, open for all school district within the JOM areas throughout the State. Education is also working on systemic change in helping districts look at their own systems i.e. equity audit. Nekoosa is moving from equity audits to class room audits. Education finally has three School Community Relations staff, who can handle complaints and issues in schools. The Tutor Specialist and Division Manager positions are now posted.

Rep. Darren Bringer mentioned in the past there had been issues with the PreK-12 and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) not wanting to negotiate with the Nation. What are the chances of getting a consultation with WIAA, with the much needed athletic equipment or training camps?

Executive Director Thundercloud said there are quite a few changes. WIAA does allow for travel for non-school competitions. For Indigenous Games PreK-12 funds can be used for travel, food and everything. This would be a good time to talk with WIAA.

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to request a consultation with the Department of Education, and Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) to include Department of Justice, Legislative Counsel, and any Representatives, and outside counsel from Quarles. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Housing**

Executive Director of Housing (EDOH) Tracy Littlejohn was present via video conference and gave an

update. A written report was received.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned a concern from a Tribal member regarding their taxes not being paid on time. The Tribal member called the Village, and Housing a few times to find out where their payment was. Why was there no follow through? Is there an employee in the Housing Department to reach out and work with the owners?

EDOH Tracy Littlejohn said that Treasury pays the property tax, and at this time Housing has only one accountant.

Rep. Danielle DeLong mentioned the District 4 Housing Board member reported that by April 1 tenants needed to call for a payment plan. What outreach has been done to reach the Tribal members. Rep. DeLong does not want to see Tribal members be evicted again.

EDOH Tracy Littlejohn said they sent out forms four times with payment plans and applications, only 21 applications were received. There are 17 tenants that owe over \$5,000 in arrears, she will reach out to those tenants personally. The letter did have the information regarding budgetary assistance through First Nations Community Financial.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request an investigation into the practices by Housing Department, and the Treasury Department in paying Tribal members Home Ownership Program property taxes annually, and to determine whether Housing makes such payments on a timely basis, and where the Tribal member home owners have to pay their own taxes, and if so, does Housing reimburse the homeowner, and to request the Department of Justice carry out this investigation. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-1(Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer the General Welfare Exclusion Ordinance in regards to tribal housing payments with Treasury and Legislative Legal to Executive Session today. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Department of Labor**

President WhiteEagle said he will make sure a Labor Report was sent.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Emergency Fund-TABLE**

**Department of Business Follow-up on Resolution 12-13-22 A, Classification of Department of Business Enterprise Job Descriptions as Flex-TABLE**

**Resolution Follow-Up: Request for Supporting Documentation to Trust & Investment Committee and Fund Managers-TABLE**

**Minimum Wage-TABLE**

**Consideration of Outreach & MOU with WiDPI-TABLE**

**Language D1 & Department of Housing Increase for the Emergency Shelter**

Rep. Darren Brinegar said the Legislature is still waiting to hear about the Insurance and the Sublease for the Emergency Shelter.

Legislative Counsel, Michael Murphy mentioned the Legislature did receive the lease and had been provided a sublease from the Department of Justice. It was stated that Housing no longer needed the budget modification, since they found the funds. Regarding the Property and Casualty Insurance, he can't discern if we are still waiting for feedback. A request form the Andrew Black Hawk Legion post was received to not consider this request.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke stated she is in support of the Emergency Shelter, once we have all the bases covered.

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to deny the request at this time for the lack of information, and based on the request from the Andrew Black Hawk Legion post. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Special Finance Commission Meeting Minutes, March 8, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the Special Finance Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Sarah Lemieux) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

**Resolution-Selection of Gallagher Insurance and Consultation for Ho-Chunk Nation Classification and Compensation Study**

**MOTION**by Rep.Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 03-22-23 B**, Selection of Gallagher Insurance and Consultation for Ho-Chunk Nation Classification and Compensation Study. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Recess:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:18 p.m.*

**Call to Order:** President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

- President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud - EX
- Rep. George Stacy-EX

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Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum was established at 1:03 p.m.

**Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to apply for the National Indian Health Board Utilizing Social Media to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Across Indian Country Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 03-22-23 C**, Authorization for the Health Department to apply for the National Indian Health Board Utilizing Social Media to Increase COVID-19 Vaccine Confidence Across Indian Country Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to enter into Agreement With The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. for the 2023 Women, Infants, and Children Program Grant**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to adopt **Resolution 03-22-23 D**, Authorization for the Department of Health to enter into Agreement With The Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. for the 2023 Women, Infants, and Children Program Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D2 Parent Request regarding WDS**

Tribal member Simone Brown was present via video conference to address the Legislature with ongoing incidents with her daughter who attends Wisconsin Dells School District. Starting last year, a new student started harassing and bullying her 13 year old daughter with an assault taking place. The school promised the student would be prosecuted, and no charges would be pressed on her daughter. However, a letter came from the Wisconsin Dells Police Department charging her daughter with disorderly conduct. The trial will be held on May 1, 2023. Mrs. Brown is suing the Wisconsin Dells School District, and is coming to the Legislature for advice and support for something to be done.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle that Legislature and Public Relations Officer prepare a position statement on behalf of the Legislative Branch and request collaboration with the President and the Executive Branch in a statement against bullying and racism of our

children in our schools. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to ask the President of our Executive Branch for support with the request for the Attorney General and the Ho-Chunk Police Department to obtain the video of the altercation to assist this tribal member in preparing their defense and to provide it to the family of this child. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Education Department through our School Community Relations Director to follow up with the parent(s) from the Wisconsin Dells School District, specifically Simone Brown, to assist with communications with the district and to help propose any action to address bullying in our schools and racism, not limited to school surveys, DPI involvement, facilitating any discussions and to consider some PD opportunities as well. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Office of Child Support Enforcement Tribal Consultation**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Office of Child Support Enforcement Tribal Consultation on April 6, 2023. The Nation had previously provided written testimony and written comments in 2019, and would like consideration for participation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize a Legislator and Legislative Attorney attend the Office of Child Support Enforcement Tribal Consultation on April 6, 2023 with comment and testimony prepared in advance with collaboration if need be from Outside Counsel, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice, and the Child Support Division. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**District Meetings:**

**D1 Niioxawani – March 8, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President, and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have the Department of Administration to look into grants to commercialize/industrialize the kitchen. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Administration, and Treasury the **MOTION** by Kelly Jo Funmaker to charge non-tribal members a fee to create a restricted account to allow the fees to be used by DICC. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE**

**RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Forest Funmaker to deny the request by Jackson County Sheriff’s Office to renew the resolution for the inter-governmental agreement between Jackson County School Districts and the Ho-Chunk Nation for the School Resource Deputy Program.

**D2 Ho’uni Xununik – March 16, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Education, and Heritage Preservation the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price for Wallace Greendeer to continue to work with Education and Heritage Preservation for his initiative. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot was out of the room during the vote.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the District 2 Representatives and Legislative Public Relations Officer the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price to implement a community-planning group for Tomah area to be facilitated by D2 Legislators. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**NOTE:** The District 2 La Crosse meeting was cancelled due to multiple reschedules due to circumstances beyond our control.

**D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – March 15, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Treasurer the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for HCN Treasurer to submit a Treasurer’s report to the people and include an excess cash report on a monthly basis for area meetings and to submit a monthly cash flow report and monthly cash flow analysis to HCN Legislature per the Ho-Chunk Nation laws. Timeline will span the entirety of the current Treasurer’s tenure. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the Office of the President. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Christine Romano for the HCN President to compel the Treasurer to submit a monthly Children’s Trust Fund report beginning in April 2023.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle would like it noted that the community is asking for a report that goes to them, to be released for Tribal member’s privy and as part of their confidential information and not the Children’s Trust Fund reports that are coming from the Investment Advisors. The community want a summary of what is occurring from the Treasurer to go to the Tribal membership.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCD, and the Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Christine Romano for

HHCD and HCN Planning Department to come to the next area meeting for land use planning. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCD the **MOTION** by Christine Romano for HHCD to get internet service at Indian Heights Community Building with multiple access points for WebEx capabilities. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCD and the Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for HHCD to work with HCN Department of Administration for fiber optic internet access D2 Dells/Baraboo area. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for HCN Legislature to consider a moratorium on General Council line item positions within the current Fiscal Year with a legal review. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to appoint Roberta Funmaker as the General Council Representative for Baraboo/Dells/Mauston area with Toni Funmaker, Christine Romano and Lucinda Lonetree as volunteers. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Darren Brinegar is online at 1:59 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Disaster Recovery Workgroup the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to subsidize the cost for generator for elders who qualify. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for HCN Legislature to perform a legal review to include minors in the General Welfare payments. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Health and Department of Social Services the **MOTION** by Christine Romano for Executive Director of Social Services and Executive Director of Health, and the Behavioral Health Division Manager to attend next area meeting. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and the Office of the President the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for all HCN employees to return to work. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentions community members are questioning the employees that are not working a day of the week, like on Fridays. The community suggested all employees need to physically return to work if they have offices and desks, if any are doing remote work when they are to be in the office assisting tribal members. This is some of the conversations.

President WhiteEagle said ERA does allow telework as well.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to not approve any further contracts with non-tribally owned business. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Renewable Energy Workgroup the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker requesting for an update on the renewable energy workgroup on Ho-Chunk Casino renewable energy to reduce energy cost. Second Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Pac cinak – March 13, 2023**

No Motions

**D3 Tee hoikšek – March 14, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to the next Finance Commission Meeting the **MOTION** by Mary Lopez to request funding for a community trip to cover expenses for transportation, admission tickets and food in the amount of \$5,000 for a time to be determined in June, 2023. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**D3 Tejop – March 15, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Clerk and Legal the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle for the Legislative Representatives to find out where the Sunshine Fund went. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to rescind the motion to establish the Office of General Council. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Legislative Chief Financial Officer the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle for the Legislative Branch provide food and payouts for their FY 23-24 budget. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to HHCD and the Department of Housing the **MOTION** by Latisha Hoyer for spring cleanup to be available to all areas, even if they do not

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live in HHCDa. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Beloit Workgroup the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to do a feasibility versus cost to upgrade HCG-WD versus continuing the Beloit project. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D3 Tešišik – March 16, 2023***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Hazel Gurerro that HHCDa get the empty rental units in Milwaukee prepared for new tenants. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Heather Schultz that each HHCDa area have their own maintenance staff. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Bridget Schultz- Request Neil White Gull Executive Director of HHCDa to be present at the next Milwaukee area meeting to provide an update on the empty rentals and the 4 unit condemned 4 plex. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D3 Nikusra- March 16, 2023***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah

Lemieux to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Ona Garvin to approve Leonard Walker as the HHCDa Board of Commissioners for the Nekoosa area. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 10-0-1(Rep. Sarah Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D4 Guušgonak – March 13, 2023***

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Executive Legislative Information Officer and District 4 Representatives the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to invite Eva Suquet, Mental Health Supervisor to come to the next Chicago district meeting virtually to provide update. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the Executive Director of Health. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature, Legislative Legal and the Office of General Council the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief would like a town hall meeting to discuss General Council Agency, Office of General Council, and other options (Special Election). Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have a round table discussion on the pros/ con of per capita and for there to be a virtual option. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle

DeLong to refer to Legislature, Legislative Legal, Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board and Election Code Workgroup the MOTION by Ryan Greendeer for the District 4 Representative least a taskforce or workgroup for election process reform. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Ryan Greendeer to ask for the Representative to account for their time in their monthly reports.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

MOTION by Ryan Greendeer for the D4 Representatives to start taking their own meeting minutes.

***D4 Maanico Horuzra – March 16, 2023***

**MOTION** by Danielle DeLong to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Vicky Ontiveros to fund \$1,200 to a D4 youth attending the North American Indigenous Games in Halifax, Nova Scotia from July 15, 2023 to July 23, 2023. MOTION IS AMENDED to fund \$1,500. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to District 4 Representatives the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to receive attendance reports for area meeting with virtual and in-person noted, which will include Legislative and workgroup meetings. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the District 4 Legislators the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to have Legislators who cannot be present at a district meeting to submit a written report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to improve the Election Code. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 4-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Robert Pilot)-5(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Paul Fox) **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. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:48 p.m.*

*President Marlon WhiteEagle excused himself from Executive Session. Tribal Secretary Rep. Stephanie Begay chaired the remainder of the meeting.*

*Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 4:12 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION**

**CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle was not online during the vote.*

*The meeting moved to Open Session at 5:25 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle and Rep. Robert Pilot were not online during the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to change the Treasury form for voluntary deduction to include General Welfare/ Per Cap for Department of Housing and HHCDa rental, mortgage and environmental health utilities to be released to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED that the forms be available immediately, and that General Welfare AND Per-Capita be on the form title. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 4, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle and Rep. Robert Pilot were not online during the vote.*

*The Legislative meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.*

<div><div>HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI APRIL 4, 2023</div><div><div>Call to Order:</div><div>President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.</div><div><div>Roll Call:</div><div>President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. George Stacy-VC (P 10:52 a.m.) Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC Rep. Danielle DeLong-EX Rep. Robert Pilot-VC Rep. Paul Fox-P Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P</div></div><div><div>VC-Video Conference</div><div><div>Determination of Quorum:</div><div>Quorum is established at 10:03 a.m.</div><div><div>Opening Prayer:</div><div>President</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div>Marlon WhiteEagle offered a word of prayer.</div><div><div>Approval of Agenda:</div><div>MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div><div><div>Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:</div><div><div>Legislative Meeting-March 22, 2023</div><div>MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the March 22, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div></div><div><div>Commission Reports:</div><div><div>Finance Commission-March 29, 2023</div><div>MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the March 29, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div></div><div><div>Resolution-Establishment of Business Scholarships/ Training Restricted Account</div><div>MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 04-03-23 A, Establishment of Business</div></div></div></div></div></div>	<div><div>Scholarships/Training Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div><div><div>Reports:</div><div><div>Tribal Enrollment Numbers</div><div>MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Tribal Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div></div><div><div>Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority</div><div>Ted Walczak, Transportation Planner was present via video conference on behalf of Brett Blackdeer, Chief Roads Director for an update. A written report was received.</div></div><div><div>Office of General Council Report</div><div>A written report was received.</div></div><div><div>Executive Branch Monthly Reports:</div><div><div>Department of Administration</div><div>Darcy Funmaker, Executive Administrative Assistant was present via video conference on behalf of Executive Director of Administration, Mark Leonard. A written report was received.</div></div><div>Rep. Paul Fox wanted to</div></div></div></div>	<div><div>have an update on a manager for the Chicago Branch Office. The Department of Administration mentioned they are currently in the process of hiring a manager for the Chicago Branch Office.</div><div><div>Department of Health</div><div>Behavioral Health Director, Evangeline Suquet was present via video conference on behalf of the Executive Director of Health, Kiana Beaudin. A written report was received.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Health Division has lifted the masking requirements for staff and patients, unless you are ill or have been exposed to COVID.</li><li>All Staff meeting was held last Wednesday for the first time in three years.</li><li>Currently the Clinic, Behavioral Health, Maintenance and Dental are under construction. Much of the Behavioral Heath staff will be working from home for the month of April, due to the construction. Providers will still be able to see children and adolescence in person at a different location.</li><li>Regarding Hosto Pii, the contractor did the final work, and she is waiting to hear from Environmental Health to do a walk through and then to schedule a site visit. The difficulty at this point is to hire Women’s Recovery Advocates, which may hinder fully opening. Maybe current staff can help until they are</li></ul></div></div><div>fully staffed.</div><div><div>Vice President Karena Thundercloud had questions regarding Community Health and the Community Health Activity line item for having suspended the CSA and Fitness memberships due to lack of funding.</div><div><div>MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to have a detailed accounting of the Community Activity line item, including how many CSA and Fitness memberships Community Health has done this year. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. MOTION IS AMENDED to have this forwarded by the next Legislative Meeting. Second concurs. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.</div><div><div>Department of Personnel; Insurance</div><div>Executive Director of Personnel, Saresa Ryckman was present via video conference. A written report was received.</div></div><div><div>Rep. Stephanie Begay would like to have the Class and Comp update provided in the Personnel Report each month.</div><div><div>Department of Social Services</div><div>Executive Director of Social</div></div></div></div></div></div>
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Services Rosella Stanley was present via video conference. A written report was received.

TAU Advisory Board

Rep. Sarah Lemieux read a motion from the TAU Advisory Board meeting March 15, 2023 regarding standardize discounts at all Ho-Chunk hotels for Elders.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Department of Business requesting information of the Elder discounts at each of the hotels. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Emergency Fund

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the intention is to setup some reserve funds to address any operation interruptions for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Chief Financial Officer to prepare some options for Legislature to consider for the Emergency Fund in consideration of the upcoming Unexpended Funds Report, and to use those funds as well. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Department of Business Follow-up on Resolution 12-13-22 A, Classification of Department of Business Enterprise Job Descriptions as Flex-TABLE

Resolution Follow-Up: Request for Supporting Documentation to Trust & Investment Committee and Fund Managers

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned the Legislature adopted Resolution 08-02-22 B, requesting critical information for common ground with the Trust & Investment Committee as far as IPS, contract agreements. To have the same level of communication to ensure they are working on the same documents. However, that did not occur, so the Legislature reached out to the vendors for the information, and that is still pending. There will be internal meetings scheduled with Legislature, the vendors, DOJ, and the Treasurer to ensure everyone is on that same common ground.

Rep. George Stacy is present at 10:52 a.m.

Minimum Wage

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned about a month ago there was a request from the Legislature to have a formal opinion and recommendation from the Executive Director of Personnel to hear what her review would be on the minimum wage. What is the status on this?

Executive Director of Personnel (EDOP) Saresa Ryckman mentioned she did not receive that request from

March 7, 2023. Once the EDOP receives the request, she will work on it and have something by the end of the week.

Consideration of Outreach & MOU with WiDPI

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned a month ago the Legislature requested a recommendation and an executive summary from Education regarding the MOU with the State of Wisconsin DPI. The recommendation was requested for the following Legislative Session and has not been received to date. The reason this was setup was the huge concern for our youth and the many issues within the schools. Legislature asked for this to move forward with the State of Wisconsin, and to have the Executive Director of Education provide an executive summary with DPI.

President WhiteEagle said he will follow up with the Education Department.

New Business:

Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for May 1, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 B, Per Capita Distribution for May 1, 2023. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 10-2(Rep. Paul Fox, Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Gulf Hypoxia Program Tribal Cooperative Agreement Funding

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 C, Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Gulf Hypoxia Program Tribal Cooperative Agreement Funding. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on the Wazee Subdivision 439 T 2172 Lots 18 & 19

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 D, Authorization of Service Line Agreement for WE Energies on the Wazee Subdivision 439 T 2172 Lots 18 & 19. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2023 Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant Funding to Continue the Nations Program

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 E, Authorization to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2023 Summer Tribal Youth Program Grant Funding to Continue the Nations Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorizing Agreement with the Nature Conservancy for Participation in Landscape Restoration Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 F, Authorizing Agreement with the Nature Conservancy for Participation in Landscape Restoration Program Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution 04-03-23 G, Authorization for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Education Head Start Division to Apply for the Federal Head Start Supplemental COLA and Quality Improvement Grant. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 11-0-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms, Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins, Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc.

Forrest Funmaker, Agriculture Division was present and mentioned a long running relationship with Simonson Farms. DNR believes all of the certifications have been done and Simonson Farms understands the AG Leasing Code. Arlen Simonson was on video conference and provided a summary for this years growing season. Whirling Thunder can be turned into a great gardening project for the youth. Whirling Thunder can keep adjusting the farm, it is a great place to teach. Mr. Simonson also mentioned they comply with Tomah water shed and the Sparta Farm Service Agency (FSA).

Matthew Carriaga, Realty Division mentioned LDT did not get a chance to see what was submitted, he assumes it was the packets previously submitted. Since the Legislature already acted on the resolutions, these resolutions would not be appropriate. There would have to be rescind and restate since they were already defeated.

MOTION by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to TABLE New Business: G. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms, New Business: H. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins, New Business: I. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the

Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. Second is WITHDRAWN. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 3-8(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Robert Pilot)-1 (Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION DEFEATED.

Rep. Stephanie Begay was opposed due to Letter I-Mortenson Property and District 3 Area has made motions to not approve.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke was opposed for fact these resolutions have been voted on and defeated. They should go back through the process with LDT, and a different set of resolutions need to be presented.

Rep. Shelby Visintin was not in favor of the Mortenson lease because of livestock run off, brown water contamination, and dead soil issues.

Rep. Darren Brinegar was opposed to Letter I-Mortenson Property, it should be left for the District 3 Legislators to decide on.

Rep. George Stacy was opposed, he agreed this should go back to LDT.

MOTION by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE New Business: G. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms, New Business: H. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins, and STRIKE New Business: I. Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Mortenson Property #439 T 2162 for Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 9-3(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Darren Brinegar said the reason for striking Wysocki Produce Farms, Inc. was the District 3 membership did not want the lease renewed.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud was opposed, as the experts are giving us reason for another year lease and this is not a detriment to the Nation.

Resolution-Establishment of Tribal School Workgroup

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah read the resolution regarding the creation of the workgroup.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature, pursuant to its Constitutional authority, hereby authorizes the establishment of a Tribal School Workgroup consisting of; any Legislators; assigned Legislative Staff; Executive Branch Staff, including but not limited to the Department of Education, as determined

by the President; and any other staff, employees, or community members invited by the Legislative Sponsor(s); BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tribal School Workgroup shall investigate the development and creation of a Tribal School within the Ho-Chunk Nation; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there shall be a Legislator, or Legislators, who lead and direct the Workgroup, organize its meetings, take responsibility for reporting on its activities; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup shall report on their activity and progress to the Legislature; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup created herein shall not be considered a Public Body under the Nation’s Open Meetings Act and shall not be required to adhere to quorum requirements; BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Workgroup is authorized to begin meeting after adoption of this resolution.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to adopt Resolution 04-03-23 H, Establishment of Tribal School Workgroup. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Establishment of Tribal School Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 I, Establishment of Tribal School Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. Second is WITHDRAWN. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 4-7(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Robert Pilot)-1 (Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION DEFEATED.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to adopt Resolution 04-04-23 I, Establishment of Tribal School Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. Second is WITHDRAWN. Second by Rep. George Stacy. 4-7(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Robert Pilot)-1 (Rep. Paul Fox) MOTION DEFEATED.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to break for lunch until 1:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m.

Call to Order: Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

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Rep. Robert Pilot-VC

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-EX

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:** Quorum is established at 1:01 p.m.

**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. George Stacy. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:02 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot was not available for the vote.*

**Release to Open Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to authorize and request Legislative Counsel to work with the Attorney General to discuss with the Greendeer Family, Randy Poelma, and DNR (liaison) to work towards getting action from Gerke in response to this matter. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include release to appropriate parties including the Attorney General, Randy Poelma and DNR and that the information can be shared with family as needed. Second concurs.

**MOTION IS AMENDED** to release this motion to Open Session. Second concurs.10-0-1(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to release Resolution 09-07-22 U Authorization for the Department of Health-Division of Environmental Health to Submit an Application to the U.S.Environmental Protection Agency for Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State for Authorities Under Section 105 and 505(a)2 of the Clean Air Act to Open and make it publicly available, including the President. **MOTION IS**

**AMEDED** to include this motion to be released to Open Session pursuant to Section 49 of the Legislative Organization Act. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to April 12, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot was not available for the vote.*

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:11 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS,  
WI  
APRIL 12, 2023**

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

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-EX

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. George Stacy-VC

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC

Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr.-VC

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX

Rep. Darren Brinegar-EX

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC

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 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 moving Executive Branch Monthly Report: D. Department of Treasury after Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to move New Business: J. HAGA May and June 2023 Funding Request \$12,000 after Department of Treasury Report, and to TABLE New Business: K. HAGA Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Funding Request \$60,000. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

**Legislative Meeting-April 4, 2023**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the April 4, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Department of Treasury***

Jeriah Rave, Financial Director was present via video conference and gave a brief overview of the Treasury Report. A written report was received.

**HAGA May and June 2023 Funding Request \$12,000**

Kerry Funmaker, Larry Littlegeorge and Ralph Snake were present requesting funding for three events in May & June 2023 for \$12,000. HAGA will be submitting another request for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 at a later date. It was mentioned that during the past two years of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ho-Chunk Area Golf Association has been non-existent, and the members wish to bring this organization back to its former status. The Association has been fundraising, and have always reconciled their funds with Treasury. Since there was no HAGA the Veterans stepped up to keep the tournaments going. A budget was received.

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to refer the HAGA May and June 2023 Funding Request of \$12,000 to the next Finance Commission Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

***Gaming Commission Monthly Report***

Toni Blackdeer, Gaming Commissioner, was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

***Special Finance Commission-April 5, 2023***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the April 5, 2023 Special Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to TABLE to the next Legislative Meeting. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Reports:**

**Tribal Enrollment Numbers-Enrollment Office reports the first Legislative Meeting of every month-TABLE**

***EDA Update***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the EDA Update. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to accept the EDA Update. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Office of General Council Report***

A written report was submitted.

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

***Department of Heritage Preservation***

Executive Director of Heritage Preservation (EDOHP) Samson Falcon was present via video conference and gave a verbal update. A written Language Report was received. Heritage Preservation has been working on budgets and address verifications. The Museum is open Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. On Thursdays and Fridays, the museum holds arts & crafts.

Rep. Danielle DeLong would like for the Enrollment Department to share contact information of the Tribal members. EDOHP Falcon said he will look into that to see if IT would be willing to create the data base and to monitor it.

Rep. Paul Fox would like to know what happens with the list of missing Tribal members that were listed in the Worak and if they are following through with the missing persons reports. EDOHP Falcon said they will do outreach to identify them, many have been reached, and a revised list will be sent out.

***Department of Justice***

Attorney General Scott Seifert was present via video conference and presented the Department of Justice report. A written report was received.

***Department of Natural Resources***

Executive Director of Department of Natural Resources Tina Brown was present via video conference to take any question. No report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

***Emergency Fund-TABLE***

***Department of Business Follow-up on Resolution***

***12-13-22 A, Classification of Department of Business Enterprise Job Descriptions as Flex***

Vice President Karena Thundercloud would like a status update from the Business Department. No representation from the Department of Business.

***Resolution Follow-Up: Request for Supporting Documentation to Trust & Investment Committee and Fund Managers-TABLE***

***Minimum Wage-TABLE Consideration of Outreach & MOU with WiDPI-TABLE***

***Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms***

***Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins***

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned that DNR was to set up a meeting with the District 2 Representatives for a discussion regarding these two properties.

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to TABLE Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Whirling Thunder Property for Simonson Farms and Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on the Muscoda Property for Brian Perkins. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***HHCDA Annual Performance Report for 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the HHCDA Annual Performance Report for 2022. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation Cultural Resources Division to Apply for the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant***

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to adopt **Resolution 04-12-23 A**, Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation Cultural Resources Division to Apply for the National Park Service for Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Grant. Second by

Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Child Care Teacher NEW Job Description***

Kimberly Whitewater mentioned working with Personnel in reviewing job descriptions, and finding the Teacher and Head Start Teacher positions did not match what was needed. All the teacher positions and paygrade were too high, that is why the positions were created.

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve Child Care Teacher Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy was out of the room during the vote.*

***Lead Child Care Teacher NEW Job Description***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to approve Lead Child Care Teacher Job Description. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #14 of Winnebago Heights Tract #439 T 2100 for Nellie Peoples***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 04-12-23 B**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #14 of Winnebago Heights Tract #439 T 2100 for Nellie Peoples. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Modification of Lease #2248 on Lot #14 of Winnebago Heights #439 T 2100***

**MOTION** by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 04-12-23 C**, Modification of Lease #2248 on Lot #14 of Winnebago Heights #439 T 2100. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 9-0-2(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained due to her father's signature is on Page 7 of the supporting documentation.

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Social Services Division of Domestic Abuse to Apply for the U.S. Department of Justice Office***

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## Audience Clapping





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