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Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg Receives Large Business of the Year Award

Gratitude expressed to a big business that strives to make a difference

Wittenberg, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, an exceptional gaming and hotel facility in north central Wisconsin, gratefully accepted the Large Business of the Year Award for 2023. The award called attention to community involvement, generation of economic traffic and local business support.

“Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is grateful and honored to receive the “Large Business of the Year” award for 2023,” said Executive Manager Fletcher Collins. “We are blessed with a team that produces every day to provide an enjoyable Gaming and Hospitality experience. The attraction we provide to this community adds to the Village of Wittenberg’s tourism and further adds to our local economy. We have worked hard to establish our facility in a highly competitive gaming industry region. The Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg team, which is made up of over 180-employees, sincerely thanks the Wittenberg Chamber of Commerce for this achievement!”

The Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce awarded the accolade. The chamber thought it important to recognize and express gratitude for a large business that has positive impacts on the communities that surround it.

“Due to the hard work, dedication, loyalty & support from the team at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, it made the decision of giving this award to them extremely easy,” said Chamber Vice President Devin Krueger. “I appreciate, and enjoy working with everyone at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. They care about our community & most importantly, appreciate not only their employees, or guests, but they appreciate the entire community. I look forward to working alongside Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg in the future, watching them continue to succeed & make a positive impact in the Wittenberg & surrounding area communities.”

The Large Business of the Year award is a first for the Wittenberg



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Ho-Chunk Nation/Alliant Tree Planting Bonanza 2024

The Ho-Chunk Nation was fortunate to be granted \$15,000 by Alliant energy for trees to be planted in their service areas in 2024. The Ho-Chunk DNR has budgeted an additional \$5,000 to buy trees for planting in Ho-Chunk communities which lie outside of this service area. In addition, the Ho-Chunk DNR will spend an additional \$8,000 purchasing tubes and fencing to protect the young trees. Trees will arrive in late April and we will be getting to work planting them immediately, starting with the bare-root forest seedlings. Read on to discover how you, the Ho-Chunk tribal member, may benefit.

Fruit Orchard Expansion

50 apple, cherry, pear, and plum trees are among the trees which have been ordered. Our first priority for the fruit trees is to continue to expand the orchards which have been established at the TAUs in most communities already. Second priority will be planting in any other Ho-Chunk public facilities, especially those who already

have some fruit trees. The community center at Chakh Hah Chee, for example,

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Joey Whitewing prunes two of the pear trees at the Potch Chee Nunk TAU. This year they had a bumper crop of pears and cherries which were used both to prepare meals at the TAU and for general community consumption.

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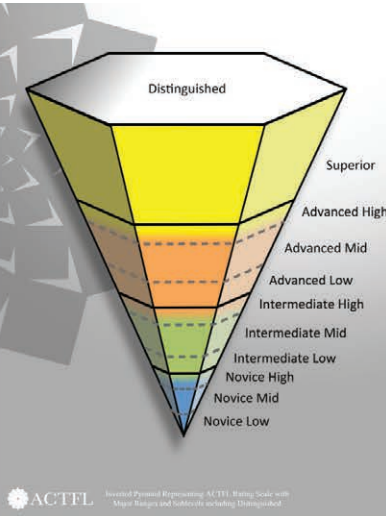
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What is Language Proficiency? How the Hoocak Academy Helps Learners Set Language Learning Goals

Language proficiency is a term used to describe one’s ability, competence, or skill in using a language. Ideally, it is an ever-changing measure of where one might be in their language learning journey. In the past, Hoocak language learners and the general public have often used the term “fluency” to describe the skill one has in using language effectively and efficiently. Fluency, however, carries connotations for a level of expertise in a language that learners feel they acquire only after many, many years of learning and practice and may not accurately reflect their actual level of communicative ability. In the past, we had no consistent and objective way of assessing how well our learners were learning Hoocak. Today, however, the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines give us a good way to benchmark language skills and help learners pace their learning and select strategies to help them attain their language learning goals.

The Hoocak Academy has adopted the ACTFL Proficiency Guidelines to help learners develop language learning goals appropriate for their level. The ACTFL proficiency benchmarks are divided into five major areas: Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Superior, and Distinguished. Each of these levels is divided into three sublevels: Low, Mid, and High.



These levels are not static, meaning that they can and do blend into one another, based on one’s exposure and experiences (see second graphic) in the target language. For example, if you use Hoocak language in your work or a ceremonial environment, you will develop a vocabulary and a different level of formality using Hoocak that you will not have from using it only within your home with your family.



In addition to the levels of language proficiency outlined here, there are modes of communication to indicate one’s emerging skills. They include:

- Speaking (Person-to-person and Presentational)
- Reading (Interpreting written language)
- Writing (Personal and Presentational)

- Listening (Interpreting spoken language)

ACTFL has two publications which go into these levels and modes in greater detail: *The ACTFL Performance Descriptors for Language Learners* and *NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements – Performance Indicators for Language Learners*. The Hoocak Academy has adapted these guidelines to reflect Hoocak language learning as well. Learners are encouraged to use these resources to help familiarize themselves with the communication tasks at each level and to help them set goals appropriate for their level of language learning. The new Hoocak Academy website (coming later in March) will have links for these resources.

A few general examples of the Can-Do Statements for the Novice level of learning are listed here in this chart:

	Novice Low	Novice Mid	Novice High
Interpersonal Communication	I can communicate on some familiar topics using single words and phrases I have practiced and memorized.	I can communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases I have practiced and memorized.	I can communicate and exchange information about familiar topics using phrases and simple sentences, sometimes supported by memorized language. I can usually handle short social interactions in everyday situations by asking and answering simple questions.
Presentational Speaking	I can present information about myself and some very familiar topics using single words or memorized phrases.	I can present information about myself and some other very familiar topics using a variety of words, phrases, and memorized expressions.	I can present basic information on familiar topics using language I have practiced using phrases and simple sentences.
Presentational Writing	I can copy some familiar words, characters or phrases.	I can write lists and memorized phrases on familiar topics.	I can write short messages and notes on familiar topics related to everyday life.

Interpretive Listening	I can recognize a few memorized words and phrases when I hear them spoken.	I can recognize some familiar words and phrases when I hear them spoken.	I can often understand words, phrases and simple sentences related to everyday life. I can recognize pieces of information and sometimes understand the main topic of what is being said.
Interpretive Reading	I can recognize a few letters or characters. I can identify a few memorized words and phrases when I read.	I can recognize some letters and characters. I can understand some learned or memorized words or phrases when I read.	I can understand familiar words, phrases, and sentences within short and simple texts related to everyday life. I can sometimes understand the main idea of what I have read.

Other, more specific, examples of Can-Do Statements for each level and each mode can be found in the *NCSSFL-ACTFL Can-Do Statements*. Examples from the Novice Mid – Interpersonal are below:

NOVICE MID

I can communicate on very familiar topics using a variety of words and phrases that I have practiced and memorized.

I can greet and leave people in a polite way.

☐ I can say hello and goodbye to someone my age or younger.

☐ I can say hello and goodbye to my teacher, professor, or supervisor.

☐ I can say hello and goodbye to an adult.

☐ I can say hello and goodbye to a person I do not know.

☐ I can

I can introduce myself and others.

☐ I can introduce myself and provide basic personal information.

☐ I can introduce someone else.

☐ I can respond to an introduction.

☐ I can

I can answer a variety of simple questions.

☐ I can answer questions about what I like and dislike.

☐ I can answer questions about what I am doing and what I did.

☐ I can answer questions about where I'm going or where I went.

☐ I can answer questions about something I have learned.

☐ I can

I can make some simple statements in a conversation.

☐ I can tell someone what I am doing.

☐ I can say where I went.

☐ I can say whom I am going to see.

☐ I can express a positive reaction, such as "Great!"

☐ I can

I can ask some simple questions.

☐ I can ask *who, what, when, where* questions.

☐ I can ask questions about something that I am learning.

☐ I can

I can communicate basic information about myself and people I know.

☐ I can say my name and ask someone's name.

☐ I can say or write something about the members of my family and ask about someone's family.

☐ I can say or write something about friends and classmates or co-workers.

☐ I can

I can communicate some basic information about my everyday life.

☐ I can give times, dates, and weather information.

☐ I can talk about what I eat, learn, and do.

☐ I can talk about places I know.

☐ I can ask and understand how much something costs.

☐ I can tell someone the time and location of a community event.

☐ I can

By using the ACTFL benchmarks and Can-Do Statements, learners can choose the communication tasks they would like to accomplish and develop an effective, manageable strategy for the volume of learning materials as well as study and practice time they will need.

The Hoocak Academy is here to provide support and assistance to help you. **It Starts With You** is one of our newest course offerings that will provide you with a number of tools to help you on your language learning journey. We hope to see you join us soon!

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had two cherry trees planted in 2023. We would encourage any Ho Chunk governmental entities to contact the HCN DNR at treebonanza@ho-chunk.com to request fruit trees. If there are fruit trees left over, priority will be given to elders who live on trust land.



Jaeleigh Blackdeer waters the chokeberry at the food forest plot of Whirling Thunder.

Food Forest Expansion
In the summer of 2023 a small start was made on a food forest in the old paddock on the west side of Whirling thunder with the planting of elderberry and chokeberry (*Aronia*). This year we are planting a total of 300 serviceberry, hazelnut, nannyberry, wild American plum shrubs and 25 butternut trees in the same area. We should be getting fruit and hazelnut harvest in a couple of years. With luck, we will have some butternut in about twenty. We plan on expanding this food forest bit by bit over the years and once it begins producing, access will be provided to tribal members.

Shade and Ornamental Tree planting
The HCN with Alliant’s assistance has once again purchased a large number of container grown shade and ornamental trees to be planted around government buildings and public areas, in Ho Chunk housing communities and for tribal members in their private residences. We will be taking delivery of 160 such trees in

late April. Species include arborvitae, hemlock, Norway spruce, magnolia, flowering almond, Kousa dogwood, serviceberry, prairie cascade willow, tree lilac, red maple, honeylocust, elm, Kentucky coffee tree, swamp white oak, red oak, bur oak, musclewood, ironwood, ginkgo, smokebush, crabapple and Chinese chestnut. The HCN nation can deliver these trees to folks who live within 20 miles of a TAU. We can arrange for tribal members who live outside of this general service area to pick up trees at a centralized location. The HCN DNR will help elders plant trees and may assist some others depending on staffing levels and other commitments. So watering. Watering is not an option. The most disappointing thing in past years has been the trees that died because people failed to water them. This has happened with trees at people’s homes and those requested by Ho Chunk government entities that have staff which are paid to take care of landscape.

Please think of these trees as you might an adopted dog or cat. They will need to be watered for a couple of years after planting, and maybe some after that if we continue to have hot, dry summers. Except in Wittenberg, Ho-

Chunk lands are sandy and dry. Trees need to be watered 3 or 4 days a week for their first six weeks in the ground. 5 gallons per time should be enough in most cases. We have lots of people who have
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An oak planted at the Siga center in Potch Chee Nunk in the summer of 2023. The staff there (Thanks Joey!) have done a wonderful job of watering these trees through the hot summer. With some more watering this year, they should be ready to take care of themselves, outside of extreme conditions.

Ho-Chunk Police Officer Arrested

March 1, 2024

The Ho-Chunk Nation has recently been advised that one of their officers was arrested by Monroe County. Peter Schneider, 26 years old, was arrested related to an investigation into child enticement and the solicitation of nude images from a child.

This investigation is still on-going, evidence showed that on several occasions Schneider requested nude photos from the 17 year old victim. Schneider also asked the victim to go into a private area for the purposes of sexual contact.

Schneider is employed by the Ho-Chunk Police Department and member of the Sparta Area Fire District (SAFD). The initial information related to the incident was brought to the

attention of the Sherriff's Office by Chief Mike Arnold of the SAFR. The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department took immediate action to relieve Schneider from his duties. Both agencies showed the utmost professionalism in their cooperation with the Sheriffs Office's investigation.

During the bond hearing in Monroe County Court, Judge Mark Goodman ordered that Schneider be held on a \$1,500 cash bond.

We are working with the county to make sure all the information is gathered and reviewed. The Ho-Chunk Nation takes these issues very seriously and have a long-standing agreement with the Monroe County Sheriff's Office. We will update you as soon as we find out more information.

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done a great job with the trees they adopted. Let's follow their example.

If you would like to request a tree please contact us at treebonanza@ho-chunk.com. Priority will be given to people living on trust land, tribal elders, people who have never received a tree from the HCN DNR and people who have proven to take good care of their trees. People who have neglected their trees in the past will be at the end of the list

Forest Seedling Planting

The HCN DNR has purchased about 1800 tree seedlings to be planted in forest setting or for reforestation of previously cleared land. Species include tamarack, bur oak, black walnut, hackberry, white oak black spruce, hawthorn, swamp white oak, yellow birch, paper birch and basswood. Most of these will be planted in appropriate areas of HCN forests. A few will be planted elsewhere. We will keep you updated on this project.

Special Planting Projects

The HCN DNR was approached by Wittenberg community members in the summer of 2023 with a plan to plant trees to provide a privacy screening

by planting spruce trees on trust land along Robin Rd, to provide some privacy where a possible walking track and outdoor classroom may be established. We have purchased 150 container trees for this purpose. Community members will HCN DNR the help of the HCN DNR will plant these tree sometime in May of 2024. If you have any special planting projects for your community, please let us know through treebonanza@ho-chunk.com.




2023 Tamarack plantings - Tomah



2023 Tamarack plantings - Wittenberg

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be March 15th which will be published on March 22nd. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.



Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

TO ALL VOTING TRIBAL MEMBERS:

PLEASE DO NOT DROP OR INTEROFFICE YOUR BALLOTS TO THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE, THEY ARE TO BE MAILED AS IT STATES ON THE NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL SECRETARIAL ELECTION, FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2025.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED BY

ELECTION BOARD OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR AND ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS

Posted 3/4/24


TIGER COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATE FORUM

Monday, 3/25/2024
Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office


Light meal at 5:30pm
Forum begins at 6:00pm

SUBMIT QUESTIONS TO TCO@BRF.ORG



Hoit'e Woiperes

Ho-Chunk Language App



The Hoocak Academy is proud to announce **HOIT'E WOIPERES, the Hoocak language app, is HERE!** You are invited to attend an App Launch Event near you!

FOOD! DOOR PRIZES! GAMES!

Wednesday, March 27, 2024		
Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells	House of Wellness Atrium/Cafeteria	6:00pm
St. Paul	Branch Office	6:00pm
Wednesday, April 3, 2024		
Nekoosa	Cexhaci Community Center	TBD*
La Crosse	Three Rivers House	TBD*
Wednesday, April 10, 2024		
Black River Falls	D1CC – Community Rm Upstairs	TBD*
Chicago	Ho-Chunk Branch Office	TBD*
Wednesday, April 17, 2024		
Madison	Teejop Hocira	TBD*
Wednesday, April 24, 2024		
Green Bay	Green Bay Branch Office	TBD*

*Check the March 22 and April 12 editions of the Worak for future times.

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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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Community and Area Emergency Responders Pull Together during Fire in Tomah

Ardith Van Riper, Editor

On February 23, at 5:17 pm, a fire reportedly broke out on the 1100 block of Superior Avenue in Tomah, Wisconsin, where the Ho-Chunk Nation Museum is located. Several individuals acted quickly and were able to pull approximately ninety percent of the collections out of the museum facility.

Per a Tomah Fire Department Press Release, “suppression efforts took nearly nine hours to contain the fire due to the nature of the buildings and their contents. The fire spread into the adjacent 1104 Superior Avenue buildings. There was significant fire and water damage that occurred, affecting at least four of the buildings. Overhaul

continued throughout the early morning hours. Crews were on the scene for twelve hours. There were 88 fire personnel on scene during this incident. The cause of the fire remains under investigation by the Tomah Fire Department of Tomah PD.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation Museum and Cultural Center response crew has wrapped up initial operations and all items are now safely stored and secured.

If you wish to make a donation, a Venmo account has been created to assist with emergency response efforts. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has helped! We appreciate all your efforts to help save our museum!

Now Accepting Bids for Catering Services August 6th - 8th 2024 Family Healing Camp at Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow grounds in Black River Falls WI

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health - Division of Public Health

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SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH, 2024

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Two sessions

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12PM-1PM

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THURSDAY - MARCH 14, 2024
1PM - 6PM

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- Request for Information
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- Trust Fund Process
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 - Valid form of ID (required):
 - Driver's License
 - State ID
 - Certified Birth Certificate
 - Passport
 - Tribal ID (expired or non-expired)

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US:

Email: enrollmentinfo@ho-chunk.com
Phone: 715-284-7824

Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health
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NATIONAL NATIVE HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY EVENT

WEDNESDAY MARCH 20, 2024
11 AM - 1:30 PM

GET TESTED
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Run, Walk, Roll, or Stroll with us to raise awareness!

The risk is not knowing.
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DOOR PRIZES
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2 Locations

- Black River Falls @ DICC N7261 Warrior Ave., Black River Falls, WI 54615
- Baraboo @ House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Road, Baraboo, WI 53913

Questions : 715-284-9851 ext 35016 or
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MARCH FOOT CLINIC

Clip/file nails, dremel as necessary

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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E8863 Winneshiek Drive, WI Dells • (608) 253-2185

BRF Community Health • 3/11
W9850 Airport Road, BRF • (715) 886-5444

Tomah Tribal Aging Unit • 3/12
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La Crosse Three Rivers House • 3/21
724 Main Street, La Crosse • (608) 783-6025

Nekoosa Health Office • 3/21
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No walk-ins - appointment is now needed.

Please call local contact to schedule an appointment or for more information.

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The following individual applicants have met the requirements of the HO-CHUNK NATION CODE (HCC) TITLE 2 – GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 7 – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND MEMBERSHIP CODE, Enacted by Legislature: October 16, 2007 in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The Enrollment Officer will certify a Notice of Eligibility for Membership and will publish such Notice in the Nation’s newsletter and on the Nation’s website. Upon publication a sixty (60) Day notice period begins. The Notice of Eligibility for Membership must include the Applicant’s name, date of birth, Base Roll ancestry, Ho-Chunk Blood and parent. In cases of adopted Applicants, certain identifying information will be neither published nor released pursuant to Wisconsin and other States’ Laws. **This determination may be appealed to the Ho-Chunk Nation Judiciary by any adult enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation Member within sixty (60) Days after the date on which the Office of Tribal Enrollment publishes the Notice of Eligibility for Membership.**

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APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Littlegeorge, Claire Faye	01/02/2021	1/4	Harold Fred Blackdeer Sr Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00969	Trenton Hawke Littlegeorge	Non-Indian
2. Littlegeorge, Olivia Sky	09/24/2022	1/4	Harold Fred Blackdeer Sr Ha Gah Kah 1901 - 00969	Trenton Hawke Littlegeorge	Non-Indian

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this 27th day of February, 2024.





IN THE
HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

In the Interest of Decedent:
Rocklyn Littlegeorge DOD: 12/30/2022
By: Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.

RESCHEDULED
NOTICE OF HEARING

Case No.: PR 23-06

To: Attorney Shari Locante- Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr.
sharil@arndtbuswellthorn.com

A **Initial Probate Hearing** in this case will be held at **Wa Ehi Hocira** physically located at **W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615**. A failure to attend may result in the entrance of a dismissal or a judgment against the absent party. *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 44(C). The hearing will start promptly at **2:00 p.m. CST on the 5th day of March 2024**.

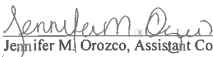
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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE: I certify that I caused the above notice to be served on the person listed above in accordance with the *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rule 5(C) on the 1st day of February 2024.

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Jennifer M. Orozco, Assistant Court Clerk

2/25/2024

Hello my friends and relatives from area 4 (Twin Cities),

I am writing this to not only inform, but to express a concern that I believe needs all of our attention. For those of you that are not aware. the legislature has made a decision ... 5 years early ... to do a “re-alignment” of our now existing 4 areas. This re-alignment could not only jeopardize our ability to have a say, but to lose any and all immediate representation on tribal matters. We could lose the amount of reps in area 4... the possibility is viable.

There will be plenty of scenarios and suggestions, and you too can get involved in this process. This is indeed a very serious time. For those of you that are interested in knowing more...there are informative meetings every Friday until inception of a vote on the “NEW” alignment of the districts. Contact your area rep for any information on the meetings or any other questions you may have.

The reason my concerns are so high is because I was informed at the very first meeting, and became very disheartened, that our Twin Cities voting numbers are one of the lowest per-capita in all voting areas. WE NEED TO VOTE! There are many ways to vote: in person, Absentee Ballot, and for any other option... again, request info from your rep. People, we have to vote.

We are so used to having everyone else do for us. Then when it comes time for change... WE holler the loudest. These are very important times. Time to express ourselves, time to voice our opinions and time to Vote. If you need any help with any part of the voting process, contact anyone of your area reps. They will be glad to assist. This re-alignment could affect them too! Vote... be recognized. There are those that say we shouldn’t have a lot of the things we have because we don’t vote anyway! By voting... those opinions will be silenced. We need to do our duty.


Start being an active part of the process, and the “voiced” outcome.

Thank you,

Mark West
Ho-Chunk Elder

Sabrina Joy Decorah

January 3, 1995 - February 25, 2024



Whitethunder officiating. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 from 3:00 to 5:00 P.M. at the community center and again Wednesday morning from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service at 12:00 Noon. Burial will be at Decorah Waksikma Cemetery.

Sabrina was born January 3, 1995 in Mauston, Wisconsin the daughter of Corey Hewitt and Rochelle Decorah. She was an excellent care giver, taking care of children, and always working hard at places like the Sauk County Jail, the Ho-Chunk Casino hotel, Menards and Mexicali Rose.

She is survived by her parents; maternal grandmother, Lona Ann Decorah; brother, Joseph Eli Decorah II; sisters, Alexandra Jade Decorah and Giselle Rae Decorah. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandfather, Joseph Decorah and baby sister Mileena Destiny Kemp.

Sabrina Decorah - Mahoraja - “She Visits the Earth”, age 29, of New Lisbon, Wisconsin walked on Sunday, February 25, 2024.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 28, 2024 at 12:00 P.M. at the Waksikma Community Building in New Lisbon, Wisconsin with Henry

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Area Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a volunteer based, not-for-profit; membership organization that advocates and works with member businesses in the Wittenberg area. They work to ensure the communities small and large businesses thrive to ensure economic, civic and cultural well-being for those residing in the area.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg provides a wonderful gaming experience, fantastic entertainment and luxurious hotel accommodations along with pleasant customer service. This is the first time it has won the Large Business of the Year award.

“We are extremely grateful to be thought of in such a positive way

within our community,” said Senior Manager Public Relations Jessica White Wing Clark. “For our team to receive acknowledgement for what is done daily, is humbling and feels really good. A huge thank you to the Wittenberg Area Chamber of Commerce.”

About Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg. Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg has been in business since 2008, with a major expansion in 2018, which included gaming space and an addition of a luxury hotel. It is committed to providing excellent customer service to guests while creating an atmosphere that is fun, exciting, and strives to continue to support its employees and communities.

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~~on an Emergency Basis with \$5,000 coming from the Pepsi Foundation and \$10,000 from Charitable Contributions Fund. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. MOTION IS AMENDED to remove Emergency Basis in the motion. Second concurs. 7-4(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) 2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kristin White Eagle) MOTION CARRIED.~~

**Note: At the February 27, 2024 Legislative Meeting, during Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes, the February 20, 2024 Legislative Meeting minutes were approved with corrections and striking the motion above.*

Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Agreement with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) for the 2024 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Grant

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 A**, Authorization to Enter into Agreement with the Great Lakes Inter-Tribal Council, Inc. (GLITC) for the 2024 Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program Grant. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Department of Heritage Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001(1 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 B**, Authorization to Place the Department of Heritage Preservation Establishment and Organization Act of 2001(1 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Tribal Property Rights of Repatriated Items Act (7 HCC § 2) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 C**, Authorization to Place the Tribal Property Rights of Repatriated Items Act (7 HCC § 2) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)-Biden Administration's Elimination of Cost-Sharing Requirement

The Biden Administration announced a final rule to eliminate a burdensome cost sharing requirement for Tribal child support programs. This rule will cuts red tape and improves the flexibility and accessibility of federal funding so the Tribes can grow their economies and provide their citizens with vital and innovative services.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle said that during this time of consideration and trying to revise these requirements, multiple consultations occurred. In September of 2018, Rep. White Eagle and Legislative Attorney Nicole Homer attended and

gave oral testimony and written comments were provided. During the pandemic, action was delayed with no movement. In April 2023 another consultation occurred where Rep. White Eagle again provided oral testimony on behalf of the Nation. On May 1, 2023 the Ho-Chunk Nation provided written comments. In February of this year, a notice was received that the federal rule was eliminating the non-federal share of program expenditure.

Rep. White Eagle would like to recognize all the hard work of Children's and Families (CFS), Department of Justice, Legislative Attorneys and the Ho-Chunk Nation have done. This work has been successful.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to include on the record that work for Administration for Children and Families has been completed, it is successful, the Biden Administration has removed the non-federal share and to include the documents that were in the packet. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

DNR Wildlife Technician REVISED Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to accept the DNR Wildlife Technician Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to approve the job description. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

DNR Reforestation Specialist NEW Job Description-Rep. Kristin White Eagle

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to approve the DNR Reforestation Specialist New Job Description. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Support for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on an Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment Funding Project

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 D**, Support for Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health Collaboration with the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee on an Advancing a Healthier Wisconsin Endowment Funding Project. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Environmental and Public Health Ordinance (3 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 E**, Authorization to Place the Environmental and Public Health Ordinance (3 HCC § 6) out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancelation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Milwaukee Area Rental Properties

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 F**, Cancellation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Milwaukee Area Rental Properties. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancelation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Green Bay Area Rental Properties

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 G**, Cancellation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Green Bay Area Rental Properties. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancelation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Wittenberg Rental Properties

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 H**, Cancellation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Wittenberg Rental Properties. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancelation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Twin Cities Area Rental Properties

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 I**, Cancellation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Twin Cities Area Rental Properties. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancelation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Juneau, Wood and Outagamie Counties Rental Properties

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 J**, Cancellation of Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency for Department of Housing Juneau, Wood and Outagamie Counties Rental Properties. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution - Authorization of Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund

MOTION by Vice President

Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 K**, Authorization of Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Capital Projects Fund. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-638 Contract Agreement for Realty Services between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for 2024-2026

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 L**, 638 Contract Agreement for Realty Services between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs for 2024-2026. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Department of Children and Families Tribal Subsidized Guardianship – DCF 55 Comments

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request the Legislature provide written comments that would be submitted on or before March 4, 2024 in regards to the DCF 55 relating to tribal subsidized guardianship proposed rules. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Demographic and Population Projection Research Services Request for Proposal (RFP)

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned this request is coming from the Enrollment Code Workgroup for a RFP to go out to those groups who can provide guidance and research for the Nation.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve and authorize sending to vendors such as: Taylor Policy Group, Wilder Foundation, Professor David Swanson and other similarly experienced firms. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr is out of the room at 10:46 a.m.

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-06-24 L Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 M**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 02-06-24 L Timeline and Procedures for Legislative Redistricting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Shelby Visintin is out of the room at 10:47 a.m.

District 2 Housing Board

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to confirm Christine Funmaker-Romano as the District 2 Housing Board Member. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa – February 13, 2024

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to

Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Bruce LaMere to include the D1 Wausau District Representation in the composition of the Tribal Aging Advisory Establishment Act. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Bruce LaMere to have representation by Samantha Skenandore to speak on the Rights of Nature on April 27, 2024 at Earth Day.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr and Rep. Shelby Visintin return to the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

D1 Nüoxawani – February 14, 2024

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Health and Office of the President the MOTION by Tena Littlejohn for Department of Health to send personnel to attend the ICIA Conference. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Natural Resources, Department of Business and Office of the President the MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker to have personnel from DNR and Business attend the ICIA Conference. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Tena Littlejohn to have the general welfare payments to go back to the children. Motion defeated.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Health and Office of the President the MOTION by Tena Littlejohn to create program for Tribal Members going into Hospice Care Program. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Treasury Department and Office of the President the MOTION by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. when there is a new program to run parallel 100% error free. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer to the Department of Administration and Office of the President the MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker for the District 1 Community Center monthly report. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hinukwas– February 15, 2024

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Adam Kruse to have Joe Keenan be the point of contact for the La Crosse area for all future sculptures developments.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and Legislative Public Relations Officer the MOTION by Henry Greengrass to have the legislators have the Code Talkers Memorial
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Highway sign dedication in both Tomah, and La Crosse. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to HHCDa the MOTION by Marsha Smith to support more housing opportunities for the La Crosse Area with the IHBG competitive grant. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Department of Personnel, Office of the President and ERA Workgroup the MOTION by Adam Kruse to reaffirm Ho Chunk preference in the hiring practices. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislature the MOTION by Adam Kruse for Legislators to dissolve 12 Clans. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Legislature and the Finance Commission the MOTION by Iris Littlegeorge that the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature fund a Ho-Chunk Nation history project and staff positions for the purpose of recording, interviewing and archiving historical tribal affairs so that young adults can reference information online and can become as informed as older generations who have lived through those events. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho’uni Xununik – February 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Justice and Legislative Counsel the MOTION by Myra Jo Price to receive each of the Law Enforcement agreements from the counties to review. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. MOTION AMENDED to include Office of the President. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Education, Department of Social Services, Office of the President for recommendation along with Legislative Finance Team for listing regarding the MOTION by C-Ann Cleveland to move Youth Services under the Department of Education and to investigate why the education component was taken out. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by Roberta Decorah for District 2 Legislators provide funding for community events in Tomah Community Center in the amount of \$2,000 per month for fiscal year 2024-2025. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-2 (Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Legislative Finance Team and Department of Administration the MOTION by Rachel Winneshiek for

community outreach worker to have funding for the upcoming budget for fiscal year 2024-2025 for a position in Tomah. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the Legislative Public Relations Officer for scheduling regarding the MOTION by Carole Bedeau for legislators to have a public hearing at D1 and House of Wellness on whether to have either Per Capita or General Welfare payments. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer the Office of the President and Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by C-Ann Cleveland that each department have a grants writer. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Labor and Office of the President the MOTION by Deana Mitch to have the Labor Department to look into grant writing training. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – February 14, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Village West Workgroup, Legislative Legal and HHCDa the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano that we stick with the plan of the flat roof based on the professionals that are involved with this project. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer the Land Development Team, Department of Business, Office of the President and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Barb Funmaker to approve the Land Use Plan (LUP). Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Business, Department of Administration, Office of the President and Planning and Development the MOTION by Shane Funmaker for Planning and Development to bring back a plan for storage units for development. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Department of Heritage Preservation, Traditional Court, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority and HHCDa the MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to approve the cemetery at Indian Heights as presented by Planning and Development Department and for Transportation Authority to start the process in the Spring of 2024. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President, Treasury and Legislative Chief Financial Officer the MOTION by Shane

Funmaker for a presentation of how the General Fund operates by Legislative CFO Christina Neitzel. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. MOTION IS AMENDED to include the Legislative Finance Team. Second concurs. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Christine Funmaker-Romano to have her report be submitted for the record.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President, Treasury, Finance Commission, Law Enforcement Commission, Legislative Finance Team and Department of Justice the MOTION by Clariss Funmaker to increase the LEC budget to the amount of \$25,000 for the additions of alternates. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Weta Montelongo to table D2 access to broadband.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Barb Funmaker to take off the Elder rate off the agenda.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Barb Funmaker to table job descriptions and marketing department.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Weta Montelongo to table Racism in schools.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President, Treasury, Legislative Chief Financial Officer and Finance Commission the MOTION by Barb Funmaker to have more information on the check stub for GW for those children specifically who turned 18. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Legislature, Legislative Legal and Legislative Public Relations Officer the MOTION by Shane Funmaker to support Tomah area meeting motion to have a forum to discuss General Welfare vs Per Capita. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer the Finance Commission the MOTION by Cassie Hindsley to hold the 2024 round dance. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: budget provided for the amount of \$16,700 with \$1,670 being fundraised for, with the remaining amount of \$15,000.

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to refer to Legislature, Legislative Legal, Office of the President and Legislative Public Relations Officer the MOTION by Barb Funmaker to have the code talker memorial highway bill signing at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoikšek – February 13, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer

to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority the MOTION by Andi Jo Cloud to request 5 street lamps. One (1) to be placed in the Green Bay Community Branch Office, one (1) at the T intersection of Tip Road and Ho-Chunk Blvd., one (1) at the cul du sac in Ho-Chunk Blvd., one (1) at the T intersection of 45 and Witt-Birn Townline Rd in Wittenberg, and one (1) at the T intersection of County K and Mission Rd. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – February 14, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Abbey Woldt to have the Ho-Chunk Nation fund \$2,000 to sponsor the UW Madison Native Students Community Dinner. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Danielle DeLong was out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Elder Advisory Board and Legislature the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle to include alternates for the Madison, Milwaukee, Green Bay and La Crosse area on the Elder Advisory Board. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Danielle DeLong was out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to fund \$3,425 for the Madison Hand Drum contest. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Danielle DeLong was out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Department of Housing and Office of the President the MOTION by Dan Blumer for all elders with existing mortgage application be approved this fiscal year 2025. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Administration the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman to invite Mike Rave and Carol Garvin to attend our next area meeting to see what resources they have to assist applying for a grant to fund the traditional class held by Rock Greendeer. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Cexhaci – February 15, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Ona Garvin to pay Rock Greendeer for his Wosga Revitalization Efforts \$150.00 per session based on his submitted dates and sign in sheets. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Ona Garvin that Rock Greendeer has a service provider agreement for his Wosga

Revitalization. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Office of the President and Heritage Preservation the MOTION by Ona Garvin that the expenses for the meals that were provided by the staff at the Wosga Revitalization class be reimbursed with their receipts. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Kristin White Eagle is out of the room during the vote.*

D4 Guuŋgonak – February 12, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislature the MOTION by Casey Brown to reinstate the December 11, 2023 motion to have Legislature TABLE any redistricting efforts until a new census is created after the work to adhere to the General Council resolution regarding enrollment had been fulfilled. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 4-8(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Rodney Rave, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION DEFEATED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Land Development Team, Realty, Legislature and Legislative Legal the MOTION by Tammy White Wing to have legislature place Lynwood and Starved Rock into trust. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Maanico Horuzra – February 15, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Robert Plot to refer to the Legislature for consideration regarding the MOTION by Mark Stroessner to have the next fiscal general welfare payment to be in the amount of \$1,000. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer the Finance Commission the MOTION by Libby Fairchild to have District 4 purchase Banished Forever books in the amount of \$1,000 from the District 4 Community Improvement Fund and the amount includes shipping cost. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Legislative Legal and Legislature the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have all election board members to have a background check to be a board member. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room during the vote.*

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to refer to Department of Justice and Election Board the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to *Continued on Page 10*

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remove the notary requirement from the election code for future ballots. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room during the vote.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Mark Stroessner to deny the tribal member for international travel from the D4 Community Improvement Fund.

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. Rodney Rave. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive

Session at 11:30 a.m.

The Executive Session recessed for lunch at 12:10 p.m. until 1:00 p.m.

The President called the Executive Session to order at 12:59 p.m. Quorum was established.

Rep. Shelby Visintin is online.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Open Session at 2:06 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not on the call during the vote.

Release to Open Session:

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
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OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
FEBRUARY 27, 2024**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to add New Business: K. Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for Indigenous Arts & Sciences Community Listening Session. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting - February 20, 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the February 20, 2024 Legislative Meeting with corrections and STRIKING the MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to donate \$15,000 on an Emergency Basis with \$5,000 coming from the Pepsi Foundation and \$10,000 from Charitable Contributions Fund.

Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. MOTION IS AMENDED to remove Emergency Basis in the motion. Second concurs. 7-4(Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-2(Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Kristin White Eagle) MOTION CARRIED. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

NOTED FOR THE RECORD: No written or supporting documentation for the Notah Begay Foundation donation was received after multiple requests from the Legislative Budget Analyst to the Department of Business.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business
A written report was received.

Department of Education
A written report was received.

Department of Housing
A written report was received.

Department of Labor
A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

No items under Unfinished Business.

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Submit a Pre-Proposal in Partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Resilient Foods Systems Infrastructure Grant

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 A**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Submit a Pre-Proposal in Partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Resilient Foods Systems Infrastructure Grant STRIKING Pre-Proposal to Proposal. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Submit a Pre-Proposal in

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Treasury Infor Lawson Project

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 N**, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Treasury Infor Lawson Project, and authorizing the Vice President to sign any required documents and release this motion to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session (Continued):

Resolution-Land Use Plan for District 2

MOTION by Rep. Robert

Partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 B**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Submit a Pre-Proposal in Partnership with the University of Wisconsin-Madison for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Specialty Crop Block Grant STRIKING Pre-Proposal to Proposal. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Use N6262 Lumberjack Guy Rd for a Food Processing Plant for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Resilient Foods Systems Infrastructure Grant Pre-Proposal

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 C**, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Use N6262 Lumberjack Guy Rd for a Food Processing Plant for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture Trade and Consumer Protection Resilient Foods Systems Infrastructure Grant Pre-Proposal STRIKING Pre-Proposal to Proposal. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Half-French Timber Sale

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 D**, Approval of Half-French Timber Sale. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of Eagle Woman Timber Sale

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 E**, Approval of Eagle Woman Timber Sale. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation—Language Division to Apply for the First Nations Development Institution Native Language Immersion

Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 O**, Land Use Plan for District 2, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-30-21E Legislative Appointment to Treatment Team Under Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Code

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 02-20-24 P**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-30-21E Legislative Appointment to Treatment Team Under Ho-Chunk Nation Healing to Wellness Court Code, and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-1(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah)-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Commissioner Selection

Initiative

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 F**, Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation—Language Division to Apply for the First Nations Development Institution Native Language Immersion Initiative. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 9-0-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Granting a Temporary Limited Easement for Construction on Cty. Road BD and N. Reedsburg Road Round About

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 G**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Granting a Temporary Limited Easement for Construction on Cty. Road BD and N. Reedsburg Road Round About. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Criminal Code General Provisions (9 HCC § 939)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 H**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Criminal Code General Provisions (9 HCC § 939). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Criminal Code Controlled Substance Act (9 HCC § 961)

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 I**, Adoption of Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Criminal Code Controlled Substance Act (9 HCC § 961). Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Greg Garvin as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 J**, Appointment of Greg Garvin as Ho-Chunk Nation Gaming Commissioner. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-2 (Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle,

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to offer the Gaming Commissioner position to Greg Garvin. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-2(Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**02/20/24 this motion was released to Open Session pursuant to Section 49 c of the Legislative Organization Act.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to February 27, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not on the call during the vote.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for Indigenous Arts & Sciences Community Listening Session

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 02-27-24 K**, Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for Indigenous Arts & Sciences Community Listening Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D3 Tešišik – February 16, 2024

No motions were made.

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 Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:22 a.m.

President Jon Greendeer was excused from Executive Session at 11:59 a.m. Vice President Karena Thundercloud chairs the remainder of the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:09 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to March 5, 2024 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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Micaela Conlon-Bue

- Post Graduate Degrees from the University of Minnesota, School of Social Work, Master of Education, Youth Development Leadership
- Veteran of the United States Navy
- Passionate parent of children in the Black River Falls School District
- Dedicated to understanding and using best academic practices to improve student success
- Committed to ensuring every child has opportunities to engage in learning
- Practiced in developing and implementing policies that set a trajectory of success
- Engaged community member, committed to listening and partnering to ensure teachers and students have what they need to achieve academic success

Amy Blackdeer

- Ten year parent in the BRF School District
- Diverse Military Family
- Educated in Child Development, Business and Organizational Management
- Supportive of teachers, staff and administration
- Takes a whole child approach to success

MEET THE CANDIDATES!

March 27, 2024 • 5:00-7:00pm
Revolution Coffee • Downtown BRF

There will be a meet and greet with Amy, Casey, and Micaela. Hors d'oeuvres will be served. People are welcome to come meet the candidates.

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Our pot has been growing and on March 15, we will be giving it all away. Players must purchase and play an entry pack to be eligible to play the Seasonal game. Seasonal game sheets may be purchased for \$1. This will be a two-part game. The first winner will receive \$1000 and the winner of the second part will TAKE THE POT!

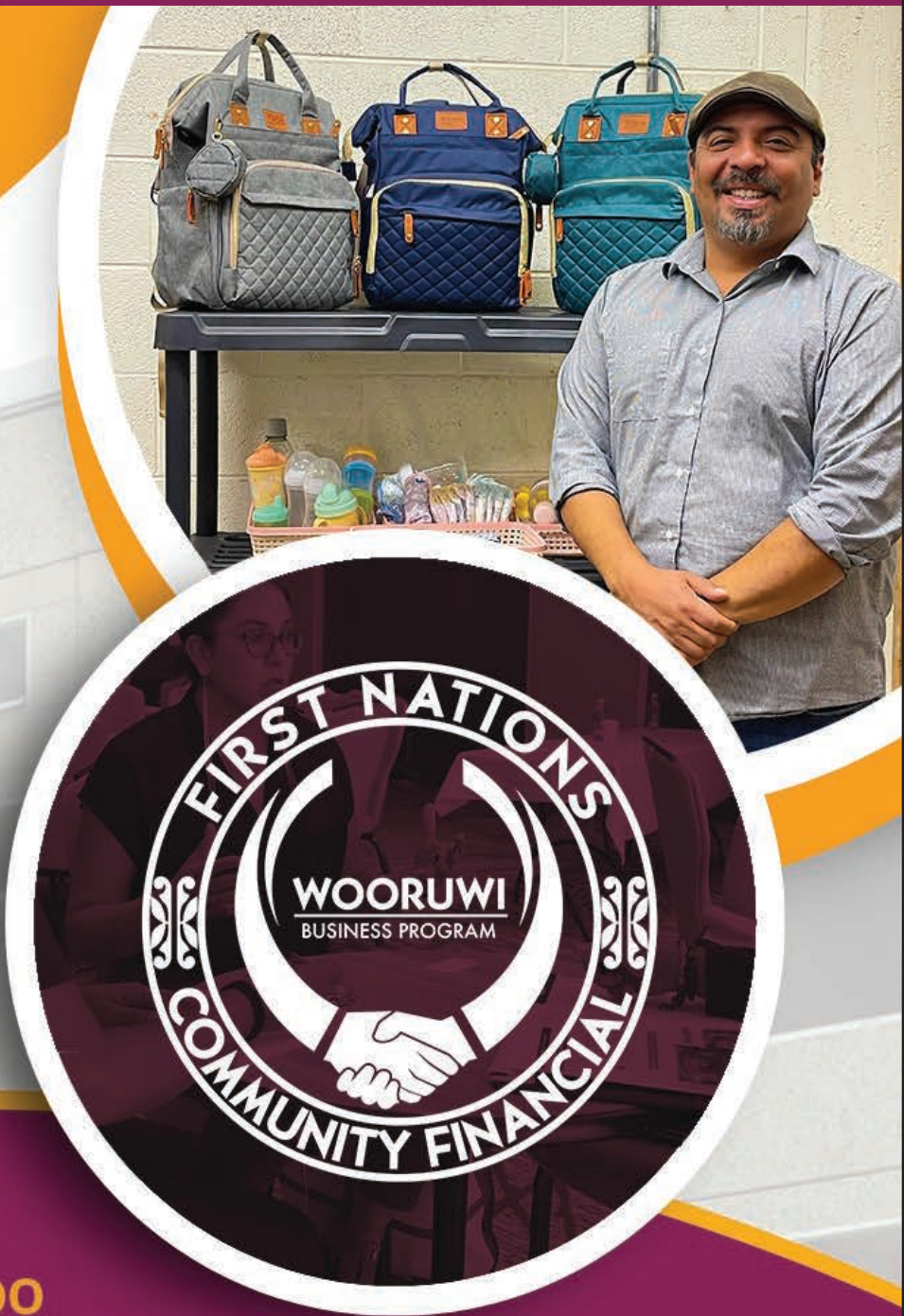
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MEET THE CANDIDATES

The Jackson County Democratic Party is hosting a joint fundraiser for candidates Collin McNamara, 24th Senate, and Remy Gomez, 70th Assembly, March 23, 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm, at the Sand Creek Brewery in Black River Falls, Wisconsin.

The Sand Creek Brewing Company is located at 320 Pierce Street, Black River Falls, Wisconsin.



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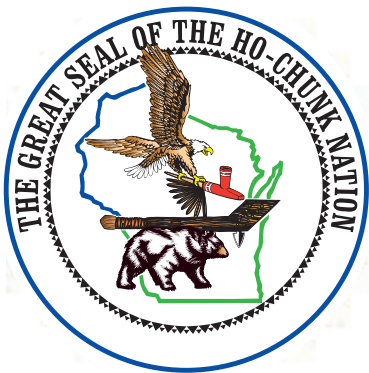


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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL SECRETARIAL ELECTION

FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is calling for Secretarial Election:

Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 1. Requirements. This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation voting at an election called for that purpose by the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

(2) The Election Code (2 HCC § 6); and
(3) Article XIII of the Constitution provides: “Section 2. Requests for a Secretarial Election. It shall be the duty of the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board to call and hold an election on any proposed amendment to this Constitution at the request of two thirds (2/3) of the entire Legislature, at the request of the General Council, or upon presentation of a petition signed by thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.”

(1) All Secretarial Elections will be administered by the Election Board.

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AMENDMENT ONE:

To amend Article II Section 1(d) to read as follows

ARTICLE II- MEMBERSHIP
Section 1

“(d) Beginning the date of this amendment is approved, the Ho-chunk Nation shall no longer consider or accept for enrollment any person who has previously been enrolled as a member of another Tribe (including the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) unless such person was enrolled in the other tribe as minor and later relinquishes such membership or other extenuating circumstances (as determined by a committee of elders duly appointed as provided by law) exist.”

Voters will be asked a Yes or No question. A “yes” vote will be in favor of the amendment. A “no” vote will be against the amendment, and to leave the Constitution unchanged.

PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIII SEC 1 AND ELECTION CODE SECTION 3.bb, THIRTY PERCENT (30%) OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS MUST CAST A VOTE EITHER FOR OR AGAINST THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS FOR THE AMENDMENT TO BE VALID. IF LESS THAN 30% OF ELIGIBLE VOTERS PARTICIPATE, THE AMENDMENT SHALL BE DEEMED TO NOT PASS.

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board
P.O. Box 247
Black River Falls, WI. 54615
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Ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Post Office Box 247.

NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.

NO IN PERSON BALLOT DROP OFFS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE

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

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.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION
Friday, April 5, 2024

POST NOTICE OF ELECTION
Monday, February 5, 2024

POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST
Monday, February 5, 2024

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO Monday, March 18, 2024 4:00 PM

DAY MAIL BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED
Tuesday, February 20, 2024

LAST DAY TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT BALLOT
Tuesday March 26, 2024 4:00 pm

CERTIFICATION DAY:
Saturday, April 6, 2024 at 9:00 am at HO-CHUNK GAMING-WISCONSIN DELLS

ALL BALLOTS DUE TO P.O. BOX 247
BY Friday, April 5, 2024 4:00 p.m.