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# Siga Funmaker Community Center Celebrates 5 Years

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

The Wittenberg community gathered at the Siga Funmaker Community Center on Dec. 29, 2022, to celebrate the building’s five year existence. The building was christened in the name of Georgianna “Siga” Violet Whitewing-Funmaker, Wakejahuiga (Coming from Above) in 2017 but the building name was shortened over the years to Siga Funmaker Community Center.

Many people in the Wittenberg area agree Georgianna “Siga” Funmaker was a pillar in the community because she helped develop and form many of the institutions and programs. Siga was one the very first Community Health Representatives for the Ho-Chunk Nation and continued to serve in that profession for over 43 years. She not only took care of her family, but the entire community as well. She also served as an officer of the Native American Church and was one of the primary fundraisers of the Church.

The five-year celebration began with vendors, demonstrations, and a holiday art station from 3:30 pm until 5:30 pm. Attendees were asked to sign-in, received raffle tickets for door prizes, and were invited to explore the building.

The \$2.6 million facility was financed with NPD funds and is located near other Ho-Chunk buildings, such as the Tribal Aging Unit, Ho-Chunk Gaming – Wittenberg, and Whitetail Crossing Convenience Store. The center is home to Youth Services, Wipamanker’da Head Start, Department of Health, and Department of Administration.

The building has a large gymnasium, two large community rooms on either side of a large kitchen, a conference room, an exercise fitness room, and an entryway with a front desk. A memorial hangs on the wall behind the front desk. The plaque reads, “Siga Funmaker. For a Special Person. Some people have a wonderful way of putting others at ease... They say and do the little things that will comfort & will

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## Madison Indigenous arts leader, activist revealed as white

By Robert Chappell  
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Early in 2020, an Indigenous artist urged the owners of a new music venue in town to change its name.

It was called The Winnebago, after the street on which it stands. Many Indigenous people and allies let the owners know that wasn’t the best name for a white-owned music venue. One of them was nibiiwakamigkwe, also known as Kay LeClaire, a founding member and co-owner of the queer Indigenous artists’

collective giige, and budding leader of Madison’s Indigenous arts community.

It took several months, but the venue eventually relented and rebranded as The Burr Oak.

“I’m glad the owners have decided to no longer profit from the identities of Indigenous peoples,” LeClaire wrote in an editorial for Our Lives Wisconsin. “I’m glad the name is going, but I’m not happy the institutions that allowed it to be stolen in the first place remain. For over 500 years, Indigenous Peoples have not controlled our nar-

ratives and representations. Our exclusion has been built into inclusion for others.”

One problem with that narrative: LeClaire wasn’t Indigenous, and was, in fact, profiting from the identities of Indigenous peoples.

Since at least 2017, Kay LeClaire has claimed Métis, Oneida, Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Cuban and Jewish heritage. Additionally, they identify as “two-spirit,” a term many Indigenous people use to describe a non-binary gender identity.

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# Letter from the President

Greetings to one and all.  
Happy New Year, and wishing you a year full of joy, happiness, and fulfillment throughout 2023.  
Best of luck on having the determination and discipline in keeping your resolutions far beyond 12 months. May you improve areas of your life where you set to improve.  
May your virtues be plenty, and your vices be few.  
On the work front, we do hear reports of continued favoritism with certain employees around the Nation. These types of reports just affirm that we, the administration, can only be in one place at a time.  
We are unsure if the Nation is hiring the best available staff, or just the one who will do all the work they are told to by the hiring supervisor.  
The only way we know is if the job is being done or not.  
Part of the management's duty is to ensure that our tribal dollars are being well spent on achieving the goals we set for our departments.  
We are excited to hear of increased wages resulting in increased staff, which results in happier, productive employees.  
These practices will ul-

timately be realized in increased profits and better service to our customers and tribal members.  
And that's all we want from our employees, for them to be nice and do the right thing.  
At our last executive directors' meeting, we talked about the difference between bosses and leaders. There are different lists of characteristics displayed by bosses and leaders; here's one such list.  
"Bosses demand, leaders coach.  
Bosses rely on authority, leaders rely on goodwill.  
Bosses issue ultimatums, leaders generate enthusiasm.  
Bosses say I, leaders say we.  
Bosses use people, leaders develop people.  
Bosses take credit, leaders give credit.  
Bosses place blame, leaders accept blame.  
Bosses say go, leaders say let's go.  
Bosses say my way is the only way, leaders say strength in unity."  
The Ho-Chunk Nation wants to develop leaders, not bosses.  
Also on the work front, we hear reports of closing numbers for December that are

near the top when compared to the last 5 years closing December revenue.  
So the casinos are doing better than average.  
We are doing well, and can do better with additional investment in capital improvements and increased wages.  
This budget cycle, for the first time, we plan to fund the Department of Agriculture.  
This department was created through a General Council resolution, and its establishment act was created in 2016.  
The Department of Natural Resources has received allocations for this department since 2016, but now the Department of Agriculture will be a true, stand-alone department.  
Although delayed, and not a legislatively approved budget, the department will come to fruition and serve the Nation's needs.  
Agricultural industry job markets are on the rise, and their operations can provide additional revenue in a variety of ways.  
2023 will certainly bring about change for our Nation, people, and communities.  
Finally, I will seek re-election to remain the Ho-Chunk Nation President.

The decision was hard to come to, but many factors lead to continuing to build upon the progress we've achieved over the last 4 years.  
We want to solidify sound, responsible, and equitable government operations and services.  
We want to solidify transparency in government fiscal spending and contracting.  
We want to solidify the General Council branch as the governing body of the Ho-

Chunk Nation.  
We want to solidify accountability in delegation of authority to our 4-branch government.  
I ask for your continued support in upcoming March 7, 2023 General Primary Election.  
Let's continue solidifying our legacy as a Nation that educates, encourages, endures, and empowers our people, employees, and the communities we live in.



President Marlon WhiteEagle welcomes new Wisconsin Badgers Football Head Coach Luke Fickell to Wisconsin at UW-Madison. Fickell was named Badgers football head coach on November 27, 2022.

# Ho-Chunk Nation participates in Annual Winter Festival at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve

On January 7, the Ho-Chunk Nation held a Snow Snake competition, shared stories and served squash soup at the Winter Festival at the Kickapoo Valley Reserve in Lafarge, Wisconsin.

The annual Winter Festival features outdoor, indoor and ciiproke activities and educational sessions highlighting the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, which contains 1,200 acres of Ho-Chunk Trust land.



2023

Winter Wonderland Triple Snowshoe Challenge

Join us for a self-paced snowshoe hike at one of our beautiful local parks, anytime between Friday 10am thru Sunday 4pm. Event registration and park admission are FREE.

JANUARY 13-15: WAZEE LAKE RECREATION AREA

Starting Location: Park in Campground; Follow signs to start

JANUARY 27-29: LUNDA COMMUNITY PARK

Starting Location: Upper Shelter

FEBRUARY 17-19: SKYLINE GOLF COURSE

Starting Location: Golf Course Parking Lot

For full details and to register, visit:

[www.JacksonInAction.org/winterwonderland](http://www.JacksonInAction.org/winterwonderland)

Questions? Contact Kathleen at 715-299-0870

In the event of sub-zero temperatures, watch Facebook for date changes.



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please. They have a special kind of warmth, they're quick to understand, and whenever there is trouble, they lend a helping hand. This world of ours is a better place and happier by far...because there are some people as wonderful as you are. Presented this 22nd day of May, 2015 for 43 years of dedicated Service as a C.H.R."

Lanette Walker served as master of ceremonies for the evening. She explained that the night's festivities resulted from community committee planning and some last minute changes. The celebration was rescheduled from the week before due to inclement weather.

"Those of you who knew my mother, knew that she was about all of us, not just some of us. She would want everybody to be included," Lanette said.

Walker asked a group of children to offer the prayer over the meal. A group of five or six youth recited a prayer and then the meal was served. Lanette Walker requested participants to eat in different areas of the building and get in line in shifts, so to not all congregate in a small space for long periods of time.

After the meal, guests were invited into the gym to recognize individuals of the Siga Funmaker Community Center celebration, listen to a guest speaker, and begin the social dancing. Walker introduced Kim Crowley as a basket-maker demonstrator, General Manager Stacey Schinko, Youth Services Center Director Kathleen LaMere, and Editor Ardith Van Riper as the guest speaker.

A community committee planner contacted the Hocak

Worak for any background information on the Siga Funmaker Community Center. Editor Ardith Van Riper shared what was found.

According to Real Estate Director Matthew Carriaga, the Ho-Chunk Nation purchased the property on April 13, 2011 and it went into trust on January 26, 2016. Groundbreaking took place in the fall of 2015 and a ribbon-cutting ceremony took place on February 10, 2017. Van Riper then read the ribbon-cutting ceremony article that appeared in the Hocak Worak Vol. XXXI, Issue 4 published on February 24, 2017.

Per that article, members of the community participated in the ceremonial cutting of the ribbon. The former Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland and former Vice President Darren Brinegar spoke. They provided a welcome and acknowledged the following for their contributions; former President Jon Greendeer, former President Wilfrid Cleveland, the late Dallas Whitewing, former Vice President Heather Cloud, and the Shawano County Board.

The five-year celebration continued with social dancing. Lanette Walker introduced the drum led by Larry Walker, Jr. and announced that those who danced would receive an additional raffle ticket for door prizes. Lanette and Jamie Decorah then organized a red-light, green-light game for children. Participants of the game received additional door prize tickets. Door prize tickets were drawn between social dancing.

The evening concluded with gratitude from Lanette Walker and the family of Siga Funmaker.



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**Master Naturalist Volunteer Training Program**

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program promotes awareness, understanding and stewardship opportunities within the Ho-Chunk and State of Wisconsin's natural world. The program functions as a network of well-informed instructors, guest experts, and community volunteers engaging in the Master Naturalist volunteer training program.

Master Naturalists are trained resource people seeking opportunity to educate others and contribute to a variety of projects and organizations focused on sustaining a healthy natural world. Once becoming a Certified Master Naturalist, service options are as diverse as the environments and people involved, and, can be selected to meeting the passion and ability of the volunteer. Examples such as field work, office work, presentations, events, construction, surveys, etc.

Certification is maintained by carrying out just 40 hours of volunteer service per year along with 8 hours of advanced training hours. Meeting and exceeding the required annual service hours happens fairly quickly when the volunteer selects service and training matching one's personal interest. Volunteer service hours are also genuinely appreciated and recognized by the program for commitment service milestones via pins and support from a network of like-minded Master Naturalists. The proud feeling of accomplishment making a positive impact on creation is the ultimate benefit gained as a result becoming a Master Naturalist.

**Ho-Chunk Nation DNR becomes a Master Naturalist Host Organization 2023**

In 2022, two DNR staff became Master Naturalist Instructors. As Executive Director, I also participated in a training and became a certified Master Naturalist, to acquire applicable knowledge and understanding of what it means to be a Master Naturalist. Current planning, scheduling and solicitation of presenters is taking place in preparation for hosting the first Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources, culturally infused Master Naturalist Volunteer Training program. Attending all of the Ho-Chunk or other host organization training listed for 2023 will meet the requirements of becoming certified as a Master Naturalist. The schedule and registration information for the Ho-Chunk and all other trainings can be found on the web at <https://wimasternaturalist.org/>.

Registration for the Nation and all other Master Naturalist training in Wisconsin **opens January 9th** on the Master Naturalist website listed above. Because the Nation's curriculum is unique to our lands and culture, it is anticipated our 20 available spots for registration will fill fast. Registration as soon as it opens January 9th is recommended to secure a spot for you or better yet register with a friend and make it double the fun and learning experience!

**Financial Hardship**

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program believes that finances should not be a barrier to learning. Reduced registration fees are available for those who indicate the fee is a hardship. Reduced fees will be available during the registration process at a self-selected rate of either \$200, \$150, or \$100. Our hope is that by participating in the Master Naturalist program you are able to give back your time to organizations that need your help. And if your financial situation changes in the future that you'll consider a donation back to our program.

For more information about this exciting opportunity contact the HCN DNR office at 715-284-2852 or email [MasterNaturalist@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:MasterNaturalist@Ho-Chunk.com)

# Luncheon with Congressman Ron Kind

Ardith Van Riper  
Editor

On Dec. 28, 2022, the Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle and his staff hosted a luncheon with Congressman Ron Kind at the Three Rivers House in La Crosse, WI.



(L-R) Executive Director of Labor Angela Ward, Ho-Chunk Nation President Marlon WhiteEagle, Congressman Ron Kind, Executive Director of Administration Mark Leonard, Executive Director of Housing Tracy Littlejohn, and Executive Director of Business Laurette Pettibone.

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be Jan. 20th which will be published on Jan. 27th. 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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## Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Employees Accepted into LTHD Infection Prevention Pilot Program

**Kaili Berg**  
On January 4, two Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department Employees, Ronelle McKernan, and Alissa Ginkowski were accepted into the Local and Tribal Health Department (LTHD) Infection Prevention Pilot Program.  
This competitive pilot program allows LTHDs to apply for one staff member to work more closely with their Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program Regional Infection Preventionist and participate in infection prevention and control (IPC) and HAI trainings, collaborate on outbreak response and on-site visits, and engage in other focused educational opportunities.  
The purpose of the pilot is to provide LTHD staff with IPC education and experiences that strengthen local capacity to respond to HAI, multidrug-resistant organism and infection prevention questions and concerns from health care facilities in their communities.  
The infection prevention pilot program is a six-month program and participants must be able to dedicate four to five hours a week to participating in program activities.

## Kristopher “Kohl” Miner July 26, 1961 - January 5, 2023

Kristopher “Kohl” Miner, age 61, passed away unexpectedly on the early morning of January 5, 2023. Professionally, he wore multiple hats: a trained chef, fundraising professional, published playwright, and comedic performer and storyteller.  
Kris graduated from UW-Madison with a BA in Theatre Arts. He furthered his education by graduating from UCLA with a Masters Degree in social work. Kris was married to Steven Solberg, the love of his life. Together, Kris and Steven enjoyed traveling, hiking, and multiple outdoor activities. They loved the cats they adopted like children. No words can express the loss Kris endured when Steven passed away. They are together again, hopefully reunited in complete wedded bliss.  
He is survived by his Mother, Marian M. Miner; sisters, Heidi (Robert) Bird, Heather (Nate) Beal; brothers, Scott (Dawn) Beard, Jon Miner, Tom (Virginia) Pera, and Lance Tallmadge; along with numerous nieces, nephews, relatives, friends, and extended family members.  
Kris was preceded in death by his husband; Steven; sisters, Alicia Miner, Lisa Miner-Leith; brother, Stewart Miner; and grandparents, George and Rose Miner.  
Traditional Ho-Chunk Services will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. (Noon) at the Torkelson Funeral Home in Tomah. Richard Mann will officiate. Burial will follow in the Spring Grove Cemetery, Wisconsin Dells. Family and friends are invited for visitation from 10 a.m. until Noon on Sunday at the funeral home. The Torkelson Funeral Home of Tomah is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be offered at [www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.torkelsonfuneralhome.com).



## OutWiGo To Sauk Prairie For Bald Eagle Watching Days Jan. 14-15

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) invites the public to participate in the 36th anniversary of Bald Eagle Watching Days happening Jan. 14-15 to celebrate the species and its remarkable comeback in Wisconsin. All Bald Eagle Watching Days events are free and open to the public.  
Wisconsin’s longest-running eagle-watching event features in-person and virtual activities. Participants can catch a glimpse of eagles over the Wisconsin River at the newly renovated overlook on Water Street in Prairie du Sac. Volunteers will be available at the overlook to answer questions about bald eagles on both days from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m., weather permitting.  
On Saturday, visitors can enjoy live raptor shows in the River Arts Center of the Sauk Prairie High School featuring educational birds and trainers from the Schlitz Audubon Nature Center in Milwaukee, screening of a recently recorded rehabilitated bald eagle release with live expert Q&A session and more family-friendly activities. Full details are available on the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council website.  
“These events offer unique opportunities for people to come together to celebrate the success of bald eagle recovery and conservation in Wisconsin,” said Sumner Matteson, DNR Avian Ecologist.  
Attendees can also enjoy a self-guided tour on their mobile device of prime eagle viewing areas along the upper and lower portions of the Lower Wisconsin River. Both tours start at the Sauk-Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce in Sauk City. Visit the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council website for instructions.  
The public can also attend presentations at the River Arts Center or watch live from the comfort of their home on the Ferry Bluff Eagle Council’s YouTube channel.  
For the first time in over 80 years, active bald eagle nests can be found in every county of Wisconsin. Bald Eagle Watching Days celebrates eagles as they gather in winter areas, affording fantastic viewing opportunities as eagles from northern



For the first time in decades, active eagle nests were reported in every Wisconsin county in 2022. / Photo Credit: Beth Martin



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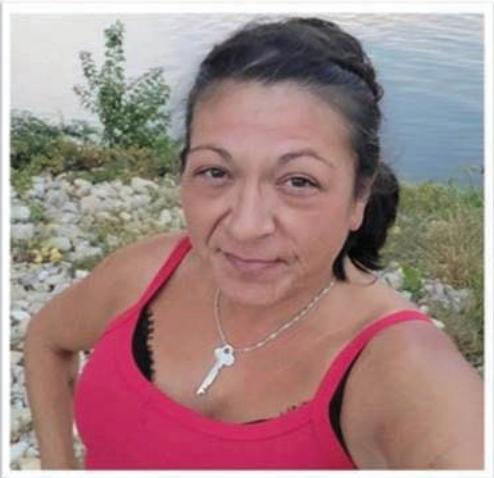
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#### Greetings,

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department is currently investigating a missing person’s report for Tribal Member Felicia J. Wanna, Date of Birth 12/19/1972. Felicia’s last in-person contact with immediate family was on 12/29/2022. Felicia has an approximate height of 05’04”, and approximate weight of 190lbs., with brown hair and brown eyes.

Felicia has a history of mental health concerns and is considered to be endangered and possibly in crisis. During the course of this investigation, information provided indicated that she was possibly in the City of La Crosse on 01/03/2023.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department is being assisted by the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and the City of La Crosse Police Department, and a statewide attempt to locate for law enforcement has been entered into the NCIC database for Felicia’s safety. Please contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department at (715) 284-2658 with any information regarding this case.



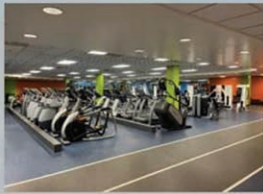
Respectfully,

**Zachary A. Quackenbush**  
Ho-Chunk Nation Police Department  
Chief of Police 642

## January

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Group Exercise and Recreation Schedule						
Pickle Ball Games 9-11am	Body Pump 12pm	Spin 9am	Indoor Spin 6:30am			
Circuit Training 6:30am	Total Body Reset 5pm	Pickle Ball Games 9-11am	Weight Lifting Tutorial 5:30pm	Employee Volleyball 12-1pm		
Circuit Training 9:00am	Open Gym Basketball 5-7pm	Employee Volleyball 12-1pm	Coach by Color & Body Weight 3:30pm			
		Weight Lifting Tutorial 5:30pm	Open Gym Basketball 5-7pm			
		Open Volleyball 5-7pm	<div><p>Inquire at the fitness desk for Membership &amp; Day pass Info.</p><p><b>Winter Hours</b></p><p><b>Fitness Center</b> Mon – Friday 6:00 AM – 7:00 PM SAT 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM SUN CLOSE</p><p><small>*Schedule is subject to change at anytime for Tribal Community or Covid-19</small></p></div>			







## Rocklyn LittleGeorge

August 4, 1954 - December 30, 2022

On Friday, December 30, 2022 Rocklyn (Rocky) LittleGeorge, 68, was called to his Heavenly home. Rocky's earthly home was at the Warren Achievement Ebersol/Bersted Home, Community Integrated Living in Monmouth, Illinois.

Rocky was born in Black River Falls, Wisconsin on August 4, 1954 to Lawrence LittleGeorge Sr. and Ruth G. Stacy.

Rocky loved and took great pride in his artwork that decorated his home for each of the holidays. Each month he would make a calendar for each of the staff and residents. You would always find him at his desk busy drawing and coloring. He enjoyed watching the

birds and squirrels at the feeder outside his window. Because of his love for birds, Rocky purchased and maintained an aviary, which he donated and was placed at the Warren Achievement workshop for all to enjoy. Rocky worked at the workshop until his health declined at which time he retired.

Wheel of Fortune and Westerns were his favorite shows to watch. He also liked to put together 1k piece jigsaw puzzles along with staff members. Some of the puzzles were framed and hung on the walls in his home.

Rocky loved traveling, shopping and dining out with one of his favorite things to do was to travel

to Black River Falls to visit family and friends, and winning at BINGO.

Rocky was baptized at Winnebago United Church of Christ, Black River Falls, Wisconsin. He was a devout Christian and when able, he attended First Christian Church in Monmouth, Illinois and while visiting family, Winnebago United Church of Christ, Black River Falls.

Rocky had a kind, gentle and loving Soul that shined brightly. He was a loving son, brother, Uncle, Great Uncle and Great-Great Uncle.

Rocky will be deeply missed by his sisters Cece-lia Kraus and Reta (Chris Meadows) LittleGeorge,

brother, Lawrence (Cindy Rohland) LittleGeorge Jr.; and younger sisters Alice (Allie) Wood and Crystal Herriage. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews: Cari Fay, Charlene Fay, Leslie (Wendy) Fay, Amy (Aaron) Kirby, Sharice Davids, Matthew (Jen) Herriage, Josh Herriage, Megan (Jeremy) Breuklander, Jennifer (Reginald) Bryant, Hayna Lawrence (Deb) Babcock, Henu Diane Schroeder, Richard Sescher, Craig (Deb) Sescher and special family friend, Dorothy (Dottie) Schwartzhoff; plus many grand, great-grand, and great-great grand nieces and nephews, and his "Family" in Monmouth, Illinois.

In Heaven, he joins his

parents, his Step-Mother Margarette (Peggy) LittleGeorge, brother, Evans LittleGeorge, nephew, Evans Anthony (Tony) LittleGeorge, his sisters, Mary Ann LittleGeorge and Rhonda Sescher, and brother-in-law's, David L. Kraus and Ronald (Woody) Wood.



## Royce Edward Blackdeer

August 24, 1951 – January 2, 2023



Royce Edward Blackdeer, Caa Heesga (White Antlers), 71, passed away Jan. 2, 2023 in Anadarko. He was born Aug. 24, 1951 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin to Wilbur and Emily (Waukon) Blackdeer. He graduated from Black River Falls in 1970, he later went on to attend Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS. While there he met the love of his life, Melva an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe. They were married there in May 1973. He graduated in December 1974. Together they would settle down in Oklahoma. Later in his career he attended USAO in Chickasha, majoring in accounting. Starting in Oklahoma he worked at Carnegie Hospital as a bookkeeper, then went on to work for the former Indian Action Team in Apache as a bookkeeper. In April 1976 he began his Federal career with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs at Anadarko Area Office as a Clerk-Typist in Self Determination with Dr. Aaron Dry and Gary Rogers. He celebrated his 45th year there in April 2022 with the U.S. Government where he continued to work. In 1981, Royce assisted in the process of a restructuring program taking place at the Anadarko Area Office. The restructuring of the local area office was intended to separate from the other regional Oklahoma Area offices. The Anadarko office

had up until that time had been dependent on primarily for housekeeping functions. In 1982, there was a computer room established at the Anadarko area office that was the first of its kind in the country that would soon be able to store and receive data from the other field agencies and transmit that information to the Albuquerque BIA office. He proudly achieved numerous Awards for Special Achievements during his time. He attended trainings which meant he had to travel from coast to coast, hoping to one day take his family to these states. Eventually his enjoyment was being able take and show his family what a beautiful nation we live in, thanks to his job. His spare time he loved to run, that passion then led him to become a former member of the Oklahoma Indian Running Club. The 80's and 90's many Saturday mornings were spent running a 10k or 5k road race somewhere in the state. When he wasn't running a road race he would be coaching or assisting as a referee with the Anadarko Youth Soccer League. Royce was also a Co-Treasurer for the Riverside Booster Club to assist with expenses incurred in the Athletic Dept. He was grateful to have met numerous tribal students that came from across the nation. He was a member of the Kiowa County Handgame Team. This team consisted of the Adam Kaulaity and Melvin Geionety families. His passion was growing up learning his tribal heritage which took him to numerous Pow-Wows across the nation. He was a fancy war dancer, showcasing his dance skills beginning at Stand Rock Ceremonials in Wisconsin Dells. Though he was no longer able to dance he would still attend various Pow-Wows in Oklahoma and other states. He loved meeting old friends at these

gatherings and making new friends along the way. He was in awe of those dancers who were still able to enter that circle and participate. He also enjoyed attending numerous music concerts, sporting events, and performance plays. Another enjoyment was watching sports of his favorite teams: Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, Oklahoma City Thunder, University of Oklahoma Sooners Football and Ladies Softball.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Wilbur and Emily (Waukon) Blackdeer; sisters: Gladys (Blackdeer) Cloud; Ida (Blackdeer) Carrier, and Marcella (Blackdeer) Cloud; brothers: Arlie Blackdeer; Bennett Blackdeer and Forrest Blackdeer; Their beloved Fur baby, Brodie, and in-laws: Melvin and Thelma Geionety.

Royce is survived by his spouse, Melva Blackdeer of the home; son, Keith Edward Blackdeer of Adams, Wisconsin; daughter, Emily Blackdeer-Devenitch and Sutthipan of Mustang; sister, Myra Jo and Darren Price of Tomah, Wisconsin; five very much beloved and treasured grandkids: Calvin Edward Blackdeer, Keely Anne Blackdeer and Kemily Amber Blackdeer of Tulsa, and Dax Edward Devenitch and Leo Royce Devenitch of Mustang.

There will be a wake service 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., Thursday, Jan 5, 2023 at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home Chapel, Anadarko.

Visitation will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 5, 2023 at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home, Anadarko.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home, Anadarko.

Wisconsin

Visitation will be Friday 1/6/23 at approximately 11am at the Blackdeer Homestead with burial to follow.

## Adam Jacob Gleichauf

March 10, 1995 – January 1, 2023

Adam J. Gleichauf, age 27, of Blue Mounds, formerly of Baraboo, passed away on Sunday, Jan. 1, 2023. Adam, son of Edward and Susan (Littlebear) Gleichauf, Sr. was born March 10, 1995. He was currently employed Brunsell Lumber and Tyrol Basin. He enjoyed fishing, attending concerts and traveling with his travel "bud-day", Courtney.

Survivors include his son, Carter; brother, Edward (Rhonda Briggs) Gleichauf, Jr.; sister-in-law, Christina Gutierrez; nieces, Sofia, Tajiha, Sophie; nephew, Tyler as well as other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in

death by his parents and his brother, Ben.

Funeral Services will be held on Friday, Jan. 6, 2023 at 11 a.m. at Redlin-Ertz Funeral Home. Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the time of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the family are appreciated.



## Carol Reise

November 8, 1946 – December 18, 2022

WI. Carol was raised on Brice's prairie, daughter to Cecelia-Starr Blackdeer, sister to brother Richard and sister to Cecelia and Gladys. Carol married Gordon Reise in 1965 and had two sons, Richard and Robert. She worked for La Crosse footwear for 40 years and lived in the La Crosse area her entire life. Carol had many interests, mostly artistic, whether it be stained glass, photography, the many things she created or the things she collected, she had a real eye for the beauty in the things that surrounded her in the natural world. She would often point out the changing of the seasons or maybe a bright planet or star that would catch her eye.

She also enjoyed her occasional trips to the casino to meet her sister or trips around the county with her husband Gordy. She had a real sense of humor but you better be paying at-

tention, very subtle to say the least. Lastly she had a real love for the many dogs that she and Gordy had and still have in their lives, but mainly a pug named Ben-Sluggo who she had a special connection with. She is survived by her husband of 57 years, Gordon, sons Richard and Robert, sister Gladys Starr-Ebata and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother Cecelia Starr-Blackdeer, brother Richard (Joe) Blackdeer and sister Cecelia Dobbs.

A private family gathering is being planned.





Tari Lynn “Babe” Pettibone

May 30, 1967 - December 31, 2022

Tari Lynn “Babe” Pettibone, age 55, passed away on December 31, 2022 at the Black River Memorial Hospital. She was born May 30, 1967 to Gavin and Vaughn (Miner) Pettibone in Black River Falls, WI. Tari enjoyed listening to music, going to concerts, watching the Chicago Bears, the Bulls, and the Cubs. She loved to watch fancy dancing, cooking, and teasing just about anyone. More than anything, Tari loved



spending time with her children and grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, Rylan Greendeer, and Leland Bird; daughter, Cheyenne Bird; brothers, Reginald (Marca) Pettibone and Clarence Pettibone; sisters, Crystal Pettibone, Melissa (Luis) Olvera, and Gina (Vilas) White Eagle; grandchildren, Aiden Funmaker, Gavin Funmaker, Braylon Funmaker, Layla Funmaker, Quentin Funmaker, and Hudson Bird. Tari is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Lionel Pettibone; sister, Shari Jo Pettibone; and niece, Kathleen Funmaker. Funeral services for Tari will take place Tuesday, January 3, 2023 at the Torgerson’s Funeral Home at 12:00 p.m. Richard Mann will officiate. Friends and family are invited to visitation from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. There will also be a visitation from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on Monday, January 2, 2023 at the Torgerson’s Funeral Home.

Alison Redeagle

June 18, 1975 - January 6, 2023

Alison Renee Redeagle of Black River Falls passed away Friday, January 6, 2023. Always laughing, always helping someone, always on the go. There was just about nothing she couldn’t do. From cooking, to being a shoulder to cry on, even driving anyone who needed a ride to anywhere you needed to go. She was through and through a mother to not only her own children but to anyone who needed it. Alison loved to cook. From her food sales, to her loved biscuits. As long as the people who ate her cooking were full and happy, she was too. Her love for books was astonishing. She could read whole series in a matter of days. One of her favorite activities were going to the casino or “fingles” she’d say, or even spending time dabbing away at a bingo sheet. No matter what she was doing, or who she was with she would find a way to make it fun and goofy. She had a contagious laughter and incredible sense of humor. As loving as she was, her stubbornness would match it. Her scolding was of unconditional love, her hugs were the

most warmest thing ever, and her words would make it all better. She was an amazing mother, sister, aunt, grandmother, friend, and spouse. Her love will be forever surrounding her loved ones. Alison is survived by her children, sons Chase and Derek; daughter, Brittany; sisters, Stephanie and Luann; brother, Erik; and spouse Douglas. Preceded in death by her brother; Scott; mother, Delores; and father, Freddy. The Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls is assisting the family.





Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

WebEx Election Board Meeting – Certify Candidates

Saturday, January 28, 2023 at 8:30 am

Lower Dells – HCG - Wisconsin Dells

The public will be allowed to observe through WebEx.

Posted 1/10/2023

SUMMONS

(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation  
Department of Housing-  
Rental management Office  
P.O. Box 170  
Tomah, WI 54660  
, Plaintiff(s),

V.

Ashley Littlegeorge,  
Defendant(s).

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S): Ashley Littlegeorge

You are hereby informed that you have been named a defendant in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Complaint* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Complaint* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons* in the Hocak Worak. See *Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure*, Rules 5(C)(1)(f), 6(A). Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record and provide the Court with a *Certificate of Service*. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed *can result in a default judgment being entered against you.* *Id.*, Rule 54.


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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January 31, 2023



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Notice of Filing a Vacancy and Deadline  
For Districts 2  
Election Board Alternate  
Term ending December 2023

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
Lacrosse		1

TERMS: Election Board members may serve more than one term. This term ends December 2023.

NOMINATION: One (1) Alternate to represent for your District and must be voted upon during your District’s monthly meeting in February 2023.

The District’s meeting minute must include the nomination of your Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, February 24, 2023

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE

W8801 Mission Road

Black River Falls, WI. 54615

Email: [election.board@ho-chunk.com](mailto:election.board@ho-chunk.com)

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Posted January 10, 2023



# MEETING NOTICE

## DISTRICT 1

### BRF District MEETING



Wed., January 11, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

Tribal Office Building  
Legislative Conference Room  
or by web ex link

Vice President, Karena Thundercloud [karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com)  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke [phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com](mailto:phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com)  
Rep. George Stacy [george.stacy@ho-chunk.com](mailto:george.stacy@ho-chunk.com)  
Legislative Aide, Michelle Ramberg [michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com](mailto:michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com)

Posted on: 12/28/2022



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# MEETING NOTICE

## DISTRICT 1

### Wausau District MEETING



Tuesday January 10, 2023  
5:30 p.m.

Northcentral Technical College  
1000 W. Campus Drive.  
Wausau, WI 54401  
Room E102

Vice President, Karena Thundercloud [karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com](mailto:karena.thundercloud@ho-chunk.com)  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke [phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com](mailto:phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com)  
Rep. George Stacy [george.stacy@ho-chunk.com](mailto:george.stacy@ho-chunk.com)  
Legislative Aide, Michelle Ramberg [michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com](mailto:michelle.ramberg@ho-chunk.com)

Posted on: 1/04/2023



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## DISTRICT II AREA MEETING NOTICE



La Crosse Area | Three Rivers House  
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI  
Monday, January 9, 2023 6:00pm

Tomah Area | Blue Wing Community Building  
320 Epinal Avenue Tomah , WI  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 6:00pm

Baraboo/WI Dells/Mauston Area | Indian Heights Community Building  
975 Dyer Road Wisconsin Dells, WI  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 6:00pm

District II meetings will be in-person

Rep. Stephanie Begay [stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com](mailto:stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com) (608)408-0339  
Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. [conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com](mailto:conroy.greendeer@ho-chunk.com) (608)387-2163  
Rep. Kristin K. White Eagle [kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com) (715)299-0583  
Hilary Green, Legislative Aide [hilary.green2@ho-chunk.com](mailto:hilary.green2@ho-chunk.com)



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## DISTRICT 3 MEETING NOTICE



WITTENBERG DISTRICT MEETING  
Monday, January 9, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

GREEN BAY DISTRICT MEETING  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

MADISON DISTRICT MEETING  
Wednesday, January 11, 2023 - 6:00 p.m.

WI RAPIDS DISTRICT MEETING  
Thursday, January 12, 2023- 5:30 p.m.

MILWAUKEE DISTRICT MEETING  
Thursday, January 12, 2023- 6:30 p.m.

**Pandemic Precautions:** Please contact your local Branch Office for in person meeting safety guidelines.

**For WebEx information please contact:**  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux at [sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com](mailto:sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com) or 715.315.8071  
Rep. Darren Brinegar at [darren.brinegar@ho-chunk.com](mailto:darren.brinegar@ho-chunk.com) or 715-315-1031  
Rep. Shelby Visintin at [shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com](mailto:shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com) or (715)896-9323



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## DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE



IN PERSON /VIRTUAL CHICAGO  
AREA MEETING  
Chicago Branch Office  
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.  
Chicago, IL 60630  
Monday, January 9, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL TWIN CITIES  
AREA MEETING  
St. Paul Branch Office  
1724 Selby Ave  
St. Paul, MN 55104  
Thursday, January 12, 2023  
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:  
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## Notice of Filling a Vacancy and Deadline For Districts 2 Election Board Delegate Term ending December 2023

Districts	Number of Election Board Members	Alternate
Tomah	1	

TERMS: Election Board members may serve only two terms. This term ends December 2023.

**NOMINATIONS:** One (1) Election Board Delegate to represent for District 2 – Tomah. At your next District's monthly meeting in December 2022.

The District's meeting minute must include each District's nomination for Election Board Delegate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election Board Office no later than

4:00 PM – Friday, January 31, 2022

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE  
W8801 Mission Road  
Black River Falls, WI. 54615  
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tity. In addition to becoming a member and co-owner of giige, LeClaire earned several artists’ stipends, a paid residency at the University of Wisconsin, a place on the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Task Force and many speaking gigs and art exhibitions, not to mention a platform and trust of a community – all based on an ethnic identity that appears to have been fully fabricated.

LeClaire declined to be interviewed, but provided a statement by email to Madison365.

“I am sorry,” they wrote. “A lot of information has come to my attention since late December. I am still processing it all and do not yet know how to respond adequately. What I can do now is offer change. Moving forward, my efforts will be towards reducing harm by following the directions provided by Native community members and community-specified proxies. Currently, this means that I am not using the Ojibwe name given to me and am removing myself from all community spaces, positions, projects, and grants and will not seek new ones. Any culturally related items I hold are being redistributed back in community, either to the original makers and gift-givers when possible or elsewhere as determined by community members. Thank you.”

LeClaire declined to answer follow-up questions, including who gave them their Ojibwe name and what information came to their attention.

**“Hobbyist genealogist” uncovers “pretendian”**

The deception first came to light in late November on New Age Fraud Forum, a message board on a relatively obscure website. User

AdvancedSmite posted about LeClaire, including copious evidence of LeClaire’s claims as well as evidence of their true genealogy.

AdvancedSmite spoke with Madison365 but asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution for exposing LeClaire and several other “pretendians.”

AdvancedSmite, who is also of Indigenous heritage, said they first became aware of LeClaire through a Facebook ad for an upcoming talk on Indigenous feminism at which LeClaire was going to speak. It identified LeClaire as nibiiwakamigkwe, which AdvancedSmite found unusual; the single given Ojibwe name is “typically something that would just be used in ceremony or with other people who are Ojibwe or a part of your community,” they said.

But they also said they’re aware that some Indigenous people have recently been using those given names more publicly as a means to embrace and celebrate their heritage. While unusual, it wasn’t necessarily a red flag.

Still, AdvancedSmite did some googling, and connected the Ojibwe name to LeClaire, which is “a common Native American last name.” AdvancedSmite also noticed through online posts that LeClaire seemed to often identify as Anishinaabe, which was also unusual.

“Our band names are so important, so I tend to be suspicious when someone just says Anishinaabe,” AdvancedSmite said.

Also a “hobbyist genealogist,” AdvancedSmite used online records and resources to find LeClaire’s true lineage – German, Swedish and French Canadian. Once they had that more or less

confirmed – and were sure there wasn’t another Kathryn LeClaire of the same age – they posted on the New Age Fraud Forum.

AdvancedSmite said they have no prior connection to LeClaire nor to the Madison Indigenous community, and are not personally involved in this case.

“I have a skill and I saw something and I did what I could,” they said.

**“A gut punch”**

It took almost a month for the New Age Fraud Forum post to reach the Madison community, when clients started sending the link to giige members.

“I was so relieved that someone else had called it out and I didn’t have to. I’ve had my suspicions, but I didn’t have anything confirmed,” said tattoo artist Nipinet Landsem. “At first, I was relieved. And then I moved into every human emotion known to man. I am horrified, I’m upset. We’ve already had so much taken away from

us. American society is built off of things that have been stolen from Native and Black people. Stolen land, stolen resources, stolen labor, and white people think it’s okay to just continue stealing from us.”

“This causes a lot of harm, first of all, because it is a non-native person taking and making not just a profit, but making a name for themselves through our traditions, which is extra harmful because for so many years, these traditions were illegal,” said Arvina Martin, a member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and former Madison alder. “To take our traditions, and then make a name for your individual self is completely anathema to (our) values. And the fact that again, this was illegal for so long, and it just really twists the knife to see that happen. It’s the worst when it’s someone trusted.”

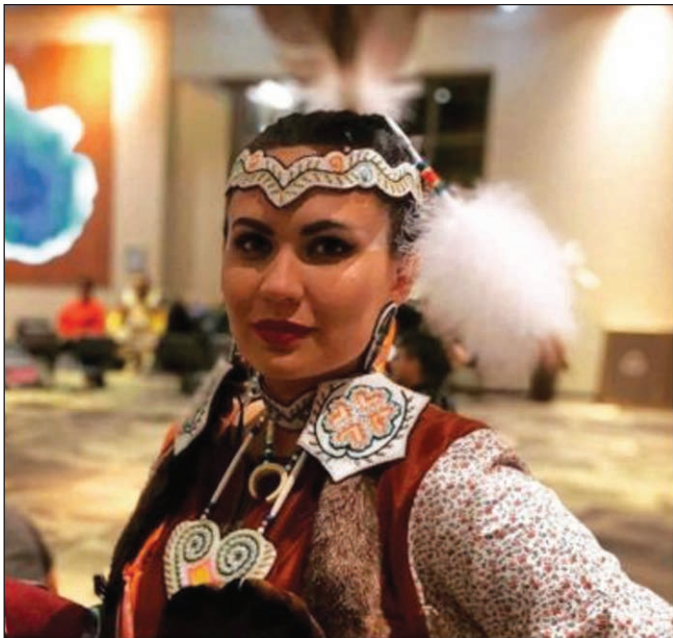
“I’m just stuck. I’m stuck in a weird pool of emotions that I’m struggling to process,” said Kristie Goforth, a

member of the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians and candidate for Monona mayor. “I’m fighting the part of me that wants to say, ‘here’s a white person who’s betraying us again, another white person that can’t be trusted.’ I don’t want to group them all into a pool of people who can’t be trusted, because that’s just not the case. But that’s how I feel right now a little bit, just because it’s so raw.”

Goforth said she considered LeClaire a friend, and was excited about the 28-year-old’s prospects.

“I am a woman in my 50s. One of the reasons I was excited about seeing (them) come on the scene was this young (person), strong, bold and loud, really just pushing conversations forward. I really appreciated that,” Goforth said. “I love to empower younger women. I think that’s important that we do that in our community. I just really wanted to see ... them shine their light here and, and help

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Katie Le Claire in 2012, discovered by AdvancedSmite; nibiiwakamigkwe Kay LeClaire in 2021, provided by Nipinet Landsem.

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move conversation and education forward. That’s what’s so hard. It’s just such a gut punch.”

Goforth said the white community in Madison is especially vulnerable to this kind of deception.

“There’s this appetite in Madison to just really want (diversity) and want to believe it so badly,” she said. “It’s like a craving for it. We’re craving culture here. And so

then when someone like Kay comes forward, dressed as she did, and, you know, really being a loud voice for Native issues, it was fully consumed.”

**Suspicious raised**

LeClaire graduated from Hamilton High School in Sussex, Wisconsin, where they were known as Katie Le Claire, in 2012 (despite later telling a Capital Times reporting intern that they were raised in Northern Wisconsin). They apparently attended

the University of Wisconsin and in the summer of 2018 married fellow Hamilton alum Adam Pagenkopf, a research specialist at UW.

In a post on their now-deleted Facebook account during the wedding planning, LeClaire referred to herself as “a 20-something white woman.” By 2019, however, they were identifying as Indigenous enough to cofound the giige collective with Landsem and several others.

Several members of Madison’s Indigenous community who befriended or worked with LeClaire had small suspicions, but explained them away or gave LeClaire the benefit of the doubt.

“They claimed Métis (heritage)”, said Landsem, who is a member of the Manitoba Métis Federation. “I knew they were not. They didn’t know anything about being Métis. They told me incorrect things a lot. My assumption for the whole like last few years has been ... they’re probably a disconnected descendant who has a complex about that. That’s what I assumed because I was giving them the benefit of the doubt.”

“I thought it was interesting how (they) often wore, it wasn’t like full regalia, but (they were) often wearing furs and clearly Indigenous-made clothing and it was almost like flying a flag. ‘Hi, I’m an indigenous woman.’ You don’t see that very often,” Goforth said. “Really, I don’t see that in my circles. I chalked that up to part of (their) role at the UW, bringing the exposure of culture forward, but

now I look at it, and it was literally like a costume. It’s just so painful.”

Goforth also said LeClaire mistook a porcupine quill basket for a pine needle basket – something Goforth said she wouldn’t attribute to simply misspeaking. Rather, Goforth said she assumed LeClaire may have been somewhat distanced from their Indigenous heritage and was just now reconnecting.

“So much of our family records and our history is not available or it’s been damaged. I just kind of chalked all of it up to that,” Goforth said.

Landsem also noted LeClaire’s frequent tanning, any mention of which

Landsem said would bring accusations of colorism from LeClaire. Landsem said LeClaire used their high school senior photo as evidence that LeClaire’s mother forced them to “bleach” their skin and hair.

“We know the harm that colonialism has done. We know how many people are disconnected or didn’t grow up traditional,” Landsem said. “They didn’t grow up with the culture. We know how many people are like that out there, and we want them to come back. If you go to someone and you say, ‘Hey, this is who I am, this is where I’m from,’ they’ll probably trust you ...

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Screen capture provided by Nipinet Landsem.





Kristie Goforth. Photo supplied.

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Tuesday – Jan 3 – Interval Class at 4:45 (could be a mix of anything) – D1

Wednesday – Jan 4 – Chair aerobics – 10 – TOB Cafeteria

Thursday – Jan 5 - Virtual Fitness – 8:30 – link will be sent out

Saturday – Jan 7 – Wazee Wonderland Snowshoe 5k – Swim Beach – 10 a.m.

Monday – Jan 9 – Interval Class at 4:45 (could be a mix of anything) – D1

Tuesday –Jan 10 – 4 to 5 pm – Open session at D1

Thursday – Jan 12 – 10 a.m. – Chair Fitness – TOB Cafeteria

Friday – Jan 13 – Leading a group snowshoe at Wazee – 3:30 - Campground

Monday – Jan 16 – 10 .m. Chair Fitness – TOB Cafeteria

Monday – Jan 16 - Interval Class (could be a mix of anything) – 4:45 – D1

Wednesday – Jan 18 – 4-5 – Open session at D1

Monday – Jan 23 – 4:45 p.m. – Interval Class (could be a mix of anything) – D1

Wednesday – Jan 25 – 12-1:30 - Open Session at D1

Thursday – Jan 26 – Chair aerobics – 10 – TOB cafeteria

Saturday – Jan 28 – Leading a group snowshoe at 11 – Meet at Lunda Park

Monday – Jan 30 – Open session at D1 from 3:30 to 4:30 and then Interval Class at 4:45



Towels – please start bringing a towel to class at D1 for mat work. I will announce exactly what the class is at D1 when I send weekly notice out. They will be higher intensity but I can teach to all levels.

Virtual fitness classes will be low impact activity / strength. Keep some dumbbells at your desk.


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I grew up really privileged, I'm Native, I know where my family's from. I didn't grow up on the rez. I didn't grow up in poverty. Who am I to question other people's experience of those things?"

**Following the money**

It's not yet known exactly how much money LeClaire made by claiming Indigenous heritage, but it's clear they worked their way into many institutions and exhibitions.

They were Community Leader in Residence at the University of Wisconsin School of Human Ecology

Center for Design and Material Culture from March to December 2022, and were paid \$4,876.56, which came from private giving and grants.

In a statement emailed to Madison365, the School of Human Ecology said LeClaire had resigned their position on December 29.

"We are deeply concerned about allegations that a community member with whom we have partnered misrepresented their identity and engaged in disingenuous actions," the statement read. "There is a long and painful history of erasure and

cultural appropriation in the U.S., which has had an immense impact on the lives of Indigenous people. These latest allegations are a disturbing reminder of how this persists today ... We greatly value our relationships with Native students, faculty, staff and community members in Wisconsin and across the nation. We strive to uplift others and make sure our school is a place where people of all backgrounds and identities know they belong. We remain steadfast in our commitment to creating educational pathways for Native students, faculty, staff and community members and invite feedback on meaningful ways to continue to support this commitment. As the layers of this situation unfold, we are committed to understanding and learning from it and fostering healing for all involved."

LeClaire provided a "jingle dress" to an exhibit at Overture Center, where patrons wrote thoughts and prayers onto small circles of fabric, which LeClaire then fashioned into the bells that adorn the traditional Ojibwe garment. However, LeClaire didn't make the dress; they commissioned it from a person who makes powwow regalia as a "rush order" just before the exhibit opened in September 2021.

The person who made the dress asked not to be identified, but said they didn't know that LeClaire had represented the dress as LeClaire's own creation until last week. The maker also said she declined



Arvina Martin. File photo.

to work with LeClaire on future orders because something seemed "off".

"We were shocked and disappointed by the evidence that an artist misrepresented themselves and their work, and we plan to fully investigate the issue. Overture Center would never knowingly work with an artist that misrepresented their credentials or background. We are reaching out to the Indigenous community to apologize, and we also extend our apologies to the community as a whole," Overture Center representative Emily Gruenwald wrote in an email to Madison365. "While we are diligent in our efforts to research artists, it appears that this person went to great

lengths to deceive Overture Center and ultimately our community. We will be contacting the person who made the dress to work with them to ensure they receive the proper credit and compensation for their work. We also will inform other performing arts centers about this situation so that it doesn't happen to other communities."

LeClaire also purchased birch baskets from a crafter who is not Indigenous, then apparently scratched that person's name off and replaced it with their own, according to photos provided by Landsem. Landsem said LeClaire gifted some of these baskets to friends; if they sold any,

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**MARCH**

**MARCH 3** | Navy Reserve Birthday

**MARCH 15** | American Legion Birthday

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**APRIL**

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**SEPTEMBER 18** | Air Force Birthday &  
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**OCTOBER**

**OCTOBER 13** | Navy Birthday

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**NOVEMBER 10** | Marine Corp Birthday

**NOVEMBER 11** | Veterans Day

**DECEMBER**

**DECEMBER 7** | National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

**DECEMBER 13** | National Guard Birthday

**DECEMBER 16** | National Wreaths Across America

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HO-CHUNK NATION  
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REGULAR MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
DECEMBER 13, 2022

**Call to Order:** President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m. *The Legislative Meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties.*

**Roll Call:**  
President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC  
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-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-P  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC (10:17 a.m.)  
Rep. Paul Fox -VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdoohnippah-VC

*VC-Video Conference*

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 10:11 a.m.

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED to STRIKE** New Business: F. HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations, TABLING Unfinished Business: B. Tutor Specialist NEW Job Description, Unfinished Business: C. Tutor Services Division Manager. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

***Legislative Meeting-December 6, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to approve the December 6, 2022 Legislative Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-

0-2(Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr., Rep. Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Commission Reports:**

***Gaming Commission Report***

Samantha Day, Gaming Commissioner was present via video conference to give the Gaming Commission update. A written report was received.

**Reports:**

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

*Rep. Robert Pilot joined the meeting via video conference at 10:17 a.m.*

***HHCDA Report***

Neil Whitegull, Executive Director of HHCDa had technical difficulties joining the meeting. A written report was received.

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to accept the HHCDa Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

***Department of Heritage Preservation***

No representation. No report.

President Marlon WhiteEagle stated he will send an email and forward on the Heritage Preservation report when received.

***Department of Justice***

Attorney General Scott Seifert was present via video conference and introduced the new Chief of Police Zack Quackenbush. A written report was received.

Chief of Police Quackenbush mentions he is a Tribal member born and raised in Black River Falls. He completed his Bachelor’s Degree in Environmental Law at UW Stevens Point, where he also

attended the police academy. Chief of Police Quackenbush had previously worked for the Ho-Chunk Police department for five years. The vision will be to hire two patrol officers, along with hiring Detective and Drug Investigation Drug Officers. For the next report, it will provide more refined data, and actions of the department.

***Department of Natural Resources***

Note: The last report the Executive Director of DNR gave was at the June 14, 2022 Legislative Meeting.

Executive Director of DNR Tina Brown would like to announce that a press release will be coming out later today for the Master Naturalist Training opportunity. Registration for the program will begin January 9, 2023.

***Department of Treasury***

Jeriah Rave, Finance Director was present via video conference and gave a update on the Treasury. A written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

***Office of General Council Report***

*The last written report received from the Office of General Council was July 19, 2022. The last Legislative Meeting a representative from the Office of General Council was present at a Legislative Meeting was December 7, 2021. A report was given at that meeting.*

***Resolution-Establishment of House of Wellness Fitness/Aquatics Center Restricted Account***

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned this resolution is tabled until the Treasurer provides her recommendation after all the planning and due diligence is done on the Executive Branch side. The Treasurer suggested it may be ready to go to Chester Dick, Business Service Officer by mid-January and then to Legislature by the end of

January.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE Resolution-Establishment of House of Wellness Fitness/Aquatics Center Restricted Account until the business plan is provided along with the Treasurer’s recommendation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Classification of Department of Business Enterprise Job Descriptions as Flex***

Executive Director of Business (EDOB) Laurette Pettibone and Human Resources Manager Jim Lambert were present. The reason for this resolution is to get people with experience to apply and offer the applicants more wages. This will help in retaining positions for Frontline staff and Supervisors. A copy of the policy was provided.

Rep. Shelby Visintin asked if there was a Cost Analysis done on the affordability of this. Is this just for the current fiscal year or next? That is what gives her pause on this. We are working on Comp and Class and a study would not be done until the end of this fiscal year. It will be a couple of years before Comp & Class is implemented. It would have been nice to see a study done on this.

Rep. Darren Brinegar asked the EDOB to see the trainings for all supervisors and managers. And to pay for trainers to train on customer service for all the facilities. There have been a lot of complaints on how bad things are. This is opening the flood gates for all other departments come in with the same resolution, this should have been Nationwide.

*Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. is excused at 10:55 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 12-13-22 A***, Classification of Department of Business Enterprise Job Descriptions as Flex. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay.

7-4(Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D3 Pac cinak-November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE D3 Pac cinak-November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Gaming Laboratories International (GLI)***

Samantha Day, Gaming Commissioner would like to request funding for Gaming Laboratories International, LLC to provide a two 8-hour days for an onsite training. This would include training for 40-45 people, providing food, hotel and travel. The curriculum will cover the fundamentals of sports betting.

The Vice President states that this is a cost savings for the Nation. Commissioner Day states that she can provide the Legislature with a document that shows the cost savings

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the Gaming Laboratories International training for Sports Book Betting for up to 45 people with funding from Special Projects in the amount of \$33,000. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Support for the Health Department to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Health Services Local and Tribal Health Department Infection Prevention Pilot Program***

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt ***Resolution 12-13-22 B***, Support for the Health Department to Apply for a Wisconsin Department of Health Services Local and *Continued on Page 13*

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it could be a violation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990.  
LeClaire received a \$300 stipend for contributing to the Collateral Damage exhibition in May 2022, organizers said.  
LeClaire sold, or intended to sell, at least one deer leather bag to someone through Instagram, clearly indicating they would make the bag; however, the bags they advertised on social media were made by someone else.  
“I don’t blame any of the Native organizations that Kay works with,” Landsem said. “We have all been blindsided and taken advantage of by a fraud. We’re all hurting. And I think the larger community

needs to take responsibility for how this was able to happen. I’m currently focused on keeping myself and my community safe from further harm by this person and by other institutions in Madison. I want accountability.”  
“A fight for our future”  
It’s unclear what, if any, legal ramifications may be in store for LeClaire. LeClaire has signed away their stake in giige, Landsem confirmed.  
Community members want accountability one way or another.  
“Kay needs to come back, take accountability, face up to what they did and make sincere apologies to every single person that they harmed, every nation that they

claimed, their own mother for pretending that she was somebody other than who she is,” Landsem said. “They need to accept the blame, apologize, pay reparations, do something to make it right.”  
“They are a human being, and it’s clear they must need help,” Goforth said. “I’m coming from a place of compassion. I cared for them. I hope they get the help they need.”  
“Everybody’s still trying to piece together what they knew about their friend and fellow activist, fellow community member,” Martin said. “I think it’s gonna take a while. I’d rather it take a while, and we figure out how to do things in a good way, then rush to

any kind of particular action if folks aren’t ready.”  
AdvancedSmite, the New Age Fraud Forum user who uncovered the deception, said the appropriation of Native identity is a larger issue than any one person.  
They noted that the self-identified Native American population grew by 85% between the 2010 and 2020 census, from just over five million to well over nine million.  
“That’s not population growth,” they said. “It’s a major issue. The government needs to ask if you are an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.  
“You can’t assume ... that Kay LeClaire is an isolated

incident ... the pretendian problem is a long term, strategic issue,” they wrote in a later email to Madison365, adding that people who falsely claim Indigenous heritage are then passing that false claim on to their children, who may unwittingly accept it, perpetuating a falsehood through generations. “It’s a fight for our future and identity.”  
*NOTE: This story has been corrected. Multiple sources told Madison365 that after the Overture Center exhibit, LeClaire donated the dress to the Helen Louise Allen Textile Collection at the UW School of Human Ecology. SOHE told us in an email Wednesday that isn’t the case.*



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Tribal Health Department Infection Prevention Pilot Program. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOITON CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Invasive Species Program Funding***

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 12-13-22 C**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2023 Invasive Species Program Funding. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Priority Allocation***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt **Resolution 12-13-22 D**, Consent to BIA Fiscal Year 2023 Tribal Priority Allocation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health***

***to Apply for the Immunize Wisconsin Grant Program***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-13-22 E**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the Immunize Wisconsin Grant Program. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations***

The HHS Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee Nominations was struck from the agenda during approval of agenda.

***D4 Guuṣgonak request (from November 14, 2022 District Meeting)***

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to give the Chicago Branch Office \$1,500 towards the sewing, beading, and crafting supplies from the D5 Community Improvement Fund with Joann Maney to be responsible for the reconciliation. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not available during the vote due to technical difficulties.*

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:49 a.m.*

*President Marlon WhiteEagle was excused for the remainder of the meeting. Vice President Karena Thundercloud to chair the remainder of the meeting at 11:49 a.m. The Executive Session was recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.*

*The Executive Session was call to order at 12:30 p.m. Quorum was established at 12:31 p.m.*

*Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. is on the call at 1:00 p.m.*

*Rep. Phyllis Smoke is excused for the remainder of the*

*meeting at 2:00 p.m.*

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

*The meeting moved to Open Session at 4:17 p.m.*

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

**Release to Open Session**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin WhiteEagle to request Attorney General and Department of Justice to give the Legislature a written legal opinion on the potential election of a Wisconsin Dells and Baraboo delegate and alternate to the Election Board in regards to the recent amendments to the Election Code, and have that in advance of the Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells and Mauston district meeting this Thursday. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to release this motion to Open Session, and have this document be shared at the Baraboo/Wisconsin Dells and Mauston district meeting. Second concurs. 13-

0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to request Legislative Legal to bring back options on how the Legislature can improve the Memorial/Burial Policy to allow for extenuating circumstances and that would be consistent for all Tribal Members. Second by Rep. George Stacy. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the release of this motion to Open Session, and for option to address issues, criteria and matters that are currently addressed within the longstanding Legislative Resolution. Second concurs. 6-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay)-5(Rep. Darren Brinegar, Rep. Shelby Visintin, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah) **MOTION CARRIED.** **Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to December 20, 2022 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
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DECEMBER 20, 2022**

**Call to Order:** President Marlon WhiteEagle called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

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

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented adding under New Business: E D2 Tomah JOM request, New Business F. D4 Twin Cities Request. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not on the call during the vote.*

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

***Legislative Meeting-December 13, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the December 13, 2022 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not on the call during the vote.*

**Reports:**

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

***Office of General Council Report***

*The last written report received from the Office of General Council was July 19, 2022. The last Legislative Meeting a representative from the Office of General Council was present at a Legislative Meeting was December 7, 2021. A report was given at that meeting.*

No Representation. No report was received.

**Executive Branch Monthly Reports:**

***Department of Business***

Executive Director of Business Laurette Pettibone was present via video conference and gave an update. A written report was received.

***Department of Education***

Michelle Cloud, Division Manager was present via video conference and provided the Culture & Community Education Division Report. A written report including slide presentation was received.

***Department of Housing***

Executive Director of Housing Tracy Littlejohn was present and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

***Department of Labor***

Executive Director of Labor (EDOL) Angela Ward was present via video conference and gave a brief verbal on the State of Emergency. DICC was open to community member for shelter, cots were provided by the Red Cross. The departments are working on an action plan for the upcoming storm. EDOL will send out the emergency phone number to all thirteen Legislators to share with their constituents later today. No written report was received.

**Unfinished Business:**

***D3 Pac cinak-November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes***

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to TABLE the D3 Pac cinak November 14, 2022 District Meeting Minutes. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Disaster Relief Program***

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is inquiring on the pending Disaster Relief Program to take action and move forward. Tribal members are needing assistance. The Office of the President administers the funds. President WhiteEagle issued a State of Emergency.

Nathaniel Longtail, Executive Legislative Information Officer said this program will need a specific line item for the funds. With the recent power outage the Office of the President was able to assist with limited funding. The request would be for a specific line item.

Legislative Attorney Carolyn Garnett mentioned there were questions on the policy that were never answered.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay for Legislative Legal draft a Rescind and Reinstate of Resolution 06-18-19A be brought back after Executive Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Resolution-Approval of 477 Federal Program Grant Updated Master Plan for July 2020-June 2023***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 12-20-22 A**, Approval of 477 Federal Program Grant Updated Master Plan for July 2020-June 2023. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for***

***Paid Administrative Leave for the December 15, 2022 Snow Storm***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 12-20-22 B**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for the December 15, 2022 Snow Storm. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 out for Public Review and Comment***

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned this was already put out for public review twice this year, the Trust & Investment Committee have had sufficient time. The last one was for a 30 Day Public Comment and would like this to be for 15 days. There is no need for another 45 Day Comment period.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 12-20-22 C**, Authorization to Place Ho-Chunk Nation Trust and Investment Committee Establishment and Organization Act of 2011 out for Public Review and Comment with the change from 45 to 15 day comment period. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D2 Tomah Request***

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned there was a motion made at the Tomah area *Continued on Page 14*



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meeting for an emergency basis request for the JOM Parent Committee requesting \$1,500 to sponsor an Area Christmas event in January 2023.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the Tomah JOM Parent Committee request in the amount of \$1,500 for an area JOM Christmas event to be made payable to Andrea McCaskey on an emergency basis from the District 2 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include reconciliation. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D4 Twin Cities request***

Rep. Paul Fox reads the **MOTION** by Michael Goze to have \$200 per month to provide food and refreshments at the Twin Cities District Meetings from the District 4 Improvement Fund and to have the District 4 Twin Cities meeting at the All Nation Community Church every month. Twin Cities would like to have a meal provided and the District 4 Legislators are in support of this request.

**MOTION** by Rep. Danielle DeLong to allocate \$1,200 at \$200 per month from January 2023 to June 2023 from the District 4 Community Improvement fund to be use for meals at the District 4 Area Meetings. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to be reconciled by Stephanie Yellowbank, Community Outreach Worker. Second concurs. 5-7(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. George Stacy, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Sarah Lemieux, Rep. Shelby Visintin)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

**District Meetings:**

***D1 Howasa – December 13, 2022***

*Rep. Stephanie Begay is out of the room at 11:30 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to refer to District 1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Penny LaMere to have representation in the Wausau Area to continue in person district meetings with a virtual option. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay was out of the room during the vote.*  
***D1 Niioxawani – December 14, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the District 1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. for Legislature to provide 8 hours administration leave for employees to assist with HHCDa events. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Stephanie Begay returns to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the District 1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. for Legislature to be in support if a new TAP resolution is introduced. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Counsel. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*President Marlon WhiteEagle excused himself from the meeting at 11:35 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the Office of the President and Legislative Finance Team the **MOTION** by Forest Funmaker to have Legislature provide four grant writers for Renewable Energy projects. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-1(Vice President Karena Thundercloud)-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. George Stacy to refer to the Office of the President, Treasury, Business, and Personnel the **MOTION** by Nathaniel Longtail, Jr. to reintroduce the part time employee identification numbers for the Nation’s businesses and to move forward in separating Business from Government. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to also refer to Legislative Counsel and Legislative Finance Team. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D2 Hinukwas– December 12, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 1 Legislators the **MOTION** by Kyle Funmaker to look into Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority providing transportation for D1 residents. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. George Stacy) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Tracy Littlejohn to accept Donald Greengrass to the Veteran’s Affairs Advisory

Board.

***D2 Ho’uni Xununik – December 13, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to confirm Myra Jo Price as the Tomah Election Board Delegate. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Myra Jo Price to approve \$1,500 on an emergency basis made payable to Andrea McCaskey with reconciliation.

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Ryan John Crain Sr. for Legislature to request current tribal representative to set an informational meeting to determine fundraising events and practices to support our student athletes set by 12/27/22.

***D3 Pac cinak – December 12, 2022***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to Jon Greendeer and Sara Peterson from the Health Department the **MOTION** by Jamie Decorah to table plans for the Head Start building so Jon Greendeer can get a forum for the community with the next 60 days. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to officially request and refer to the Office of the President and Enrollment the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to request Enrollment to come to Wittenberg to provide services which includes Tribal ID’s. We have a lot of people without transportation or have to work. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept to the Election Board Myrna Littlewolf as Election Board Delegate and Jamie Decorah as Election Board Alternate. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to change accept to confirm. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to accept and refer to HHCDa the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to accept Myrna Littlewolf as the Wittenberg HHCDa Board Member. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to refer to the Office of General Council the **MOTION** by Lanette Walker to request a verbal or written report from Office of General Council. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Rep. Sarah Lemieux is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:56 a.m.*

***D3 Tee hoikšek – December 13, 2022***

No Motions

***D3 Tejop – December 14, 2022***

**MOTION** by Shelby Visintin to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to have the Legislature draft a letter stating the changes never made to the TAU Advisory Board Establishment Act that excludes Madison and Milwaukee representation on the TAU Advisory Board. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the District 3 Representatives and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to update the TAU Advisory Board Establishment Act adding all area to get representation. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to add up to \$500,000 into the Tribal Employee Loan account. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include full Legislature. Second concurs. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah was not available during the vote.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Education the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle that Youth Services go under the Department of Education. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Finance Commission and full Legislature the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to provide penalties and sanction in the Budget and Appropriations Act. Second by Rep. Darren

Brinegar. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Legislative Counsel. Second concurs. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Treasury the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to reinstate the voluntary assignment for outside vendors. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Housing the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle that President WhiteEagle have District 3 Housing Board of Directors or someone from the Housing Department come to our next meeting in January to tell us about Cloverleaf Lane unit. Second by Rep. Darren Brinegar. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***D3 Tešišik – December 15, 2022***

No quorum reached. No Motions

***D3 Nikusara – December 15, 2022***

No quorum reached. No Motions

***D4 Guušgonak – December 12, 2022***

No Motions

***D4 Maanico Horuzra – December 15, 2022***

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Michael Goze to have \$200 per month to provide food and refreshments at the Twin Cities District Meetings from the District 4 Improvement fund and to have the District 4 Twin Cities meeting at the All Nation Community Church every month.

**Recess:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to break for lunch for one hour. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting recessed for lunch at 12:05 p.m.*

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

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Wisconsin, Canada, northern Michigan and Minnesota move south in search of food. Raptors looking for fish typically congregate along open water areas below dams along the Wisconsin, Mississippi

and Fox rivers, where their growing presence has turned the sites into birdwatching destinations and inspired many community events. Bald Eagle Watching Days is co-sponsored by Ferry Bluff Eagle Council, the Sauk

Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce, the Wisconsin DNR and Tripp Museum in Prairie du Sac. Eagle Watching Tips The best time to see eagles will be in the early morning (8-10 a.m.) as they depart

their nighttime communal roosts to feed along the river and two hours before dusk as they return to their roosts. When viewing eagles at these events or on your own, biologists advise onlookers not to venture too close as it

will cause the eagles to fly off. Watchers are also encouraged to stay in their cars unless they are at a staffed viewing site. To learn more about bald eagle watching, visit the DNR website.



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

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 1:09 p.m.

**Revisit:**

***D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – December 14, 2022***

**READ FOR THE RECORD:**

**MOTION** by Christine Funmaker-Romano to support Per Capita and include in budget for next fiscal year.

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Vice President Karena Thundercloud the **MOTION** by Christine Funmaker-

Romano to have more review on the Legislative Branch Facebook posts followed up with corrective action. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Trust & Investment Committee the **MOTION** by Christine Funmaker-Romano to request a monthly in-person report from Investment Managers to the President and Legislature via Trust & Investment Committee. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Broadband Workgroup the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack to ensure Timber Run is a priority for broadband access. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Department of Administration, Realty, Planning and the Office of the President the Motion by Robert Funmaker to obtain the land use plan from 20 years ago presented by Carol Garvin and have Realty available for questions at the next area meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Administration, Realty and Planning the **MOTION** by Cindy Tack to obtain a market study or comparison for HCN land leases in Juneau and Sauk counties available at the next area meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Administration, Realty and Planning the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to request land use plans for parcels 2846 and 1057 for Sauk County available at the next area meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. George Stacy was out of the room during the vote.*  
**MOTION** by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to refer to Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker to report on what the steps are in order to dissolve Twelve Clans Inc. to prepare a document for the next area meeting. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Christine Funmaker-Romano would like to see the Ho-Chunk Cinema reopened.

**NOTE FOR THE RECORD:** Donald Greengrass was elected to the District 2 Veterans Affairs Advisory Board.

**Executive Session:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:19 p.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke.11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Revisit:**

***Disaster Relief Program***

***Resolution-Rescission and Reinstatement of Resolution 06-18-19A Creating and Funding a Restricted Account***

***Disaster Recovery Fund to Assist Tribal Members Affected by Natural Disasters and Rescission of Resolution 09-08-20C Freezing of Expenditures from and Request for Accounting of Disaster Recovery Fund Restricted Account.***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 12-20-22 F***, Rescission and Reinstatement of Resolution 06-18-19A, Creating and Funding a Restricted Account Disaster Recovery Fund to Assist Tribal Members Affected by Natural Disasters and Rescission of Resolution 09-08-20C, Freezing of Expenditures from and Request for Accounting of Disaster Recovery Fund Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to January 5, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
DECEMBER 28, 2022**

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

**Roll Call:**

President Marlon WhiteEagle-VC  
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-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC (10:08 a.m.)

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC (10:02 a.m.) Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to approve the agenda adding under New Business: C. Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for December 22, 2022 Snow

Storm, New Business: D. Extension of FY 22-23 Budget Summary until January 25, 2023. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Consideration of Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act Regarding Paid Administrative Leave***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to consider the Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act Regarding Paid Administrative Leave. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act Regarding Paid Administrative Leave***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 12-28-22 A***, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Employment Relations Act Regarding Paid Administrative Leave. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for December 22, 2022 Snow Storm***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt ***Resolution 12-28-22 B***, Authorization for Paid Administration Leave for December 22, 2022 Snow

Storm. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***FY 22-23 Budget Summary Request***

**MOTION** by Vice President Karena to extend the FY 22-23 Budget Summary Request until January 25, 2023. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Conroy Greendeer, Jr. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.*

**HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE  
OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
DECEMBER 29, 2022**

**Call to Order:** Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.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-VC  
Rep. Darren Brinegar-VC  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-VC  
Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC  
Rep. Robert Pilot-VC  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

**Determination of Quorum:**  
Quorum is established at 1:02 p.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. Stephanie Begay. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Resolution-Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Department of Justice, Compliance Division and Gaming Commission Budgets***

Legislative Counsel Michael

Murphy explained the Continuing Resolution is specific to the Gaming Commission and the Compliance Division of the Department of Justice. The resolution is to approve a short term budget until January 28, 2023. The Budget Act allows the Legislature to adopt Continuing Resolutions. The Nation is in pending status from the National Indian Gaming Commission to approve the amendments to the Gaming Ordinance of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution***

***12-29-22 A***, Continuing Resolution for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Department of Justice, Compliance Division and Gaming Commission Budgets. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

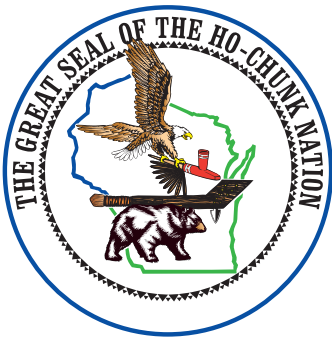
**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Darren Brinegar to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.*



# NOTICE AND RULES OF GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 2023



Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation that the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation has called a General Primary Election. ARTICLE VIII – ELECTIONS and the Election Code (2 HCC Sec. 6), states in relevant part:

**3. Elections, c. Primary Election and Runoff Elections.**

(1) Primary Elections shall be held prior to an Election with three (3) or more candidates in order to ensure compliance with the majority vote requirement as provided for in paragraphs 1c and 1e.  
(2) If no candidate in any Primary Election receives more than 50% of the votes cast in such Election, the two candidates with the highest vote totals from the Primary Election (and any candidates tied with the lower of such totals) shall appear on the ballot in the Runoff Election. When there are two (2) seats vacant in a district, the top two (2) vote getters for any vacant seats, if no candidate has received 50% + 1 vote, shall be on the ballot for the General Election or Runoff Election. (3) Primary Elections shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by this Code and in accordance with the timetable adopted by the Election Board.

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF FOUR (4) YEARS WILL BE VACANT:**

- Ho-Chunk Nation President  
July 2023 - June 2027
- LEGISLATURE:
- District 1, Seat 2  
July 2023 – June 2027
- District 2, Seat 1  
July 2023 – June 2027
- District 3, Seat 1  
July 2023 – June 2027
- District 3, Seat 3  
July 2023 – June 2027
- District 4, Seat 2  
July 2023 – June 2027
- JUDICIARY:
- Supreme Court Associate Justice 2  
July 2023 – June 2027
- Trial Court Chief Judge  
July 2023-June 2027
- Trial Court Associate Judge 1  
July 2023-June 2027

Trial Court Associate Judge 2  
July 2023-June 2027

**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES**

The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Members or the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board office before the close of the nomination period on **Friday, January 6, 2023 by 4:30 pm.** ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

**Only Nomination Petition form will be available on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website, due Friday, January 6, 2023 by 4:30 pm.**

**ELIGIBLE VOTERS:**  
Any enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation who is at least eighteen (18) years old and who has resided in their respective district for at least three (3) months. *See Election Board Code Sec.11 (c).*  
**REGISTRATION:**  
Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses.

**ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:**  
Any individual whose name does not appear on the eligible voters list can claim the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board. Any eligible voter may challenge the eligibility of an individual's name appearing on the eligible voters list by presenting a written challenge to the Election Board.  
**The Election Board will rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period. Section 11(c) iii. (Deadline Wednesday, February 15, 2023).**

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

After 4:30 pm and the weekend please call (715)299-6104

**Deadline to challenge the candidate(s) list to Election Board is 5 days after posting the Final Candidates List of Certification.**

**ABSENTEE VOTING:**  
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Saturday, February 25, 2023 by 4:30 pm.** See *Election Board Code, section 13(a), i*

Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.  
**Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7, 2023.**  
Absentee ballots may be returned by overnight mail, so they may be received at the Election Board Office or the polling places prior to the close of the polls on Election Day.  
**NOTE THAT FEDEX and UPS NEXT DAY AIR DOES NOT DELIVER IN BLACK RIVER FALLS ON SATURDAYS.**

**POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:**  
The Election Board will 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 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.

**ELECTIONEERING:**  
There will be no electioneering within fifty (50) feet of any polling places.

**GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION DAY**  
Tuesday, March 7, 2023

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
Tuesday, December 6, 2022

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST**  
Friday, February 3, 2023

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST MUST BE RECEIVED PRIOR TO 4:30 PM**  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
Saturday, February 25, 2023 4:30 pm.

**GENERAL RUN-OFF ELECTION**  
Tuesday, June 6, 2023

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**  
Wednesday, July 5, 2023

**POLLING PLACES:  
OPEN AT 8:00 A.M AND  
CLOSE AT 7:00 PM.**

- BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI**  
INDIAN MISSION  
COMMUNITY BUILDING  
W8813 Mission Road  
(715)299-6104

**•TOMAH, WI**  
BLUEWING COMMUNITY  
BUILDING  
320 Epinal Avenue  
(608)377-3787

**•LA CROSSE, WI**  
LACROSSE BRANCH OFFICE  
724 Main Street  
(608)783-6025

**•BARABOO, WI**  
HOUSE OF WELLNESS  
S2845 Whiteeagle Road  
(608)355-5155

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

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

**•CHICAGO, IL**  
CHICAGO BRANCH OFFICE  
4738 North Milwaukee Avenue  
(715)284-7894

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

**•MINNEAPOLIS/ ST PAUL, MN**  
MPLS./ST PAUL BRANCH  
OFFICE  
1724 Selby Ave  
(651)641-1801

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

**•GREEN BAY, WI**  
BRANCH OFFICE  
2413 Hazelwood Ln  
(920)490-2774

Amended Posted 1/2/2023