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Black River Falls Homecoming Parade Displays Tiger Pride

Ardith Van Riper

The School District of Black River Falls held their 2023 homecoming parade and festivities during the week of September 22. The students from the high school named Kaylee Youngthunder and Wyatt Madvig as the 2023 homecoming queen and king. Ho-Chunk athletes, students, cheer-Continued on Page 3



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3rd Annual Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Pow Wow & Native American **Art Market Returns This Weekend**

The Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Pow Wow & Native American Art Market returns this weekend. The event is hosted by the Central Wisconsin Indigenous Peoples' Day Committee (CWIPDC), a local non-profit organization. CWIPDC formed in 2019 to organize this annual pow wow in celebration of Indigenous Peoples' Day, which is the second Monday of October. This event is currently the only Native American event in Marathon County.

"The Indigenous Peoples' Day Pow Wow is a fitting way to celebrate our continued existence, way of life and contributions to greater society; we're still here. It wasn't that long ago that our people couldn't sing our songs or gather publicly to dance -- only in 1978 was this right restored. We invite the community to join us and enjoy the beautiful dancing and powerful music and to support the Indigenous artisans," said CWIPDC founding director and Ho-Chunk tribal member

The event is at the Central Wisconsin Convention and Expo Center, 10101 Market Street, in Rothschild on Saturday, Oct. 7 and Sunday, Oct. 8. Grand Entry is at 1 pm and 7 pm on Saturday, Oct. 7 and at 12 pm on Sunday, Oct. 8. A traditional feast is offered at 5 pm on Saturday, Oct. 7. In addition to music and dancing, there will be over 30 Native American craft vendors and food vendors. Admission is free and it is open to the public.

Sponsors for this event include: Ho-Chunk Nation (gold sponsor); Forest County Potawatomi (gold sponsor); B & A Esther Greenheck Foundation (bronze sponsor); Democratic Party of Wisconsin (bronze sponsor); Connexus Cares; Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians; Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg; Wisconsin Public Radio; Wausau Pilot & Review: and the Victor & Helen Geisel Foundation.

















Highlighting Ho-Chunk Language Learners: Dana Houghton

Kaili Berg

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

Dana Houghton (Ruucgei), Systems Technician, is from



Black River Falls where she grew up on the Indian Mission with her parents Anna Taylor and Virgil Pettibone. She is from the pigeon clan and began learning Ho-Chunk from her younger siblings

"My siblings were my first teachers. I remember them counting and singing the flag song when I was younger, and was always curious as to what they were saying," said Houghton. "I didn't really grow up around the language, learning it is something that is new to me. I started to really learn the language when I was in my late twenties," said Houghton.

Back in 2016, the Ho-

Chunk Language Division offered a pathways class for students to attend. Houghton signed up for the class and received her certificate. Continuing her language learning, she participated in a language baseball tournament at the Tribal Office Building where she met with language

competing.

"The competitiveness made me engage in the language more. I didn't want to let my team down. I knew I needed to learn more and from there the love of the language just grew on me."

teachers to help out in

After finding her love for the language, Houghton

became a language apprentice but was laid off shortly after due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I learned a lot while being an apprentice. Even though I got laid off I still continue to learn, continue going to classes, and engage as much as I can with the language."

Houghton said she continues her passion to learn regularly and would like to become a language apprentice again so that she can learn all that she can to eventually become a teacher in schools.

"That is my dream right now. To become a teacher and to make my instructors proud and to have them know that I took their teaching seriously and am doing my part in passing their knowledge along for future generations."

Houghton encourages anyone who wants to learn the language by getting out there and just trying it.

"Language can be scary at first but you will not know unless you try. Once you try then you will realize how much of an impact you are not only making for yourself but for everyone," said Houghton. "Our language is dying, and our language is who we are. It is what makes us unique and if we don't have that then who are we as Ho-Chunks."

Continued from Page 1 leaders, and band members joined the march down Main Street to show their Tiger pride. The Waaksik Wacek high school club and BRF Drum had a float.











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Wisconsin Dells musician: Marc LaMere

Paul Arentz - Content Editor/ Writer

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With the unofficial end of Summer in the Dells marked by Labor Day, if you went to any number of eating venues during the summer season, there is a good chance you caught musician Marc LaMere jamming out.

Like I say, everyone has a story. This is Marc's.

Marc plays surrounding venues like Monk's Bar and Grill, Ravina Bay, Vennebu Hill, Nautical Coffee and Balanced Rock in Baraboo, to name a few. His sound and singing are crafted after years of singing and performing, not with a band, but by himself. See, Marc uses what is called a looper. According to emaster. com, Looping means repeating part of a song using a looper device (electronic device), pedal, or plugin. The term 'looping' originated with reel-to-reel tape machines. Before digital audio, engineers recorded bands on reel-to-reel

tape. They would make a loop out of a section of tape and feed it through the tape machine, playing it back repeatedly, then recording the playback. Nowadays, you can simply cut and paste parts within your digital audio workstation and then record as many takes as you want. However, back when the analog tape was the standard format, you had to physically cut the tape with a razor blade and splice it back together with tape to make any edits.

Marc starts out his songs recording all the parts and rhythms he needs. Along with added guitar playing and his very distinct voice, he creates a musical Cacophony lending his own twist on his covers by multiple artists. To me, in order to record different guitar parts, knowing when to add or take them out, while singing takes talent, skill and a lot of time.

Growing up, Marc recalled there were always guitars around his house. "My mother played guitar. Her and her

sisters had a singing group, back in the 50s and 60s, something like that." At the time Marc admitted his mom playing guitar just wasn't something a mom did. But the guitar playing would become cool to him. "I was in Arizona. We were visiting some friends when I was like 12 or 13. That's the first time I heard Stevie Ray Vaughn. My friend put on a CD and he ran to get some lunch or something. The album was 'Couldn't Stand the Weather' by Double Trouble and Stevie Ray Vaughan. I just was like blown away; I didn't know guitars could sound like that. I knew my mom was a Hendrix fan, but I didn't hear it in the house. Her record collection was cool, but it was very, like, eclectic. There were albums by Three Dog Night, The Doobie Brothers, Aretha Franklin, and she also had the sound track to 2001 a space odyssey. There wasn't a specific genre that she listened to, and even those records she had, like they weren't played in the house, they were just there. But, after hearing Stevie Ray Vaughan, I got interested in music." It would be another year though before Marc would

It was Christmas or Thanksgiving, he couldn't recall which, he picked up the guitar and was just messing around to just pass time. Marc anything up from picking up the guitar that night, but said it definitely was the jumping off point for him to want to play

Through high school, Marc shared he wasn't in any garage bands, and besides, at that time I don't know how they ended

up in Reedsburg. But they were doing shows, playing in Reedsburg, and I don't know how it happened, but I did a few shows with them. We played a dive bar in Black River Falls. That was the first time I ever played with other musicians, because up to that point I was just noodling at home. It would be years before Marc would start doing his solo

Marc found a guitarist that caught his attention, Kaki **King**. King would inspire him to work on solo guitar playing. "She's a fingerstyle guitar player and she doesn't do a lot of singing. To sell out big venues, with just an acoustic guitar, with no singing, she was amazing. she's the first musician I'd ever seen that used a looper. That blew my mind, because to that point, I was trying to figure out how to do arrangements by myself because I didn't have the other musicians to work with. I didn't know it was a thing. Using a looper changed the trajectory of me playing shows. I wouldn't be playing solo shows if I

and then everything you add on to it is the seasoning," he

when YouTube first came out, he would watch solo guitar artist Kaki King's videos. "Eventually around 2006, I purchased my first looper."

After watching Marc play at several venues, I was, to say the least, impressed. I told him, to me, in order to lay down several guitar tracks, add some hand thumpin' percussion, sing and play live guitar while keeping it flawless, at the very least takes skill, but also raw talent. Laughing, Marc kept it humble saying, "Well, I think it's just having a lot more free time than most musicians. If you set your mind to something, and you have enough free time you can get good, like all of like the greatest guitar players or any musician really. People have this persona; once people know who they are, that they're just the coolest cat, but the reality of it is, if Eddie Van Halen had a life outside of his bedroom, he wouldn't have been the guitar player he was. Stevie Ray Vaughn revealed in almost every interview they ever had with him; he would say he played in his room 12 hours a day for years."

At the time loopers were hard to find. Marc recalled he had to drive to LaCrosse to purchase his first one. "They were hard to get because nobody was using them. They weren't in Guitar shops. I found out later, Continued on Page 5



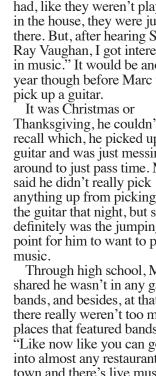






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- 30 Kim Blackdeer
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there really weren't too many places that featured bands. "Like now like you can go into almost any restaurant in town and there's live music but when I was first learning, I didn't know of any gigs happening. I know there were a few bars that would have country bands, but there wasn't really a music scene. I think the first band I played with was a native band out of Nebraska.



Marc likened using a looper to a bowl of Ramen. "Yeah, cuz like the cool thing about

a looper is it's like a bowl of ramen. The broth is the base or original chord progression, said with a chuckle. Marc said





Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg's "Summer Concert Series"

At Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg, we want our guests to enjoy a great time of fun, entertainment and relaxation from the everyday norm. We may not be Vegas, but we definitely know what our guests like and that is exactly what we continue to do. Over the past few months, we have had a whirlwind of events, and held the first ever Summer Concert Series with top names like Michael Ray, Everclear and Indigenous.

Kicking off the series on July 22, 2023, Country Music star Michael Ray took the main stage as the Headliner singing his top hits. Not only did Michael Ray bring a whole lot of heart-felt country



Photo Courtesy of Inferred

to the stage, he involved the audience with great enthusiasm. Giving Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg a shout out, Michael Ray said, "Wisconsin, y'all know how to party! Thanks for singing along to every single word." His opening act, Tenille Townes also provided some great excitement and radiant energy to get the crowd pumped. Guests had a blast, enjoyed an amazing performance, and continued their evening on the gaming floor with the Frank Childress Band. Some even had the pleasure to hang out with Michael Ray in person as he walked the gaming floor.

The legendary, and incomparable, Everclear took over Wittenberg's attention so much on August 26, 2023, that local bars and establishments closed so they could attend the much-anticipated concert! With a packed and captive audience, Everclear performed their famed songs such as *Santa Monica*, *Father of Mine*, *I Will Buy You A New Life and Wonderful*. Many fans sang along, danced, screamed and cheered the band on throughout the night. When it was time for a wrap, a 10-minute encore was just what the fans wanted! The opening band, Inferred, did not disappoint with their punk, alt, grunge and rock hits! As one guest said, "You guys rocked the house!" After the show, guests packed the gaming floor while Inferred played with their amazing energy until midnight.

On September 9, 2023, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg was pleased to end the summer concert

series with two bands that came from different parts of the country. The South Dakota originating band Indigenous, featuring lead singer Mato Nanji, is a blues/rock band that slays on the acoustics. The band made in appearance back in the area after ten year of travelling and touring from the East Coast to West Coast. Opening for Indigenous was a New Orleans band named Drab, another group with soulful vocals and heavy-bluesy guitar riffs to match the atmosphere. The Bobby Evans Band provided a great show on the gaming floor to end the night.

The first ever Summer Concert Series took a lot of planning internally as well as externally, and Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is grateful for the many hands that went into making this a possibility. In order for us to help serve our community with this amazing entertainment while helping to boost the local economy, we could not do it without assistance of the following businesses and organizations. A special thank you to Fireworks Country, King's Campers, UWSP Cheer team, Wittenberg-Birnamwood High School, The Wittenberg Area Fire Department, Schairer Farms, and the Ostrowski Family. Many a thank you goes out to our food vendors, T&C Lanes, Boriken Mat, Tacos Tones, Nuttin But Butts and Mama Krissy. Thank you to the Wittenberg Area Ambulance, who willingly provided emergency and first responder presence during each of our concerts with fantastic and awe inspired selflessness.



Indigenous



Photo courtesy of Everclear



Micheal Ray lighting up the stage at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg

Continued from Page 4 that Dunlop was making rackmount loopers back in the 70s, and there was only like two guys on the planet using them. So, they stopped making them for a while. In the 80s they decided to put them in a stomp box and then loopers

slowly started getting into like the

lexicon of musicians using them."

Using a looper, Marc found he could do the whole song by himself in his room, so he could practice to it. He pointed out that he learns different parts of a song through listening. "I can't read music, but, if I hear a song enough, it'll come out on its own, not when I want it to. Like, if I hear, I can't remember what I was listening to, I think it was a Stevie Wonder song. I had it playing on repeat while I was working on a different song. All of a sudden, the chord

progression for the Stevie Wonder song started coming out while I'm playing something I thought I was writing. I'm like, 'oh, I'm not writing this song, it's a Stevie Wonder song'. So, that's how music comes for me. I know some guys that can hear it and then instantly play it."

Over the past few years, Marc has built up a following. At just about every gig he plays someone will come up to him and say they were there just to hear him play. Marc is a humble guy though. "You hope that happens. I know some musicians around town that have, like 10-15 people show up to every single gig they play, and if they play six days a

week, those people are gonna show up six days a week. That to me is baffling."

Building his own following of those that appreciate his talent, Marc said just kind of happens. "I'm genuinely surprised when people show up that saw a post of, or know where I'm going to be playing. That actually happened last night. This lady and her sister or her daughter, were trying to find out where I was playing. They saw that I was playing at Vennebu Hill, I think their website posted it or something They were already needing to come to Vennebu because they're having a wedding there in like two weeks or something. But I think things like that are cool for sure. For me, if I'm being paid to do something, I want to do it the

I asked Marc if his Native American (Hoocak) culture played any role in his music. He was quick to reply that he does not mix the two. "When I first started doing shows, I would sometimes get booked to play cultural events. I don't think they mix you know, like, I played at the Black River Falls powwow a decade ago for a native producer. He was trying so hard to get an all-native review off the ground. We also did shows at the Rave in Milwaukee and Chicago. At the one we did in Black River, there were two or three other native acts on that bill. One of them had a woman that came out in a jingle dress (a category of women's powwow Continued on Page 9



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HO-CHUNK NATION FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM

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



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Wittenberg Area Ambulance and Fire lend a helping hand during Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg's Summer Concert Series

Members of the Wittenberg Ambulance took time out of their schedule this summer to provide on-site emergency services during Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg's Summer Concert Series. Along with providing vigilance over concertgoers and staff alike, a 50/50 fundraising raffle was administered by Wittenberg Ambulance volunteers. The raffle earnings are going to purchase a new LIFEPAK 15 cardiac monitor. The device allows emergency responders the ability to attend to patients on the spot of an emergency and allows patients to remain where they are, bringing the ability to be monitored by a cardiac device to them.

Along with Wittenberg Ambulance, providing services for all three of Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg's summer concerts, Wittenberg Fire Department volunteers took to lending a helping hand for stage tear down for the last concert. The Fire Department members showed great support in their willingness to do some heavy lifting in order to help break down the stage. The show of kindness and hard work was an outstanding example of

a group of people who stand to serve those around them.

In gratitude for Wittenberg Area Ambulance and Fire's attentiveness and willingness to step in when needed, and in recognition of the invaluable service provided to Wittenberg and surrounding areas, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg takes great pleasure in contributing to their fundraising efforts and departments. A price match of \$1,361.00 will be going to Wittenberg Ambulance for their 50/50 raffle earnings, and \$300 will be going to Wittenberg Fire Department in show of appreciation for lending a helping hand when needed.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg is tremendously grateful for services provided by the Wittenberg Area Ambulance and Fire Departments in providing services to those in attendance of our facility and surrounding areas. Knowing skilled and caring workers were available in case any emergency need happened to arise allowed all in attendance to enjoy the summer concerts in a fun and carefree way.



Wittenberg Ambulance members at raffle tent.



Wittenberg Ambulance overlooking Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg's stage.



Wittenberg Ambulance vehicles on standby.



ABOUT BEANS

- Dried beans are a staple in Native cuisine.
- Beans are high in protein and fiber and add substance to soups, stews, and salads.
- They are also a source of iron, magnesium, zinc, calcium, and folic acid
- Dried beans are shelf-stable and budget-friendly additions to your grocery list.
- Canned beans are a quick alternative to using dried beans in recipes. Rinse them with water prior to adding them to your dish.





C E D A R - B R A I S E D B E A N S

From The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen Cookbook

Ingredients:

- 1 cup dried beans
- 3 cups cold water
- 1 5"-6" cedar branch
- Salt and ground juniper to taste

Steps

- Put the beans in a large pot or bowl and cover with water by 3 inches. Allow to soak for at least six hours or overnight.
- Drain the beans and transfer them to a medium saucepan or soup pot.
- Add 3 cups of cold water to the pot and lay the cedar branch over the beans. Set the pot over high heat and bring it to a boil. Cover and simmer until the beans are very soft.
- After about 25 minutes of simmering, discard the cedar and drain the remaining liquid from the beans.
- Season with salt and juniper to taste.



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Black River Falls, WI

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SHEBOYGAN COUNTYWIDE CRIME STOPPERS



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DATE OF THE CRIME: August 10th, 1989

 $LOCATION\ OF\ CRIME:\ Milwaukee,\ Waukesha\ County,\ Sheboygan\ County$

TYPE OF CRIME: Homicide

On Thursday, August 10th, 1989, Rhys Pocan, a 35-year-old, Native American woman was abducted while walking along National Avenue in the City of Milwaukee around midnight. Rhys was murdered and dismembered. Her head and hands were later located by hunters in Vernon Marsh, which is a public hunting ground, located in Waukesha County. Rhys's torso was found in Nichol's Creek, which is a public hunting ground, located in Sheboygan County.

The victim, Rhys, lived in the Black River Falls area in the early 1980's. It is believed that people with information about this case and/or involved parties may still have ties to Jackson County.

If you have any information reference this crime, please contact the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Office at 920-459-3112. As in all situations of this nature, do not confront a suspect, call the police and report your information. If you have information about this crime or any other crime, please leave a web tip at www.cufthem.com, use the "P3 Tips" app on your Android or iOS device or call Crime Stoppers at 1-877-CUF-THEM (1-877-283-8436). You will remain anonymous and could be eligible for a reward up to \$1000.







Wisconsin Well Woman Program **Income Eligibility Guidelines**

250% of Federal Poverty Level Effective 02/01/2023 - 01/31/2024

Size of Family	WWWP Annual Gross* Income Guidelines
1	\$36,450
2	\$49,300
3	\$62,150
4	\$75,000
5	\$87,850
6	\$100,700
7	\$113,550
8	\$126,400
For each additional family member add:	\$12,850

* WWWP uses Gross Household Income, except for farm families and self-employed persons, for which Net Taxable Income is used



Wisconsin Well Woman Program Wisconsin Department of Health Services Division of Public Health P-43029 (02/2023)

OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Wisconsin Well Woman Program

You can enroll in the program if you

- Are a woman between ages 40 and 64.
- · Don't have health insurance, or
 - Have insurance that doesn't include routine check-ups and screenings.
 - Aren't able to pay the deductible or co-payment.
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There are exceptions to the 40-64 age group if you are:

- 65 or older and not eligible for Medicare or if you can't afford Medicare Part B
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- 35-39, and not eligible for Medicaid Family Planning Only services and selfreports breast symptoms to the coordinating agency
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The program is available in all 72 Wisconsin counties and 11 tribes. Yet not every medical provider offers every service.



Gerald Wayne Redbird

May 27, 1976 - October 4, 2023



Gerald Wayne Redbird, Mąą Hohąąp Piį – "Brings the Light", passed away October 4, 2023.

He was born to Thomas "Frank" and Linda (Cloud) Redbird Jr. in Black River Falls, WI on May 27, 1976. He enjoyed spending time with his numerous family and friends. He loved to make people laugh and feel safe, understood, and, most importantly, loved. He would always go out of his way to help those that he loved. He enjoyed playing games, including horseshoes, pool, cribbage, poker, 6-5-4, Skipbo, PO-KE-NO, and other card and dice games.

Many remember him as the

DJ and bouncer in Dimensions in Tomah, WI. He prided himself in being able to make anyone dance with the music he played. He made many lifelong friendships during his 20+ years doing what he loved.

His father, Thomas "Frank" Redbird Jr., and many other family members and friends preceded him in death and greeted him with loving arms on the other side.

He is survived and remembered by his mother, Linda Marie Redbird; Brothers, Tony Lee Redbird, Thomas (Denise) Redbird III, Curtis (Bethany) Redbird, and Tony (Chris) Redbird; Sisters, Chandra (Greg) Ekern, and Cecelia Bede; Sons, Thomas (Brandi) Redbird IV, Christopher Thone, Charles Redbird, Stephan Redbird, Gerald Redbird, and Bruce Redbird; Daughters, Cora Redbird, Carmen Redbird, and Grace Redbird; a nephew Adam Decorah; Grandchildren, Ryler "Lil" Bill" Redbird-Talk, Cameron Redbird, Thomas Redbird V, Hilda Redbird, Marcella Greengrass, and Priscilla

Greengrass; along with many valued aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, and many special friends.

Funeral services for Gerald will be held at noon on Saturday, October 7, at the Redbird family homestead, W8822 Decorah Rd, Black River Falls. Visitation will be held from 10am until the start of services. Burial will follow at Decorah Cemetery.

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

LEGAL / MEMORIALS

SUMMONS
(First Publication

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

(First Publication)

In the Interest of Minor Child: L.C., DOB 08/02/2006

Case No.: TG 23-03

TO THE PARENT, GUARDIAN, LEGAL OR PHYSICAL CUSTODIAN AND/OR TRADITIONAL RELATIVE(S): of L.C. DOB 08/02/2006

You are hereby informed that you have been deemed an interested party in the above-entitled guardianship case. This legal notice of the filed *Petition for Temporary Guardianship* is now served upon you by publication. A proceeding concerning the above-named child is pending in the Court, and an adjudication will be made. The Court shall convene an *Guardianship Hearing* in accordance with HOCAK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13a. Any parent(s), guardian(s) and/or person(s) having legal or physical custody of the child must appear along with the child at the *Hearing* described below.

The Court shall commence a proceeding at 1:00 p.m. CST on the 9th day of November 2023 for the following purpose: Guardianship Hearing. Parties may seek to appear by telephone by submitting a written request and accompanying Certificate of Service to the presiding judge. See Ho-Chunk Nation Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 5(B). Pursuant to HOCAK NATION THIRD PARTY GUARDIANSHIP ACT, Para. 11.13c, the parties have a right to counsel at their own expense; a right to confront and cross-examine those appearing against them; a right to present and subpoena witnesses; a right to substitution of judge; and a right to a jury trial.

NOTICE – VIOLATION OF THIS ORDER IS SUBJECT TO PROCEEDINGS FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT. SUBPOENAS: 'THE FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH A SUBPOENA SHALL SUBJECT THE PERSON FAILING TO COMPLY TO THE CONTEMPT POWER OF THE COURT.' THE COURT MAY FIND ANY PARTY TO THIS MATTER IN CONTEMPT OF COURT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR AT A COURT HEARING OR FOR FAILURE TO FOLLOW COURT ORDERS.

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.

NOTICE

RIGHT TO OBJECT

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

Ho-Chunk Member, Luanne Littlegeorge , has submitted a Request for Title for Permanent

Improvements located at: W8767 Thunderchief Ln Black River Falls, WI 54615

And more particularly described as: N1/2 of the NW 1/2 of Section 4, Township 21 North,

Range 3 West, Town of Brockway, Jackson County, Wisconsin

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

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

By or before November 3, 223

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

Gabriel Decorah

November 30, 1968 - October 6, 2023

Gabriel Decorah, 54, passed away Friday, October 6, 2023 at his home in Black River Falls, WI.

Gabriel was born in Minneapolis, MN on November 30, 1968, to Ronald and Doris Decorah. He was raised in California, where he graduated from La Familia High School in Thermal, CA. Gabriel moved to the Black River Falls area around 2008.

Gabriel held several different jobs, including working for Hodge Carpentry, as a chef for RePete's, and roofing. He had a gift for conversation and loved to make people laugh. Gabriel also enjoyed cooking and eating, his artwork, tattooing, and reggae and oldies music. He was a loving, wonderful father and loved to spend time with his nieces, nephews, grandchildren and other relatives. Gabriel was a free spirit who enjoyed any opportunity to travel and had many miles under his feet.

Gabriel is survived by his brother Isaac Valle; sisters, Delores Decorah, Maria (Edward) Decorah, Lisa (Joel) Vonderhelen, Deb (Anthony) Sax,

Gloria Valle, Sandra Valle, Norma Valle; daughter, Angel Decorah; and numerous other nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; grandparents Cecelia Blackdeer and Victor Decorah; and stepfather Isaac Valle.

Funeral services for Gabriel Decorah will take place Monday, October 16, 2023 at noon at the Buswell Funeral Home of Black River Falls. Visitation will be held from 10am until the start of services. Burial will follow the service at Decorah Cemetery.

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



ORIGINAL

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIA	ALCOURT,		
IN THE MATTER OF THE		☐ Amended	IN THE HO-CHUNE NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
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		Case No. PR 23-05	Clerk of Court / Assistant
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Wicati Morning-Star Cloud

July 14, 2023 - September 27, 2023



Wicati Morning-Star Cloud, age 2 months, of Lake Delton, WI walked on Wednesday, September 27, 2023.

A funeral service will be held on Friday September 29, 2023 at 12:00 Noon at the Native American Church in Wisconsin Dells, WI with Lawrence Walker Jr. presiding. A visitation will be held at the church from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

Wicati was born on the morning of July 14th, 2023, at 10:02 the morning after a

beautiful lightning storm. Her spirit came into this world so fast; it was like a whirlwind rolling through the land. She was set apart from the beginning with a light so bright it shined for everyone to see. From observation she was already so intelligent and loved laughter. Her smiles were like the glow of the stars from heaven above. She absolutely loved her older brothers and sister and the playfulness they shared. She always smiled at them gleaming her love for them. The time she spent down here was overflowing with love from her parents. Wicati was perfect in every way possible all the way down to her button nose and her perfect ears. She went back to God on the morning that she shared her laughter with us. Forever in our hearts and God bless all the little children. Wicati is survived by her parents, Travis Cloud and Taylar Lightfeather; brothers, Wacozu Cloud and Darren White; and sister Niyanta Cloud, along with many other loving family members.

The Conway-Picha Funeral Home and Crematory of Lyndon Station, Wisconsin assisted the family with arrangements. For On-Line condolences and information, go to www.pichafuneralhome.com.

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dancing), had a guitar on and didn't play any chords. She just used it like a hand drum, and was dancing around the stage. It was more performance than culture. After that happened, I just made this conscious decision in my mind, that I'm not going to make \$1 off of the color of my skin or where my blood comes from. I've seen other musicians do that. They'll get booked to places where they have no business being there, like, artistically [sic]."

Marc feels there's a certain reverence that that Native Americans need to project when things are done culturally. "It's one thing if you're making things that are culturally appropriate and not making it cultural appropriation. The natives that are performing might be the only natives that people will ever meet. The audience might think that is what our culture is, because if someone is dancing around a tent pole, banging on a guitar and not playing it, there is a distinction between the two and it

needs to be talked about, like people that are making money off their culture. I don't see anything wrong with it if it's educational, like Bill Miller's (Grammy Award Winning Native American artist) show. He's genuinely educating people on cultures. I try not to like interject my culture, and in a broader sense, I try not to talk at all when I'm doing my show. The less I'm seen, the more I'm heard, is my take on it."

Marc said he is planning on recording more of his original songs this fall and winter, which are his slower seasons. When it comes to recording, he said there's a part of him that can get overwhelmed by everything that has come together. "I'm just gonna keep moving forward, because I've come too far now, down this road."

Marc is looking at spring 2024 to release some original tracks.

Visit Marc on Facebook or email him: marclamere@gmail.com.

https://youtu.be/ufuYeomZuCo

Alternate

Notice of Filing a Vacancy and Deadline
For Districts 4
Election Board Alternate
Term ending December 2024

Number of Election Board Members

NOMINATION: One (1) Alternate to represent for your District and must be voted upon during your <u>District's monthly meeting in</u>

The District's meeting minute must include the nomination of your

Election Board Alternate. The minutes must be emailed to the Election

4:00 PM – Friday, December 22, 2023

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE

W8801 Mission Road Black River Falls, WI. 54615

Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com

715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583

NOTICES / LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

<u>Districts</u>

Minneapolis/St. Paul

November 2023.

Board Office no later than

Posted Monday, September 25, 2023

TERMS: This term ends December 2024.

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

District 2	Delegate	Alternate
Lacrosse	1	1
Wis. Dells	1	1
Tomah	1	1

(Terms end December 2025)

Filling a Vacancy: Wittenberg, Election Board Alternate term ends December 2024. This would be selected in October at the Monthly District Meeting.

All Election Board Members shall serve terms of two (2) years or until their successors have been chosen. Election Board members may serve no more than two (2) consecutive terms.

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

4:00 PM – Friday, December 22, 2023

HO-CHUNK NATION ELECTION BOARD OFFICE W8801 Mission Road

Black River Falls, WI. 54615 Email: election.board@ho-chunk.com 715/284-8900 • 800/890-0583

Posted 9/8/23

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE SPECIAL MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

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

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P

Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P

Rep. Rodney Rave-P

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Rep. Darren Brinegar-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P

Rep. Danielle DeLong-P

Rep. Robert Pilot-P

Rep. Paul Fox-VC

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-P

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 12-0-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Legislative Removal Hearing

Legislative Counsel Michael Murphy gave an overview of the Special Legislative Meeting. This is a Removal Hearing based on Article 9, Section 3 Legislative Removal of Legislators of the Constitution. The Legislature may remove a member of the Legislature for good cause. Any member of the Legislature subject to removal shall be informed of the charges,

be given adequate notice of the impending removal action, and given opportunity to prepare and present a defense including presenting witnesses and other evidence. This hearing was originally scheduled for August 31, 2023, however, one of the Rep. Brinegar's witnesses could not attend. There is a resolution prepared, and if there is a vote it will need ¾ of the Legislature (10) in the affirmative for a removal.

There will be an opportunity for the Legislature to ask questions. Since this is an Open Meeting, the meeting can move to Executive Session as needed. There is one charge regarding Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics. The content of the packet was explained regarding all documents that will be under consideration.

Special Legislative Meeting-September 5, 2023 Page 2 of 2

Rep. Darren Brinegar mentioned he did not have a lot to say at this point, other than he understands what is going on, and will speak when it is time. He said, since there was only one request from an area meeting to have this in Open Session, he thinks it is more proper to address this in Executive Session.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong 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 Řep. Robert Pilot. 8-4(Vice President Karena Thundercloud, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle)-1(Rep. Darren Brinegar) MOTION CARRIED.

The Special Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Darren Brinegar was not in the room during the vote count.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 12:19 p.m.

New Business:

Resolution-Removal of District 3 Legislator Darren Brinegar

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt 09-05-23 Resolution \boldsymbol{A} . Removal of District 3 Legislator Darren Brinegar with the effective date of September 5, 2023. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. MOTION IS AMENDED for a Roll Call vote, and to change the effective date to September 6, 2023. Second concurs. 10-0-2(Rep. Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Shelby Visintin) MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 13-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023

<u>Call to Order:</u> President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Rodney Rave-P Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX

Vacant

Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P

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 10:02 a m

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie

Begay to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to STRIKE New Business: B. Resolution-Granting of Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Construction on the Sauk 11 & 12 Walking Trail. Second concurs. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-August 29, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 29, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission-August 30,2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the August 30, 2023 Finance Commission Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 X, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to adopt *Resolution 09-06-23 A*, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 X, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch

Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2023-2024. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Reports:

Tribal Enrollment Numbers

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to accept the Tribal Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to officially request from the Attorney General, Heritage Preservation, and Enrollment to develop a report on our tribal member enrollment, using population pyramids, for each year from July 2023 going back Continued on Page 11

LEGISLATIVE MINUTES

Continued from Page 10 20 years, with blood quantum

averages for each term, and to be provided to Legislature upon completion. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 9-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

Ho-Chunk **Transportation Authority**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Office of General Council Report

A written report was received.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

A written report was received.

Department of Health

A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

A written report was received.

Department of Social Services

A written report was received. Elder Advisory Board

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Roberta Funmaker to add in the Directors report how much is paid yearly to date on property tax for elders.

MOTION by Roberta Funmaker to include in the Directors report how much is spent on maintenance per area.

MOTION by Frances Littlewolf to have the Director report on the meeting he attends.

MOTION by Francis Decorah to get outreach worker for the Tomah and Wittenberg areas.

MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to request TAU to send a report on the cost of this increase in reference to the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to increase the property tax allowance for Elite Elders from the current amount of \$3,000 to \$4,500. Second by Rep. Phyllis 10-0-0 **MOTION** Smoke. CARRIED.

Unfinished Business:

Critical Care

The draft Critical Care and Bereavement policy has been received and forwarded to the Legislators.

MOTION by Vice President Thundercloud Karena TABLE Critical Care. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Gaming Commission Bylaws

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE Gaming Commission Bylaws. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

GWEA/Benefits Informational **Document**

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to TABLE GWEA/Benefits Informational Document. Second by Rep. Begay. 10-0-0 Stephanie MÔTION CARRIED.

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

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution **09-06-23 B**, Confirmation of Brandon Bleuer to the Position of Executive Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 8-2(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle)-0 MOTION CARRIED.

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization the Department of Agriculture to Accept and Participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Historically Underserved Farmers Grant through Winrock International

MOTION by Vice President Thundercloud Karena 09-06-Resolution adopt 23 C, Authorization for the Department of Agriculture to Accept and Participate in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Historically Underserved Farmers Grant through Winrock International. Second by Rep. 10-0-0 Stephanie Begay. **MÔTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development 2023 Indian Agency **Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities** and Improvements Village West Site Development Certification Citizen **Participation** Requirement

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 09-06-23 D, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency 2023 Indian Community Development Block Grant Public Facilities and Improvements and TAU of this date. Village West Site Development Certification of Citizen Participation Requirement. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation Kelly LaMere as the District 3 Shawano County/Green Bay Community Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle adopt Resolution $09-\overline{06-23}$ E, Confirmation of Kelly LaMere as the District 3 Shawano County/ Green Bay Community Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency Board Member. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization Place Proposed Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle adopt Resolution 09-06-23 F, Authorization to Place Proposed Amendment to the Ho-Chunk Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Establishment and Organization Act out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle mentioned the proposed amendments are going out for public comment again. This will be placed back on the November 7, 2023 agenda. The Executive Legislative Information Officer should inform Social Services

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is in Madison today speaking with State Representatives regarding the Code Talkers Memorial.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to move to Executive Session for Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Intergovernmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:33

Rep. Shelby Visintin is online at 11:31 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 11:40 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 MOTÎON ČARRIED.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to September 19, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MÖTIÔN CARŘIED**.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL EXECUTIVE **OFFICES BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI SEPTEMBER 19, 2023**

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

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Rodney Rave-P

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P Rep. Kristin White Eagle-VC

Vacant Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC (10:10 a.m.)

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC Rep. Danielle DeLong-P

Rep. Robert Pilot-P

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

Rep. Robert Pilot asked for a moment of silence due to the passing of Henry Boucha.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented with TABLING Unfinished **Business:** Α. Critical Care; Unfinished Business: В. Gaming Commission Bylaws. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. MOTION IS AMENDED to MOVE District 3 Tejop-September 13, 2023 Meeting after Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes. Second concurs. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of **Previous Meeting Minutes:**

Special Legislative Meeting-September 5, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the September 5, 2023 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Legislative Meeting-September 6, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve September 6, 2023 Legislative minutes Meeting with corrections. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 11-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. **District Meeting:**

D3 Tejop - September 13, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Beloit Workgroup the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that the Legislature provide the pre costs of the Beloit Project to the membership before they act. Second by Vice President lareland 11 MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Shelby Visintin joined the meeting via video conference at 10:10 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle that the TAU Director appears at the next area meeting so he can update us on TAU issues. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Department of Housing the MOTION by Marlys Whiteagle \$10,000 now for the down payment assistance and \$40,000 later. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle Department refer to Administration of and Heritage Department of Preservation the MOTION by Tara Tidwell to approve the request to get help to build Second by the wigwam. Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MÔTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to to Executive Se the MOTION by Tina Awonohopay, motion for the President, Legislators, Executive Directors of Administration, Social Services, and any other relevant departments to take immediate action to investigate and ban any tribal members from all facilities on the grounds of bullying and harassment towards any persons within our facilities and tribal gatherings sponsored by our Nation to ensure the safety and mental health of our tribal members. Per our Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Protection of Youth at Ho-Chunk Youth and Learning Centers Resolution 10-02-07M: Per Youth Service Program Handbook Compliant Policy page 11, harassment is not tolerated. Per Youth Services Code of Conduct. And any other relevant laws or policies under the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission the MOTION by Chelsea Thompson to pay Rock Greendeer \$150 stipend for each traditional feast training class that he teaches to the tribal members. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Presentations:

First Nations Community Financial Message of Sharing Financial Growth throughout our Native Communities

Becky Albert-Breed, Executive Director and staff were present to give the First Nations Community Financial (FNCF) presentation. The mission of FNCF is building economic and financial independence, increasing the Nation's access to capital, and empowering tribal member's individual foundations for stronger financial levels of success.

Loan offered, conditions may apply:

- Hocinak "Personal" Loan • Fresh Start Loan
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- Emergency Loan
- Holiday Loan • Auto Loan (WI, MN)
- Home Loan
- Wooruwi Business Loan

Contact First Nations Community Financial for more information.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to Amend the Agenda ADDING New Business: K. Tutor Services. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Commission Reports:

Gaming Commission Report

Toni Blackdeer, Gaming Commissioner was present and gave a brief update on the report. A written report was received.

President Greendeer acknowledged the Gaming Commission for their work, and being well prepared during National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) visit at the end of August. A letter from NIGC was received that compliance factors during the comprehensive review passed with flying colors.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Heritage **Preservation**

Rep. Stephanie Begay asked about the Veterans Affairs Report. Legislature did an amendment to the bylaws to streamline the process of selecting a board, and would like an update if that has been posted. Rep. Begay would also like to commend the Enrollment Department for all their hard work during General Council.

Rep. Danielle DeLong would also like to extend her gratitude to the Enrollment and Language Division during General Council.

Department of Justice

A written report was received.

Natural **Department** of Resources

A written report was received.

Department of Agriculture

A written report was received.

Department of Treasury

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Critical Care-TABLED at the Approval of the Agenda

Gaming Commission Bylaws-TABLED at the Approval of the Agenda

GWEA/Benefits Informational Document

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned that the Legislature was provided the GWEA/ Benefits Informational Document. It was motioned

would review the document. The review was completed, and it was also reviewed by a Judicare Attorney and Legislative Counsel. There was one change the Treasurer would like to make to the document, stating the funds are being deposited instead of distributed.

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to accept the **GWEA/Benefits Informational** Document and approve for distribution and make change from distributions to deposits. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. Vice President Karena Thundercloud is out of the room during the vote.

New Business:

Resolution-Adoption Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Exclusion and Removal Act

Discussion:

Rep. Kristin White Eagle explained these amendments have gone out for 45-day comment public period through Resolution 05-02-23C. The comments were reviewed, vetted, and ready to move forward with the amendments.

DeLong Danielle Rep. expressed concerns about Section 5.c. with detail of what would make an individual eligible for Exclusion and Removal. Number 4 talks about taxes or back payment of rent, will this impact members living in tribal housing, if passed. Should this be excluded at this point?

Rep. White Eagle said that in specific this has been in the law since 2009. This act is intended to assist with conditions that pose a threat to the health, safety and welfare of the Nation. The purpose of the exclusion act is to protect others, it will not exclude someone just for nonpayment.

Rep. Stephanie Begay was not able to attend the meeting but agrees with Rep. DeLong. When this was drafted years ago, the Nation did not have as many tribal members in rental units. With the high amount of rental arrearages currently, she does not like this in there at this time.

Rep. DeLong said having that included, there also has to be a purpose of a threat to be proven. Would there be consideration to amend or remove that part.

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. mentioned he did attend the workgroup. Legislators had a chance to attend, and we need to pass this today.

Rep. White Eagle mentioned there are many items that refer to failure to obey laws or criminal offenses. Since 2009 the Nation has done few of those, they will be rare and few between. This law is to ensure there is an appeal process, and that it goes through the court system. Just failure to pay rent would have to go through an extensive process just to

that Treasury and Health have an expulsion. This was a ground level effort from tribal members that there is an ability with the drug activity on our lands, housing units, communities for Ho-Chunk Police Department and the court system could take a stance against allowing that type of criminal conduct and offenses.

> MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution** 09-19-23 Adoption of Amendments to the Hoocak Nation Exclusion and Removal Act. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 8-3(Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Danielle DeLong, Rep. Robert Pilot)-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION CARRIED**.

Rep. Danielle DeLong is out of the room at 11:13 a.m.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle is excused for the remainder of the meeting to attend the Code Talkers Lobbying in Madison, Wisconsin at 11:15 a.m.

Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commission

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay appoint Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. and adopt Resolution 09-19-23 Appointment of Presiding Officers to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislative Finance Commission. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Danielle DeLong returns to the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Pharmacy Clerk NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to TABLE Pharmacy Clerk NEW Job Description until information is received Wally Apland later today. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-1(Rep. Robert Pilot)-0 **MOTION** CARRIED.

Rep. Paul Fox is out of the room at 11:23 a.m.

Resolution-Authorizing MOU Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Black River Falls Heart Spirits MMIWR **Project**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution **09-19-23** C, Authorizing MOU Between the Ho-Chunk Nation and the Black River Falls Heart Spirits MMIWR Project. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 MÔTION CARRÍED.

Rep. Paul Fox returns to the meeting at 11:24 a.m.

Resolution-Adoption Amendments to the Domestic Abuse Act of 2000

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt Resolution 09-19-23 D, Adoption of Amendments to the Domestic Abuse Act of 2000. Second by Rep. Danielle DeLong. 10-0-1(Rep. Paul Fox) **MOTION** CARRIED.

Resolution-Rescission

Restatement of Resolution 04-12-16 C Designation of a Portion of the Whirling Thunder Property as the Future Site of the Kijire Nagu Healing Center Campus

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt Resolution 09-19-23 E, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 04-12-16 C Designation of a Portion of the Whirling Thunder Property as the Future Site of the Kijire Nagu Healing Center Campus. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Designation a Portion of the Whirling Thunder Property for the Department of Agriculture

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to adopt Resolution 09-19-23 F, Designation of a Portion of the Whirling Thunder Property for the Department of Agriculture. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) MOTION CARRIED.

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to recess for lunch for one hour until 12:29 p.m. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 11:29 a.m.

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P Rep. Rodney Rave-P

Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P

Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P

Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kristin White Eagle-EX

Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC

Rep. Danielle DeLong-P

Rep. Robert Pilot-P

Rep. Paul Fox-P

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: uorum 12:30 p.m.

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into an Agreement with the Black River Fall School District for Providing Behavioral Health Services

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt Resolution **09-19-23 G**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Enter into an Agreement with the Black River Fall School District for Providing Behavioral Health Services. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Arborist-Housing NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Sarah

Lemieux-White Eagle approve the Arborist-Housing Job Description. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 MÔTION CARRIED.

Tribal Aging Unit Advisory Board Special Meeting Minutes-September 5, 2023

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Rosetta Hunt: The TAU Board shall consist of one(1) member from each of the elder meal sites (Black River Dells, Tomah, Wittenberg, Nekoosa, Wisconsin Dells) and one (1) member from District 3, specifically: La Crosse, Madison, Milwaukee Area and District 4 one (1) specially Chicago and Minneapolis-St. Paul Ārea, duly appointed by the Area.

Tutor Services

Summer White Eagle, Tutor Services Division Manager introduces the Tutor Services Division Staff. The Mission Statement: our mission is to offer academic support and enrichment activities to Ho-Chunk Youth in grades K-12 through student mentorship, family support, and advocacy. A PowerPoint presentation was presented, along with funding level options.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer the request from Tutor Services to the Finance Commission. Second by Rep. Danielle Delong. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

District Meetings:

D1 Howasa - September 12, 2023

No Motions.

D1 Niioxawani - September 13,2023

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Office of the President, Personnel/Insurance and discuss with Gallagher regarding the MOTION from Kelly Jo Funmaker to increase the tribal member insurance benefits to \$400 for eye wear or for \$3,000 but not limited to for dental. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

NOTED FOR THE RECORD:

Discussion regarding ethics and honorariums for elected officials, it was asked what are considered Elected Official's hours? Does this include meals provided by law firms, at conferences, per diem and or golf outings? Would like a response to these items at the next district meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Realty, Office of the President and LDT the MOTION by Doug Greengrass to have District 1 Legislators to check into trying to obtain the Palm Supper Club property. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority, Continued on Page 13

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Realty and Office of the President the MOTION by Doug Greengrass to have HTA maintain and pave the road from Pettibone Pass to Mitchell Redcloud Property. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to District 1 Legislators the MOTION by Kelly Jo Funmaker to request finding for upgrading the basketball, tennis courts, the through Community Improvement Funding. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. Rep. Smoke mentioned District 1 requests the Legislators work with United Church of Christ to coordinate together on the updates.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to District 1 Legislators, HHCDA, Treasurer Crystal Deschinny the MOTION by Leland Bird to have HHCDA & HCN make an all abilities playground on tribal land within District 1, through the Community Improvement Fund. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D2 Hinukwas- September 11, 2023

No Motions.

Rep. Robert Pilot is out of the room at 1:17 p.m.

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nižhakisuc – September 13, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Christine Romano to provide a monetary amount of \$11,000 towards the Yellow Thunder Memorial on County Road A. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Clariss Funmaker for Christine Romano to be nominated to the Housing Board of Directors.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives and Broadband Workgroup the MOTION by Christine Romano for the Legislatures to update and report back on broadband. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission, Legislative Legal and Department of Justice the MOTION by Barb Funmaker for the General Welfare Payments be made directly to the minors as direct payments versus being placed in a Sub-Trust for the duration of the General Welfare Payments. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-1(Rep. Robert Pilot) MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Robert Pilot returned to the meeting via video conference at 1:19 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Finance Commission the MOTION by Roberta Funmaker to approve \$1,360 requested by Kevin Day for travel expenses for the Beirut 40th Veterans Memorial event. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Roberta Funmaker in support of the Aahucoga stream naming with the exception of having Hoocagra located first on the signage.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Department of Natural Resources and Office of the President the MOTION by Christine Romano for the Department of Natural Resources to clean up the Sledding Hill in Indian Heights, and to make sure the tree stump is removed. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to Office of the President and Social Services the MOTION by Christine Romano to have three social workers to be housed either at Indian Heights or House of Wellness. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D3 Pac cinak – September 11,

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Caroline Koukos to get the \$500 we have left for the Halloween Party. (Shawano County Law Enforcement Agreement)

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Finance Team the MOTION by Shelby Decorah to reinstate the payouts at area meetings. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D3 Tee hoikšek – September 12, 2023

No Motions.

D3 Tešišik – September 14, 2023

No Motions.

D3 Cexhaci - September 14, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux to request the Health Board Secretary send the Health Board minutes, and include them in the area meting packets. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D4 Guušgonak – September 11, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Language Department and District 4 Representatives the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to find a language instructor for the Chicago area to provide virtual classes one day per week after regular work hours. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to have Chicago Branch Office receive their new refrigerator no later than October 1, 2023.

Rep. Danielle DeLong mentioned the refrigerator was delivered this morning.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to set aside 1 Million of the District 4 Housing Fund for the Chicago Area. MOTION IS AMENDED to set aside "AT LEAST 1 Million" of the District 4 Housing Fund for the Chicago Area. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

D4 Maanico Horuzra – September 14, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Wendy Helgemo for Legislature to be trained on ethics training each time they elected. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to District 4 Representatives the MOTION by Wendy Helgemo to have quarterly updates on the Minnesota historical studies at the District Meeting. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Enrollment and Heritage Preservation the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt for Ho-Chunk Department of Enrollment to provide services of Tribal Id's and necessary enrollment information in person at the District 4 Minneapolis-St. Paul Branch Office at least 2x a year during the months of May and October and the hours of 1:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Enrollment, Education and Office of the President the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt for the Ho-Chunk Nation Education Department and the Enrollment Office to develop a universal release information between enrollment and education, or any other department within the Nation that tribal members request information. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. MOTION IS AMENDED to include Department of Justice. Second concurs. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to Administration and TAU the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to fund and develop a program for the Branch Office staff to transport tribal members to Black River Falls for medical, dental, and vision appointments. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Danielle DeLong to refer to the Election Board the MOTION by Rosetta Hunt to have elections be conducted by mail for the Nation. Second by Rep. Robert Pilot. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

1st 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. 10-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:30 p.m.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 2:35 p.m.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to return to Open Session to address Pharmacy Clerk NEW Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:42 p.m.

New Business: (Revisit)

Pharmacy Clerk NEW Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Pharmacy Clerk Job description. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 8-0-0 MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room during the vote.

2nd Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to move to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**. Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room during the vote.

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:45 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:46 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED**.

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to September 26, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 9-0-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:48 p.m.





THREE CATEGORIES:

- Group with three or more for a top prize of \$3,000 Cash
- Couple with two for a top prize of \$2,000 Cash
- Single category with a top prize of \$1,000 Cash.

Each category will have three places.

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All participants will receive \$15 REWARDS PLAY





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See the Rewards Club Booth for more information. Must be 21 years or older to play or attend events. Ho-Chunk Gaming reserves the right to cancel or alter promotions/events at any time.

NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL RUN OFF ELECTION Friday, October 27, 2023



LEGISLATOR DISTRICT 3, Seat 3

Lambert Cleveland, Jr. Andi Cloud

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

The Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation prescribes two (2) types of elections: General Elections and Special Elections. When three (3) or more candidates run for a seat in a General or a Special election, there shall be Primary Election and if required a Runoff Election.

Any candidate who receives fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) of the total votes cast shall be deemed as winner, as described in the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code, Section 5.a (3). Because no candidate received fifty percent (50%) plus one (1) vote in the special Election, a Runoff Election is required.

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

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

REGISTRATION:

Each person seeking to vote must register at the polling place by showing Identification before receiving an Official Ballot. If a person cannot write, that person must sign his/her name with a mark before two (2) witnesses.

ELIGIBILITY DISPUTES:

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. *ii*. (Deadline, Thursday, October 19, 2023).

ABSENTEE VOTING:

A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than Saturday, October 21, 2023, **by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i)*.Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter's name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Friday, October 27, 2023.

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

POSTING ELECTION RESULTS:

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

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

CONTESTING OF ELECTION RESULTS:

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

ELECTIONEERING:

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

SPECIAL RUNOFF ELECTION

Friday, October 27, 2023

POST NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Friday, October 6, 2023

POST ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST Wednesday, October 11, 2023

CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER'S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY 4:00 PM

Thursday, October 19, 2023

LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS 4:00 PM

Saturday, October 21, 2023

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

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, WI

CHAK-HAH-CHEE
COMMUNITY BUILDING
916 Chak-hah-chee Lane
(715)886-8411

WITTENBERG, WI

SIGA FUNMAKER COMMUNITY CENTER W17634 Radke Road (715)253-4407

MADISON, WI

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

MILWAUKEE, WI

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

GREEN BAY, WI

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

Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.

Posted 10/6/23