

Black Ash seed collection at Red Cliff

Black ash trees have been used by Hoocaks to weave baskets for generations. Within the last couple years, the Ho-Chunk Nation learned that there are no more usable black ash trees on our tribal lands. At a recent consultation with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), the Ho-Chunk Nation’s Executive Director of Natural Resources Brandon Bleuer discussed the emerald ash borer (EAB) and the lack of the culturally significant resource. While DATCP didn’t have a solution, the Ho-Chunk Nation connected with the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa to discuss an effort to collect and store seeds for an eventual reforestation.

Red Cliff’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Marvin Defoe led a group of individuals to a couple of different low-lying areas on the reservation to look for healthy seeds. Black ash trees typically produce bountiful, vi-

able seeds in cycles from 1-8 years.

Black ash trees are predominantly found in swampy areas of the upper Midwest to northeastern United States as well as Canada, extending north to the tundra. Once a hearty and abundant resource, black ash trees are expected to be all but extinct in the United States due to the emerald ash borer and environmental destruction. The EAB is thought to have been brought to the United States by shipping companies that used infested woods to construct shipping containers.

Emerald ash borers are native to northeastern Asia – China, Russia, Mongolia, Japan, and Korea. It was first identified in Michigan in 2002, though it’s thought to have been infesting trees in the US since the 1980’s. Adult EABs can travel several miles, but the insects are mostly spread by people carrying infested wood and wood products into previously unaffected areas. One theory sug-

gests that the EAB spread in Wisconsin was due to Illinois residents bringing infested campfire wood from their homes to their cabins. The EAB lays eggs among healthy ash trees, allowing their larvae to feed on the trees inside of the bark, destroying the trees ability to consume water and nutrients. Some affected trees can be identified by the holes and bark peeling by woodpeckers, which feed on the larvae.

Some municipalities and landowners have injected trees with insecticide in attempts to protect the trees. The insecticides can be effective but are cost prohibitive as a large-scale solution. Scientists continue searching for alternative eradication methods, even introducing certain species of wasps that are thought to feed on the larvae. State and Federal agencies have prohibited the transport of trees and wood products, but most prohibitions have been lifted because enforcement was ineffective or next to impossible. Extreme weather is also thought to kill EAB insects and larvae, but the climate of the region is hospitable to the EAB, which can live in temperatures ranging from about -30 to 130 degrees Fahrenheit. There are no known effective means of eradication.

Most ash trees are expected to be destroyed within about two decades. The black ash seeds are being collected, processed, and will be sent to storage with the National Laboratory for Genetic Resource Preservation. The facility, operated by the United States Department of Agriculture, has a complex process to assure the seeds’ viability,



including fungicide treatment, cleaning, moisture control, and germination testing. Once preserved, the tribe has the ability to withdraw seeds when it feels the timing is appropriate.

The group from the Ho-Chunk Nation included District 1 Rep. Rodney Rave, District 4 Rep. Danielle De-Long, Kjetil Garvin and Greg Blick from Natural Resources, Ryan Greendeer from Office of the President, and tribal member/UW post-graduate student Molli Pauliot. They collected around 20,000 seeds to process and ship to the repository.

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Artists and vendors included Kimberly Crowley, Sayokla Kindness, Leah Winneshiek, Edi Calderon, Dee Croeker, Winona Mann, Claire Maiselles, and James Menore.

At 1 pm a program emceed by Lance Long was held to honor Wakajaziga and Haakejanheiga, the Ho-Chunk Nation, and all Indigenous People. The color guard consisted of members of the Sanford White Eagle American Legion Post #556. The Winnebago Sons provided several songs. Honored guests included Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer, Ho-Chunk Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Bill Quackenbush, Ho-Chunk District 2 Legislator Kristin White Eagle, Wilfrid Cleveland, Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, and Representative Dave Considine. After the program at the Aldo Leopold Foundation, buses took guests to the nearby Yellow Thunder Memorial on County Highway A to participate in a short ceremony to dedicate a new stone marker, interpretive panels, and permanent Ho-Chunk history walk. Guests were invited to help spread prairie seeds in the new prairie sections at the memorial. They also viewed a rendering of an art piece that will be installed in the park in 2024 by Ho-Chunk artist Chloris Lowe III.

Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sauk County this year was sponsored by Sauk County, the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Aldo Leopold Foundation, and the Sauk County Historical Society. Many volunteers helped make the day possible from parking assistance to site preparation.

Indigenous Peoples' Day in Sauk County was established in 2018 by a resolution passed by the Sauk County Board of Supervisors after introduction by then Supervisor Kristin K. White Eagle who also currently serves as a Ho-Chunk Nation Legislator. The first celebration was held in multiple locations in 2019 followed by Baraboo in 2020, Reedsburg in 2021, and Sauk City in 2022.



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‘Killers of the Flower Moon’ opens across US (finally!)

Powerful Osage drama already generating Oscar buzz, praise for authenticity

Sandra Hale Schulman
Reprint from ICT

Spellbinding, heartbreaking and exhaustingly researched, director Martin Scorsese’s long-gestating epic look into the mass murders of the Osage over oil rights in the 1920s opens Oct. 20 in wide release across the United States.

Even getting the story to the big screen was not without drama – requiring a rewrite of the entire script, a change in the lead role from hero to villain for one of the movie’s biggest stars, recreation of a 100-year-old town, the hiring of dozens of Osage extras, a pandemic shut down, and finally a premiere at the Cannes Film Festival in France to rave reviews and a nine-minute standing ovation.

Is it worth the hype? The 3½ hour, \$200 million answer is yes.

This is a director at the top of his game who humbly realized the story he originally meant to tell — about the White savior FBI coming into town to find the killers and clean up the murders — wasn’t the story

he wanted to tell.

“After a certain point, I realized I was making a movie about all the White guys,” Scorsese said in an interview with Deadline. “Meaning I was taking the approach from the outside in, which concerned me.”

By then, Scorsese had already signed on for the film, an adaptation of David Grann’s national bestseller about the Osage Reign of Terror, and had brought in actor Leonardo DiCaprio, with whom he had worked in “The Wolf of Wall Street,” “Shutter Island” and “The Departed.”

DiCaprio was originally set to play an FBI agent, but just before filming began in Spring 2021, Scorsese decided to change the focus of the film away from the detectives and on to the true story of an interracial couple, Mollie and Ernest Burkhardt.

DiCaprio instead played Ernest, who is brought to Osage territory by his scheming rancher uncle, William Hale, played pitch-perfect by Robert DeNiro. Ernest marries Osage member Mollie, played by

Lily Gladstone, to get her oil head rights, but falls in love and has several children with her.

That complicates his murderous intent, and keeps her in denial for years, even though during their courtship she slyly tells her sister, “Coyote wants money.”

It’s only during his trial for his involvement with other murders that she realizes the devastating truth. Coyote wanted money enough to kill her and her community for it.

Tribal input

One of the remarkable things about the film is in the details of the sets, costuming, language and ceremonies.

For that, Marianne Bower, producer, researcher, and lead historian for director Scorsese’s Sikelia Productions, stepped in. Bower and the production team traveled to Pawhuska, Oklahoma, where the film was shot, to meet with the Osage Nation.

“Going into it, we knew we would have to have people working with us who were of that culture,” Bower told ICT. “I start my work once a draft of a script is in pretty

good space. Marty and the writer Eric Roth got a sense of the kind of the information that they were still looking for, and a lot of it was just related to Osage life, Osage customs and so on.”

Bower went to Oklahoma for the first time, collecting as much research in the area as she could from museums, archives, libraries, and the Oklahoma History Center and Cowboy Museum. She needed textiles and room designs and clothing that would have been worn at various events and ceremonies by the characters.

“The other aspect of that trip also was to meet with consultants on Osage life, which includes language, costumes, and dwelling structure,” Bower said. “One of the first things Marty said was ‘We need to show how people move, how people behave. We need to include Osage people so that we know if people are behaving and saying things that would be appropriate for an Osage person.’”

John Williams, a senior advisor for Osage Chief Standing Bear, played an

important role as a cultural consultant for the film, she said.

“I could just sit with him and chat over aspects of the script or scenes and he could help explain to me the customs, what meaning was behind them, certain funeral aspects or the baby-naming ceremonies, so that I really could understand those things,” she said.

Bower says the pandemic shutdown, which delayed filming at one point, helped her timewise, as she spent it collecting material and meeting people as the script kept developing. Through the National Archives and the Tribal Council meeting notes, she got actual transcripts of what happened in meetings and trials.

“That is just such rich material,” she said, of the transcripts, “for the actors as well as Marty and the writers, because you’re hearing people speak in their own voices, which can be very rare for something that takes place 100 years ago.”

Unusual visuals such as Mollie wearing a red-and-
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StrongHearts Native Helpline Announces New Positions

EAGAN, Minn., October 23, 2023 – StrongHearts Native Helpline is hiring two key positions Deputy Executive Officer and Quality Assurance Manager as part of recently awarded grants from the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Victims of Crime and the Department of Health and Human Services.

The goal is to enhance or expand the capacity and infrastructure of StrongHearts to provide support and advocacy using a culturally appropriate, trauma-informed and survivor-centered approach with a layer of safety and sovereignty as a confidential and anonymous helpline.

“We are growing and excited for what the future holds,” said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “These new positions will enhance the training curriculum for our advocates and develop an improvement plan that comes with assessing our work as trailblazers. As the first national helpline designed by and for Native Americans we intend to provide our advocates with the tools needed to ensure their continued success and sustain our work for years to come.”

As a fully remote organization, these jobs are offered nationwide. As a culturally appropriate helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, applicants must have experience working with Native communities and an understanding of Tribal culture and tradition.

For complete job descriptions of the Deputy Executive Officer and Quality Assurance Manager visit StrongHearts website at www.strongheartshelpline.org. Benefits include competitive pay, generous vacation package and after two months of full time employment eligible for 100 percent employer-paid health insurance. A retirement plan is available after one year.

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MADISON – Two Wisconsin Local Food Purchase Assistance (WI LFPA) Program grants are accepting applications through November 22, 2023. These two grants, the Direct-to-Farmer grant and the Community Partners grant, are funded through a cooperative agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service. To apply, visit wifood.org.

Direct-to-Farmer Grant

Grants ranging from \$5,000 to \$25,000 will be available for Wisconsin farm businesses. Contracts will include price agreements for pre-season projected products, pre-season payment schedules, product quality, as well as procurement and distribution procedures. The Direct-to-Farmer grant will be administered by Marbleseed. For additional information on the Direct-to-Farmer grant, email info@marbleseed.org.

Community Partners Grant






Projects from \$30,000 to \$300,000 will be awarded through a competitive grant process for non-profit and community organizations to purchase Wisconsin-grown, raised, or minimally-processed food to distribute at no cost to underserved communities in Wisconsin. The Community Partners grant is administered by DATCP. For additional information on the Community Partner grant, email katie.kracht@wisconsin.gov.

DATCP will host an informational webinar on the Direct-to-Farmer grant and the Community Partners grant at 11 a.m. on October 20, 2023. To register, visit <https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJltf-itrTkuHJHbRjBdKb8mr8aLoQ0NkM>.

About the WI LFPA Program

DATCP has a cooperative agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service for the WI LFPA Program. The program aims to strengthen local food systems, support Wisconsin farmers, and distribute fresh nutritious foods to underserved communities.

DATCP is collaboratively working with producers, distributors, food security organizations, and tribal partners to provide program development, coordinate transportation and logistics, and procure food from local producers through partnership with [Marbleseed](http://Marbleseed.org), [Wisconsin Farmers Union](http://WisconsinFarmersUnion.org), and the [Wisconsin Food Hub Cooperative](http://WisconsinFoodHubCooperative.org). For more information on the WI LFPA Program, visit wifood.org.



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“Dead and dying ash trees are structurally weaker than healthy trees, so they are not safe places to put deer stands,” said Bill McNee, DNR Forest Health Specialist. “In many cases, it can be hard to tell if a tree has been infested by emerald ash borer, so hunters should place deer stands in other types of trees instead.”

Tree stand accidents are the leading cause of serious injury to deer hunters. Research shows one in four bowhunters have experienced a fall or near-fall from an elevated stand.

Basic Rules Of Tree Stand Safety

No matter the type of tree stand, follow these basic safety rules:

- Always wear a full-body harness, also known as a fall-arrest system. Connect to your tether line and keep your tether line short. The tether is designed to keep you in the seat, not to catch you after you fall.
- Always have three points of contact while climbing into and out of the tree stand, including two hands and one foot or two feet and one hand at all times.
- Always use a haul line to raise and lower your unloaded firearm or bow into and out of the stand. You can also use the haul for other things like a heavy backpack.

- Use a lifeline when climbing up and down, this keeps you connected from the time you leave the ground to the time you get back down.

Additional tree stand safety information is available on the DNR’s tree stand safety webpage. Hunters can also participate in the Tree Stand Manufacturers Safety Course. The free, interactive course takes just 15 minutes to complete yet contains valuable, potentially life-saving information.

How To Identify Ash Trees

Ash trees can be identified through two key features: opposite branching patterns where two branches come off the main stem directly across from each other and compound leaves with 5-11 leaflets.

More information on ash trees and how to identify them is available on the UW-Madison’s Department of Entomology Emerald Ash Borer in Wisconsin webpage.


Avoid Spreading Forest Pests And Diseases

When traveling for hunting season, obtain firewood close to where it will be burned. This will reduce the chance of spreading tree-killing insects and diseases such as emerald ash borer, spongy moth and oak wilt.

Dry firewood with loose bark has

the lowest risk of spreading harmful insects or diseases. Purchasing certified firewood is another option, as it is widely available and is seasoned or treated to eliminate pests and diseases. Bundles of certified firewood have a printed label showing certification.

More information about emerald ash borer, signs and symptoms of infestation and where this pest has been found is available on the DNR website.



It is important to place and maintain tree stands carefully as you prepare for this upcoming hunting season. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

Entrepreneurship powers women’s wealth equity, job creation in Wisconsin

By Geri Sanchez Aglipay

Women make an average of 84 cents an hour for every dollar paid to men, and women accumulate 32% of the wealth men generate. Pay disparities are pronounced for women of color – Black, Native American, Latina and Hispanic, Asian American— as well as women with disabilities and those with child and elder care responsibilities.

However, entrepreneurship is a significant labor solution that can close the gender wealth gap. In October, we recognize National Women’s Small Business Month and the 12 million women-owned small businesses nationwide who employ over 10 million workers.

Under the Biden Harris Administration, women are leading the historic small business start-up boom with more than 157,000 woman-owned companies in Wisconsin generating over \$7.8 million in payroll per Census data. As jobs are created, women’s opportunities for economic equality increase.

Current federal investments in America’s infrastructure, small businesses, and workforce from the landmark CHIPS and Science Act and the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law help advance women’s labor force equality in the Badger state. With the traditional sectors, new collar industries, R&D industries related to energy independence, and the

resurging skilled trades – including a whopping 35% increase of women in manufacturing – Wisconsin female entrepreneurs are essential for an inclusive economy that also considers how care systems support working women.

Healthcare and social services are number one industry for women owners nationwide, as represented by Marthia Bell, owner of Living Made Easy and the 2023 Wisconsin SBA District Director Awardee who homes serves families in the Greater Milwaukee area. The second ranked industry for women-owned businesses is the professional, scientific, and technical sector as exemplified by CONovate scientist entrepreneur Carol Hirschmugl. Carol utilized an SBA SBIR grant for her nanomaterials operations to improve lithium battery performance.

As SBA Regional Administrator it’s meaningful to witness how diverse Wisconsin women small business owners catalyze the state’s economy and influence job and financial security for themselves and their employees.

Yet obstacles persist that reduce women’s wealth building opportunities. It’s why the Biden Harris administration champions women’s access to capital and credit. Equity is a top priority for SBA Administrator Isabella Guzman. She’s committed to resources, services, advocacy and technology that help

women overcome historic barriers and exercise their rights to own a business and strengthen equitable fair market competition. Under Administrator Guzman’s leadership, SBA Women’s Business Centers are now in every state, DC and Puerto Rico.

Investing in America as a whole-of-government under President Biden means women can learn a skilled trade from a Labor Department apprenticeship, and work with the SBA Wisconsin District Office for an SBA-backed loan or credit line,

plus no-cost counseling to hang their own shingle. Women forge economic opportunities, and since part of October is Hispanic Heritage month – notably Latinas, Hispanic women open businesses six times faster than other groups.

I invite the community and stakeholders to partner with the SBA and enhance women small business owner’s equitable paths to wealth equality. For help with Wisconsin women small businesses, contact the SBA Wisconsin District Office.



Owner Marthia Bell of Living Made Easy (center) at ribbon cutting ceremony of new building after receiving the Wisconsin 2023 District Director Award by Eric Ness, District Director of SBA Wisconsin (right). With Geri Aglipay, Regional Administrator (left)



The Poeh Cultural Center Proudly Presents A Youth Push Pin Exhibit “What It’s Like to Be Me”

PUEBLO OF POJOAQUE, N.M. - The Poeh Cultural Center is proud to present “What It’s Like to Be Me,” a youth push pin exhibit that showcases the creativity and perspective of young artists. The exhibit will open on November 8, 2023, from 4 pm - 6 pm at the Poeh Cultural Center located at 78 Cities of Gold Road, Santa Fe, NM.

The exhibit features push pin artwork limited to 24” by 24” created by talented young artists from the area. The theme of the exhibit, “What It’s Like to Be Me,” encourages artists under the age of 18 to express themselves through their art, showcasing their unique perspectives and experiences.

Visitors to the exhibit can expect to see a range of unique and creative pieces, each providing a glimpse into the creative minds of the young artists from the community. An activity table supplied with arts and crafts materials will allow visitors to create their artwork on-site.

“This will be a wonderful event for the youth of our community,” said Daniel McCoy, the Poeh’s Entrepreneurship Manager and organizer. “Creating art, whatever medium it may be, is an activity that can enhance one’s life for the better. I encourage everyone to bring their creations to the Poeh.”

Artwork can be delivered to the Poeh Cultural Center Monday-Friday, from 10 am – 5 pm, before the exhibit or during the opening reception. All visual/written art is welcome, including painting, drawing, photography, digital art or poetry. 3D art must be ready to hang.

The exhibit will be on display from November 8, 2023, to January 12, 2024, at the Poeh Cultural Center. Admission is free, and all members of the community are welcome to attend. For more information about the exhibit, please contact Daniel McCoy at dmccoy@pojoaque.org, or 505-455-3533.

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Business Department

DATE:

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TO:

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FROM:

Scott Marecek, Business Analyst *SM*

CC:

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RE:

Ho-Chunk Theater Progress Update

The following updates are for the Ho-Chunk Theater in Tomah, Wisconsin. Work is being coordinate to tentatively reopen the theater in summer 2024.

- Treasury has established accounts based on the funding that was approved by the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Treasury has provided line items that Department of Business can voucher against for expenses related to the Theater.
- Separate RFP's for the roof and HVAC have been issued and vendor walkthroughs were completed last week. A total of five vendors attended the walkthrough and plan to provide bids. Responses are due October 13, 2023 and selection will be made by the end of the month. Based on current vendor availability, the bulk of the roof and HVAC work will be completed in the spring.
- Department of Business has coordinated with Ho-Chunk Gaming - Tomah Maintenance to conduct regular trash pickup at the two trash cans at the front of the theater building.

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Questions? Call the Energy Assistance Grant Specialist
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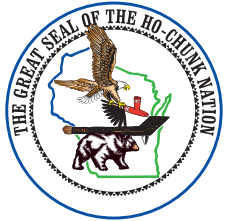
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Members who wish to have immunizations such as the COVID vaccine, flu shot, etc... can obtain the vaccines at the Ho-Chunk Clinics, at your primary care physician and also at your local pharmacy.

Since COVID vaccines have not yet arrived at all providers, we suggest contacting your physician or pharmacy to verify when the COVID vaccine supply will arrive at their facility. Expected delivery of the COVID vaccine at all locations may take up to 6 weeks.

Flu shots are also starting to arrive at providers so we would also suggest contacting the provider to verify availability.

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Dates: November 6 – January 31, 2024
Time: Monday and Friday, 9:45 – 10:45 AM
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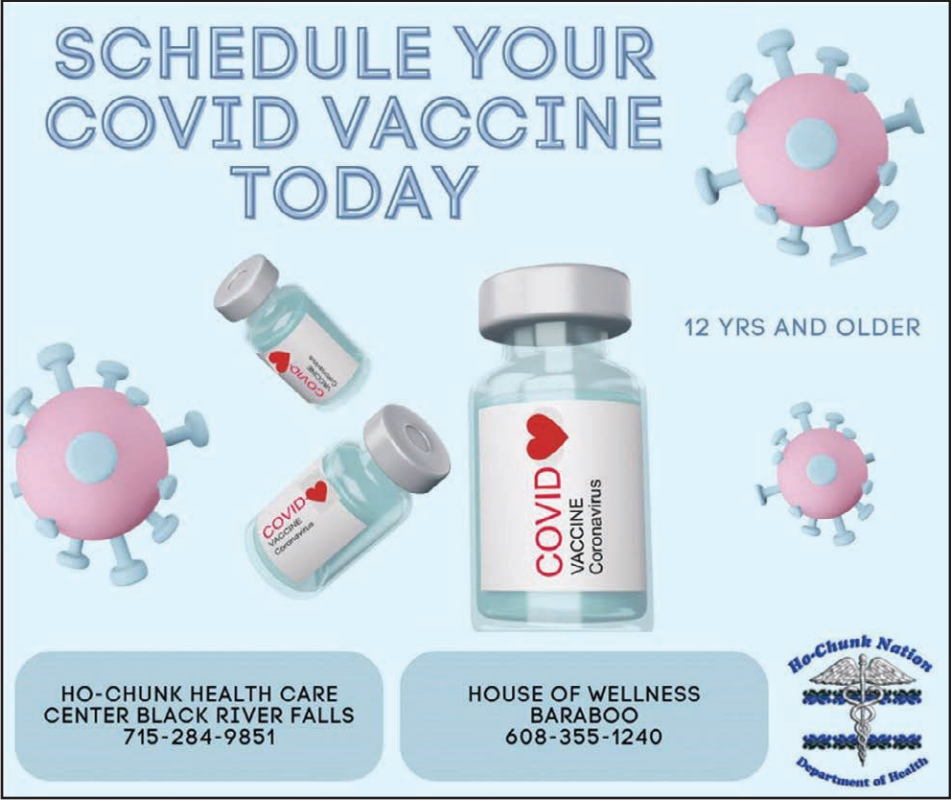
Tuesday November 21st
Thursday November 30th
Tuesday December 5th

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COOKING CLASS

Teejop Hocira
Madison Branch Office
4724 Tradewinds Parkway
Madison, 53718

*Wednesday,
November 1st
4:30-6:00pm*

Featured Recipes:
Squash and Bison Chili
Homemade Tortilla Chips
Apple Salad
Pumpkin Pudding

To register, please contact Kyla Ripp at kyla.ripp@ho-chunk.com or 608-355-1240 ext. 35554

Autumn Cooking Class

In Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo

Tuesday November 7, 2023
4:30 - 6:30 PM
House of Wellness
S2845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI
(Meet in the kitchen off the Atrium)

Featured Recipes:
White Turkey Chili
Butternut Squash Quick Bread
Cranberry Salad

For questions or to register, please contact Alex Richeson at alex.richeson@ho-chunk.com or 1-888-685-4422 Ext. 35511

Sampling will follow the class!

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING NOTICE
NOVEMBER 3, 2023
9:00 A.M.

Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health
N 9850 Airport Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615





**HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**



**MEETING NOTICE
HEALTH ACCREDITATION BOARD
MEETING**

Friday, November 17, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
Eileen Decorah Conference Room
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615

*Virtual Option also available via WebEx
Please contact Stanley WhiteEagle Jr. for Virtual meeting information.
715-284-9851 ext. 35105
Email: Stanley.WhiteEagleJr@ho-chunk.com*

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
N6520 Lumberjack Guy Road
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Ph. 715-284-9851 FAX 715-284-5150

House of Wellness
52845 White Eagle Rd
Baraboo, WI 53913
Ph. 888-552-7889 FAX 608-355-9643

DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL BRF AREA MEETING
Tribal Office Building
W9814 Airport Road, Black River Falls, WI 54615
Wednesday, November 8, 2023
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON WAUSUA AREA MEETING
Northcentral Technical College
1000 W. Campus Dr., Wausau, WI 54401
Room E102
Tuesday, November 14, 2023
5:30 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com
rodney.rave@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 10/24/23



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DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE
724 Main Street, La Crosse, WI
MONDAY, November 13, 2023 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING
28370 Epinal Avenue, Tomah, WI
TUESDAY, November 14, 2023 6:00PM

BARABOO/MI DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS COMMUNITY BUILDING
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI
WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2023 6:00PM

ALL AREA MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON THIS MONTH

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339
REP. KRISTIN K. WHITE EAGLE kristin.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (608) 477-3007
REP. ROBERT FUNMAKER robert.funmaker@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-7723
LEGISLATIVE AIDE, Damian Thundercloud damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (800) 294-9343, Ext. 11151
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DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2023 | 6:00 PM
GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | 6:00 PM
MADISON | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2023 | 6:00 PM
WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 5:30 PM
MILWAUKEE | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | 6:30 PM

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Ho-Chunk Nation Language and Culture Committee

MEETING NOTICE

Language & Culture Committee
Regular (Hybrid) Meeting
Friday, November 3, 1:30pm

Language Classroom, 2nd Fl.
District 1 Community Center
N7261 Warrior Ave, Black River Falls, WI 54615

Via Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86944010322?pwd=cUNuRlZFT3g3akRKOVllcFICd3E5UT09>
Meeting ID: 869 4401 0322
Passcode: 271450

Contact: Adrienne Thunder, Chair
Adrienne.thunder@ho-chunk.com

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING NOTICE

IN PERSON /VIRTUAL Chicago AREA MEETING
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60630
Monday, November 13, 2023
6:00 p.m.

IN PERSON/ Virtual Twin Cities AREA MEETING
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104
Thursday, November 16, 2023
6:00 p.m.

For WebEx information please contact:
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HO-CHUNK NATION
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Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Opinion

REGARDING
RESOLUTIONS
APPROVED AT
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023
HO-CHUNK NATION
GENERAL COUNCIL
MEETING

Introduction.

According to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, the General Council retains the power to set policy for the Nation. Policy is what a body politic chooses to do, or not do, regarding a particular issue or problem. It is an expression of the goals of the Nation and the desired actions to be taken by the government. Policy sets forth principles for the government to aspire towards, and to guide decision-making.

Each resolution discussed below sets forth policy determinations adopted by the General Council. Still, actions taken by government to meet these goals must abide by the laws of the Nation. The purpose of these opinions is to identify the policy positions expressed in each resolution, and discuss what laws must be considered for proper decision-making to occur.

The following five (5) resolutions were approved by a quorum of the General Council and are discussed individually.

Resolution 09.16.2023 - F: Setting Forth the Rights of Nature Policy and Implementation Plan.

Quorum = 1,261
Yes - 1,010;
No - 236;
Abstain - 148
Total = 1,394

General Council Policy:

The Resolution language adopts a policy goal to create a Ho-Chunk Nation environmental protection program that will be enforceable within the ancestral lands of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The purpose of this law is to protect Nature against harms. And a goal of the law is to protect at least one species, or body of water, which is in imminent threat of harm or destruction within the coming year. To attain this goal the General Council approved the education of tribal members, and required input be obtained from all tribal members to assist legislative enactment of this policy. The General Council wants annual funding allocations for this purpose to begin the 2024-2025 fiscal year, and wants the Nation to secure full faith and credit from tribal, federal, and state governments regarding program laws that will be enacted. The Resolution mandates the Ho-Chunk

Nation Legislature to legislate and launch an environmental protection program and hire competent staff within 12 months.

Discussion:

The General Council directive to create such a program is well within the authority of the General Council. However, the General Council does not have the authority to mandate a time frame for legislative action, nor does it have authority to set hiring qualifications, or mandate funding allocations. The authority to legislate, and the authority to create the processes to legislate, were delegated to the Legislature by the General Council. The authority to handle matters related to hiring of personnel was given to the Legislature and specifically excepted from review powers by the General Council. Lastly, the authority to authorize expenditures and appropriate funds in an annual budget was given to the Legislature.

After applying these constitutional authorizations, the policy instruction that remains is the directive to develop an environmental program that protects Nature on ancestral Ho-Chunk lands, educates and includes tribal members, and targets and enforces protection of specific resources that are in imminent threat of harm. This mandate needs to be complied with. As does the directive to secure full faith and credit as integral parts of the program. The Legislature will need to take steps to meet this goal.

It is of interest, and mentioned here only as an example for consideration, that the Legislature has proven its' ability to use its own legislative powers and processes to advance a similar policy directive of the General Council in the past. In September 2015 the General Council adopted a Resolution seeking the establishment of a Department of Natural Resources. In October 2015, the Legislature responded by creating a workgroup to plan for the creation of a Department of Natural Resources. In August 2016, the Legislature placed a draft Department of Natural Resources Establishment Act out for review. Two (2) months later the Legislature passed the Department of Natural Resources Establishment Act into law, attaining the goal desired by the General Council. That past action was accomplished in twelve (12) months. Twelve (12) months is the same time frame proposed in the Implementation Plan adopted by this Resolution.

Recommendation:

Because the General Council

policy directive is clear and lawful regarding the purpose of and desire for an environmental program, the Legislature must take action to move toward the policy goals expressed in the Resolution.

Resolution 09.16.2023 - G: To Modify the Blood Degree of Each and Every person of Ho-Chunk Nation Indian Blood Who was Duly enrolled in the Ho-Chunk Nation on December 1st, 1999, Will now be Considered a Full-Blood or 4/4 Blood Degree.

Quorum -1,261
Yes -783;
No -572;Abstain -79
Total= 1,434

General Council Policy:

The Resolution language adopts a policy to modify the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. The modification desired is to add language to the statute which declares the blood degree of each and every person of Ho-Chunk Nation

Indian blood who was duly enrolled in the Ho-Chunk Nation on December 31, 1999, will now be considered a full-blood, or 4/4 blood degree.

Discussion:

During the General Council meeting, proponents of the Resolution expressed their desire to provide descendants of Ho-Chunk members access to benefits and services they might not otherwise be able to access. There were also statements made from which one could infer this policy was favored in order to increase the longevity of the Nation's membership.

The proponent of the resolution stated she was "trying to figure out a way o help some of our young children that are not enrolled or are not enrolled to be eligible for enrollment. So that's what this resolution is about...., and I really feel like our Constitution kind of affects our young children who are not eligible for enrollment, not only for school supplies. I know that I talked to parents who state that when their child is going to the system, that if they're not a quarter Ho-Chunk or eligible for enrollment, they won't receive that. And I don't think it's fair for that child. That's why I think as Ho-Chunks, they say love one another, so that was why this resolution was done. I'm hoping that, you know, we would consider it for those children and those young people that are not eligible for enrollment or don't meet the qualifications for being enrolled. So that's my motion to help those children." Another speaker suggested the action would extend the life-

blood of Nation membership for more generations.

The intent of the resolution seems clear, but the means to accomplish this goal, are not. The question is, what authority exists to require the actions directed?

Initially, the Resolution "authorizes" the President to propose a Resolution to the Legislature on behalf of the General Council to amend the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code. Though the President may make recommendations to the Legislature on matters of interest or benefit to the Nation; or propose legislation to the Legislature; he does not have the authority to enact a law meeting the desires of the General Council. Lacking law-making authority, any declaration of the General Council policy by Presidential resolution would be unenforceable. Only the Legislature has the authority to enact a law that conforms to the intent of the Resolution. And, no matter what form that law might take, that law must be consistent with the other laws of the Nation.

In regard to laws that govern Ho-Chunk Membership, the Constitution clearly states the Legislature has the power to enact such laws so long as those laws are not inconsistent with the constitutional language of Article II of the Constitution.

Article II. Section 5. Membership Code. The Legislature shall have the power to enact laws ***not inconsistent*** with the Article to govern membership.[emphasis provided]

A law enacted by the Legislature that strays from this constitutional footing would be subject to being declared invalid, or perhaps, unconstitutional. Consider what is being requested. If the Legislature enacts a law allowing an enrolled tribal member who has 1/4 blood quantum the ability to enroll his or her child who has 1/8 blood quantum, then the Legislature has passed a law which is inconsistent with the Membership requirements set forth in the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Article II. Section 1. Requirements. The following persons shall be eligible for **membership** in the Ho-Chunk Nation, provided, that such persons are not enrolled members of any other Indian nation:

(b)All descendants of persons listed in Section 1 (a), **provided, that such persons are at least one fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood.** [emphasis

provided]

Under the current laws of the Nation, a Ho-Chunk Member must have at least one fourth (1/4) Ho-Chunk blood. Any law allowing otherwise, is inconsistent with the constitutional requirement for membership.

Some may contend that if the law is enacted to make that 1/4 blood member a 4/4 blood member, then his or her child will be a 1/2 blood member and the law would not be inconsistent with the constitutional language. However, you cannot legislate away or create a person's physical attribute. For instance, one cannot by statute declare that a person with brown eyes, has green eyes, and expect that law to be proven true if challenged. This is the problem faced when hoping to legislate the physical reality of blood quantum. The Legislature does not have the ability to write a law that ignores the blood quantum records maintained by the Nation, which are used to meet the Membership requirements set forth in the Constitution, and expect that law to be upheld as consistent with the current law. The Membership language of the Constitution needs to be changed first, if this policy goal to create membership status for Ho-Chunk descendants who possess less than 1/4 Ho-Chunk blood, is to be realized.

However, though I believe the General Council policy seeks creation of a law that is, for now, inconsistent with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation, there may be the means to change how descendants of tribal members are recognized and treated. Exploring these possibilities might aid meeting the goals favored by the General Council. The Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code already has language which could be helpful to assist children and descendants of members. "Applicants who do not meet the requirements of enrollment, but have proven ancestry and parentage, shall be determined to qualify as being a Descendant and will be granted a Certificate of Descendancy". This Certificate could be used by descendants to access those benefits that to this point in time were accessible only to Ho-Chunk members. This would be for the Legislature to consider.

As stated above, the intent of the policy, to aid in providing services, to sustain the Ho-Chunk culture, and to perpetuate Ho-Chunk existence seems clear. But, should the Legislature adopt a law approving membership based upon a change of degree of Ho-Chunk blood, that action would be inconsistent

with the existing Membership language of the Constitution.

Recommendation:

To meet the policy goals expressed by the General Council in a manner consistent with the current laws of the Nation, the Legislature could amend existing statutes and existing policies to assist descendants. Otherwise, a Constitutional Election could be requested.

Resolution 09.16.2023 - H: To Reverse SU21-04 and Remand the Case Back to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court with the Explicit Instruction that all Property Purchased with Per Capita Shall not be Divisible Property and Further that it is Contrary to that Interest to Consider the Value of that Property when Dividing Property and Therefore Cannot be Given Consideration in Determining the Division of Assets or Equity and that doing so does not Secure our rights, Advance the General Welfare, Safeguard our Interests, Sustain our Culture, Promote our Traditions and Perpetuate our Existence, as Defined within the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Quorum = 1,261
Yes - 716;
No - 243;
Abstain - 258
Total=1,217*

General Council Approved Action: To reverse SU21-04.

Discussion and recommendation:

The General Council retains the power to review and reverse decisions of the Judiciary which interpret actions of the Legislature. In this instance, the General Council reversed a decision of the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court. The Supreme Court decided the Trial Court Judge did not abuse his discretion when rendering a divorce judgment that involved both a custody and a property division determination.

Though the General Council has the power to reverse certain judicial decisions, it does not have the power to *remand* the case back to the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. The power to remand a court decision is retained by the Judiciary under Article VII of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. “The judicial power of the Ho-Chunk Nation shall be vested in the Judiciary.” Also, the General Council cannot tell the judiciary how to decide a case. That also is a power that is vested in the judiciary alone. The General Council authority extends only to review and reversal. It does not extend to telling the judiciary how a reversal is to be accomplished.

Recommendation:

I recommend a Petition or motion be filed with the Ho-Chunk Nation Supreme Court by the proponent of the Resolution, so a written, complete, and permanent record may be made regarding

the matter. This request should seek an Order of the Supreme Court complying with the intent of the General Council and for any further actions the Supreme Court deems necessary. This will allow the Supreme Court to take action according to rules it has established for the Judiciary, and to consider the enforceability of the Resolution. It should also allow the Supreme Court to determine if the decision being reversed is one that interpreted and action of the Legislature.

Because all branches of the Ho-Chunk Nation government have an interest in the outcome of this matter, it is suggested the Department of Justice be served notice of any filings made with the Court by the proponent of the Resolution.

General Council Policy:

The Resolution language adopts a policy that declares all property purchased with Per Capita shall not be divisible property, nor shall such property be given consideration in determining the division of assets or equity,in a divorce proceeding brought under the Ho-Chunk Nation Divorce and Custody Ordinance. The Resolution also directs the Nation’s rules be amended whenever a Court becomes aware that current laws do not provide adequate guidance for decision making.

Discussion:

The policy goal demands the protection of per capita money when an issue of property division is presented to the Ho-Chunk Trial Court in a divorce proceeding. The law at issue is Section 8.d. of the Divorce and Custody Ordinance which states:

- d. Property Division....
(1) Except as provided in paragraph (2), below,any property shown to have been acquired by either party prior to or during the course of the marriage in any of the following ways shall remain the property of that party and is not subject to a property division under this paragraph e.
(a) A gift from a person other than the other party.
(b) By reason of the death of another, including, but not limited to life insurance proceeds; payments made under a deferred employment benefit plan, of an individual retirement account; a property acquired by right of survivorship, by a trust distribution, by bequest or inheritance or by a payable on death or a transfer in death arrangement.
(c) With funds acquired in a manner under paragraphs (a) or (b), above.
(d) *A per capita or other payment received by a party other than the spouse.* [emphasis provided]

Recommendation:

Though the General Council did not specifically direct the Legislature to amend the law set out above, the Legislature should consider taking

actions that meet the General Council desire to protect Per Capita and not subject it to property division under the Nation’s Divorce and Custody Ordinance.

Also, the Legislature should consider how it will respond to notice from the Judiciary that the laws of the Nation fail to provide adequate guidance for decision making.

Resolution 09-16-2023 - I: Reclaiming Traditional Territory

Quorum = 1,261
Yes - 1,060;
No - 122
Abstain - 158
Total=1,340

General Council Policy:

The Resolution language adopts a policy goal which seeks to adopt a new territorial definition for the Ho-Chunk Nation, and identifies the goal of management and control of lands,water, nature, and wildlife within the proposed territorial area, which was identified in the Resolution as the Moraje Map (Circa 2014). This Resolution seeks to amend Article 1. Section 1. of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Discussion:

The Office of General Council provided this Resolution and signed General Council Meeting Minutes to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board on October 2, 2023. The Resolution calls for a Secretarial Election. The Meeting Minutes contained the vote count for the Resolution. The count indicated the full number of voters at the General Council, and the tally of those in favor, opposing, abstaining, and not voted.

Constitutional Elections are conducted according to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code. These elections are administered by the Election Board. Upon receipt of the proposed amendment, the Board will verify that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the proposed constitutional amendment. If the proposed amendment is certified by the Election Board, the Attorney General will be given thirty (30) days in which to formulate an Attorney General’s Opinion regarding the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. The Attorney General’s Opinion will then be posted in the Nation’s newsletter for two consecutive printings along with the text of the proposed Amendment. The Constitutional Election process would proceed according to law and the amendment might be approved if a majority of at least 30% of the Nation’s eligible voters,vote in favor of the proposed amendment.

Recommendation:

Have the Secretarial Election process proceed according to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code. If the proposed constitutional amendment is adopted, then further action in line with the adopted

policy directives set forth in the Resolution should be undertaken.

Resolution 09.16.2023 - J: A Resolution to Request Secretarial Election to Permit Enrollment by Minors and Others that Meet Blood Quantum and DNA Requirements But Were Previously Enrolled in Other Indian Tribes and Have Relinquished.

Quorum = 1,261
Yes - 630;
No - 584;
Abstain - 163
Total = 1,377

General Council Policy:

The Resolution language adopts two (2) policy goals.

The **first policy goal** seeks to amend Article II, Section 1(d)of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation by adding the following *italicized and underscored* language:

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

The **second policy goal** is a directive to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Enrollment and Membership Code. The proposed amendment would allow the sponsor of a minor’s enrollment application the right to continued access to enrollment process information after the minor becomes an adult.

Discussion: Regarding request for Secretarial Election. (first policy goal)

The Office of General Council provided this Resolution and signed General Council Meeting Minutes to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board on October 2, 2023. The Resolution calls for a Secretarial Election. The Meeting Minutes contained the vote count for the Resolution. The count indicated the full number of voters at the General Council, and the tally of those in favor, opposing, abstaining, and not voted.

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Recommendation: (first policy goal)

Have the Secretarial Election process proceed according to the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Code.

Discussion: Regarding directive to amend Enrollment and Membership Code. (2nd policy goal)

A person’s right to privacy would likely be considered a fundamental right protected by the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation. The ability to determine what another person can know about you, should be beyond the reach of governmental legislation. Every person is free to exercise control over what they want to let others know about themselves, unless there exists at least some compelling governmental interest that makes it necessary to adopt a law that restricts or removes that right. In this case, the policy direction requested is to pass a law allowing the sponsor of a minor’s enrollment application, continuing access to the enrollment information of the applicant, after the minor becomes an adult.

Currently, the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code specifically protects information received and maintained by the Office of Tribal Enrollment as confidential information.

Recommendation:(2nd policy goal)

It is my opinion there is no compelling government reason to pass a law requiring an adult whose enrollment application was submitted by a sponsor when they were a minor, to have their enrollment information accessible by that sponsor. I believe adopting a law stating such would be challengeable as a violation of the Bill of Rights. It is for the Legislature to consider whether or not the proposed amendment to the Tribal Enrollment and Membership Code can fulfill a compelling government interest.

This Opinion consisting of 13 pages is respectfully submitted this 16th day of October, 2023.



William F. Gardner
Attorney General of the Ho-Chunk Nation

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gold British military coat at her wedding were authentic, as Bower found out the tribe had gotten the coats through early trade and liked them so much they incorporated them into ceremonies.

Bower and Scorsese were invited to a formal meal with the Osage, who showed up in traditional tribal clothing and served a traditional meal.

“They got up and spoke and expressed their concern, told some stories of their own relatives as it relates to the story,” she said. “But at the end of the evening, after we had shared a meal and heard from them, they got up and they started giving us gifts. It was just very moving.”

Chad Renfro, an Osage architect/designer who works with the tribe, was asked to be the chief designated media ambassador for the film.

“I was trying to work with Hollywood when I heard about the film being made and invited Imperative Entertainment here,” Renfro told ICT. “A deal was made, and I was named ambassador. I began working with the producers as a consultant on our language and our culture. A lot of the work that I did was behind the scenes, just keeping everybody connected to the community as much as we could and making sure that if there were any questions or anything that anybody needed, I was there to make that happen.”

He said the filmmakers listened and learned.

“They raised the bar really high for that film going forward,” Renfro said. “I don’t think it will be the historical case, where they

took one consultant or two consultants and went off somewhere else to film. We had a very large part. We were given a lot of room to make sure that we were there to see that happen.”

Oscar buzz

The film has already drawn rave reviews and is generating Oscar buzz as a possible contender for a Best Picture Oscar.

Actress Gladstone, Blackfeet, is getting international recognition as a rising star who could get an Oscar nomination. DiCaprio and DeNiro, too, put in stellar performances, as does Tantoo Cardinal, Cree-Métis, who plays Lizzie Q, the matriarch of Mollie’s family.

The dual writer and actor strikes have cut down on promotion for the film, however, since members of the striking organizations are not able to attend red-carpet events or do interviews about the film.

A private, invitation-only screening of the film was held in New York on Sept. 27, with large attendance by the Osage Nation but without the actors. A similar premiere in Los Angeles on Monday, Oct. 16, included Scorsese and writer Eric Roth along with some of the Osage extras, but without DiCaprio, Gladstone or DeNiro because of the strike.

With the film getting wide theatrical release in the U.S. on Oct. 20, however, a number of tribes are hosting special screenings for their communities, including an event on Thursday, Oct. 19, for the Osage Nation at the Liberty Theater in Carnegie, Oklahoma.

Other early screenings on Oct. 19 will be held at the Michigan Theater in Ann Arbor with local tribal members, and at AMC Arrowhead in Glendale, Arizona, with regional tribes.

The Native Reel Cinema Festival and Fort Lauderdale International Film Festival are collaborating to screen the film on Oct. 21 at Cinema Paradiso in Hollywood, Florida, and the Bay Area Native American Community will host a screening at the Lake Theater in Oakland, California, on Oct. 21.

On Thursday, Oct. 26, the Inter-Tribal Council of AT&T Employees will host a screening at the Violet Crown Cinema in Dallas.



SUMMONS
(Second Publication)

IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

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 HOCĀK 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 HOCĀK 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.

ORIGINAL

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Lucinda Vivian Littlesoldier
DOD: 3/18/2023

☐ Amended
Notice to Creditors

Case No. PR 23-05

For Official Use
FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
OCT 04 2023
Clerk of Court / Assistant

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF: Lucinda Vivian Littlesoldier
A *Petition for Probate* was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Trevor Littlesoldier, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is January 12, 2024. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

Mary Thunder
Clerk of Court
Name Printed or Typed
10/04/2023
Date

Form completed by: (Name)
Atty Christian Fox
Address
107 Main Street
PO Box 789
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Telephone
715-284-1234
Bar Number (If any)
17F-20217C-55

PR14, 04/18 Notice to Creditors
§8 HCC 13, HO-CHUNK NATION PROBATE CODE
This form shall not be modified. It may be supplemented with additional material.

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

By or before 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.

NOTICE OF VACANCIES

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

District 1: Primary and Alternate

District 2: Alternate

District 3: Primary and Alternate

District 4: Primary and Alternate

Board members and alternates serve two-year terms and may serve more than one term.

The powers and duties of the Board are as follows:

A. Advise the Division of Veterans Affairs with planning, development, maintenance, and coordination of veterans programs, which focus on providing the Nations veterans with access to services, benefits, and opportunities available through federal, state, and tribal organizations.

B. Review and make recommendations to the President and Legislature on matters affecting the Nations veterans.

C. Promote the views, needs, and concerns of the veterans in tribal, county, state, and federal policies and decisions.

D. Provide information and personal support to individual veterans.

E. Advocate for and report to their respective District veterans.

If you are a veteran interested in serving on the VAAB, please contact the HCN Veterans Affairs office: Randall.Blackdeerii@ho-chunk.com or Lynette.Hopinkah@ho-chunk.com



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

EOPUB 10272023

APPLICANT NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	BLOOD QUANTUM	ANCESTOR	FATHER	MOTHER
1. Cloud, Cyrus Edward	06/08/2020	5/8	John C. Frisk Cloud Mauk E Tak Cha E Kah 1901 – 00150	Ryan Garrett Cloud	Tori Ginger Cleveland
2. Falcon, Summer Sky	06/23/2010	1/2	Thomas Falcon He Wee Chaw Zhau Kay Kah 1881 - 00410	Anthony Martin Falcon	Non-Member
3. Henderson, Malikai Joseph	01/01/2009	79/128	George C. Decorah Wau Pau Kee Noo Ko No Kah 1901 - 00741	Kiefer David Henderson	Krystal Lyn Cloud
4. Henderson, Martina Marie	10/16/2011	79/128	George C. Decorah Wau Pau Kee Noo Ko No Kah 1901 - 00741	Kiefer David Henderson	Krystal Lyn Cloud
5. Natysin, Raymond Edward	09/24/1997	1/4	George Kingsley Pau Hee Kah 1881 - 00357	Non-Indian	Ashley Terese Natysin
6. Natysin, Sara Terese	08/16/2003	1/4	George Kingsley Pau Hee Kah 1881 - 00357		Ashley Terese Natysin
7. Norton, Reilly James	05/21/2010	1/4	Thomas Monegar Chask Chunk Kah 1901 - 00249	Non-Indian	Stephanie Ann Norton
8. Schladweiler, Lola Serenity	08/29/2020	1/4	John Mike Jr. Hay Shon Ke Kaw 1881 - 00103		Paulette Joy Skinner
9. Valenzuela, Vanessa Decorah	11/15/2002	1/4	Ben Decorra Ha Na Kah 1901 - 00258	Non-Indian	Delores Maria Decorah
10. White Eagle, Niko Morgan	10/09/2021	15/32	Floyd Thomas White Eagle Hunk Nik Cha Kah 1901 - 01085	Kyle Justin White Eagle	Venita Lucille White Eagle

I, **Eliza Decorah /s/**, Enrollment Officer for the Ho-Chunk Nation, hereby certify that the above Enrollment Eligibility List is an accurate presentation of enrollment applications reviewed and processed by the Office of Tribal Enrollment. Signed and dated this **23rd day of October, 2023.**



HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
SEPTEMBER 26, 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-EX
- Vacant
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-EX
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- Rep. Danielle DeLong-EX
- Rep. Robert Pilot-EX
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC
- VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED to TABLE** Unfinished Business: B. Gaming Commission Bylaws. Second concurs. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting September 19, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 19, 2023 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

HHCDA

Andrea Estebo, Executive Director of HHCDA was present via video conference and gave a brief update. A written report was received.

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Business

A written report was received.

Department of Education

A written report was received.

Department of Housing

A written report was received.

Department of Labor

A written report was received.

Unfinished Business:

Critical Care

President Jon Greendeer mentioned there are discussion

regarding Tribal Member Services (bereavements), and moving the hotels over to the General Fund.

MOTION by Vice President Karena Thundercloud to refer Tribal Members Services to Finance Commission, and to have a budget modification prepared to add the \$90,000 from Tribal Members Services to the General Fund. Second by Rep Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Commission Bylaws-TABLED at the Approval of the Agenda

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization to Place the Land Consolidation Code out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 A**, Authorization to Place the Land Consolidation Code out for Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Designation of Tribal Official Authorized to Conduct Business with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 B**, Designation of Tribal Official Authorized to Conduct Business with the Bureau of Trust Funds Administration. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for 2023 Elder Summit

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 C**, Authorization for Paid Administrative Leave for 2023 Elder Summit. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of La Grange, Monroe County, WI Ellsworth Road Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of La Grange, Monroe County, WI Ellsworth Road Project. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Millston, Jackson County, WI North Settlement Road Project

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 E**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Millston, Jackson County, WI North Settlement Road Project. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for

the 2023-2024 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 F**, Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Black River Falls School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Second by Vice President Karena Thundercloud. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 G**, Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Tomah School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned the funding for the teacher is coming from Title 6 and Tomah School District, and maybe the other schools could look into this for next year.

Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Dells School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 H**, Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Wisconsin Dells School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Nekoosa School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 I**, Hoocak Waazijja Hacı Language Division Memorandum of Understanding with the Nekoosa School District for the 2023-2024 Academic Year. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Emergency Mitigation Planning Grant

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 J**, Authorization for the Health Department to Apply for the National Indian Health Board Emergency Mitigation Planning Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Assistant III Revised Job Description

Executive Director of Housing John Steindorf presented an Executive Assistant III Revised Job Description.

EDOH Steindorf said there is a dire need to have a second in command, someone who can make sure operations continue while he is away from the office.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud mentioned that a revised job description can only be increased by two (2) paygrades. Executive Director Steindorf will return with a new job description.

Child Support Clerk Revised Job Description

Child Support Specialist Revised Job Description

Child Support Lead Specialist Revised Job Description

Child Support Financial Specialist Revised Job Description

Child Support Director Revised Job Description

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the Child Support Clerk Revised Job Description, Child Support Specialist Revised Job Description, Child Support Lead Specialist Revised Job Description, Child Support Financial Specialist Revised Job Description, Child Support Director Revised Job Description. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Razing of Abandoned Homes and Structures Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 K**, Establishment and Funding of Razing of Abandoned Homes and Structures Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Redistricting

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to request that the Enrollment Office and Realty/ GIS Division work with the Legislature to provide a current map of all Legislative Districts, showing the number of Ho-Chunk eligible voters in each District, as well as eligible voter numbers in counties within Wisconsin, to assist the Legislature as it starts the process of considering Legislative Redistricting under Article V, Section 4 of the Constitution; request that the information be provided by October 2, 2023 to the Vice President, Legislative Counsel, and Legislative Paralegal. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Granting/Denial Gaming License Suitability Waiver for Tyrone Walker

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to move Resolution-Granting/Denial Gaming License Suitability Waiver for Tyrone Walker to Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D2 Ho’uni Xununik – September 19, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Deana Mitch to provide funding to Wild Bearies for vehicle repairs for their donated Mercedes Sprinter with over 100,000 miles in the amount of \$4,805.89.(quote from Zimbrick provided). Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to District 2 Representatives and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Roberta Decorah for District 2 Representative to work with Legal for a MOU between the Ho-Chunk Nation and Wild Bearies. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to also include Department of Justice. Second concurs 7-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Stephanie Begay abstained due to her mother making the motion.*

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. 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:26 a.m.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 11:39 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Release to Open Session:

Resolution-Granting Gaming License Suitability Waiver for Tyrone Walker

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 09-26-23 L**, Granting Gaming License Suitability Waiver for Tyrone Walker. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include to release to Open Session. Second concurs. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 3, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 7-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
OCTOBER 3, 2023

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

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-EX
- Vice President Karena Thundercloud-P
- Rep. Rodney Rave-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
- Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-VC
- Rep. Kristin White Eagle-P (10:03 a.m.) Vacant
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- Rep. Danielle DeLong-VC
- Rep. Robert Pilot-P
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah-VC
- VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:00 a.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda MOVING New Business: A. Great Sauk Trail Project Update before Commission Reports. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kristin White Eagle arrived to the meeting at 10:03 a.m.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-September 26, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 26, 2023 Legislative Meeting Minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Great Sauk State Trail Project Update

Jody Rader, Project Manager and Brian Simmert, Sauk County Land Resources from the Great Sauk Trail Project were in attendance. The project team consisting of Sauk County staff and HKGi consultants have been working to finalize the preliminary route options for the trail to Spirit Lake. A PowerPoint presentation outlined:

- Study Area
- Project Goals
- Project Schedule
- Community Engagement Phase 1
- Draft Route options.

The next step will be for Community Engagement Phase 2. There will be two Open House events at Baraboo Civic Center Gymnasium on October 23, and the Reedsburg Area Chamber of Commerce on

October 24, 2023 from 4-7 p.m.

Commission Reports:

Finance Commission – September 28, 2023

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the September 28, 2023 Finance Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Z Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 A**, Approval of True Increase to Resolution 06-13-23 Z Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 for the Department of Social Services Tribal Aging Unit. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Education Tutor Services Division

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 B**, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Education Tutor Services Division. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 C**, Authorization of Funding from the Tribal Assistance Fund Restricted Account for the Children’s Learning Village Montessori Academy. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-2(Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Stephanie Begay)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from the Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Sauk County Historical Society Chief Yellow Thunder Memorial

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to approve the Resolution, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from the Annual Gaming Compact Payment for the Sauk County Historical Society Chief Yellow Thunder Memorial changing the Gaming Compact to District 2 Community Improvement Fund. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** not to approve or adopt the resolution and just make a **MOTION** for \$5,500.00

to come from Community Improvement Funds, and \$5,500.00 from Charitable Contributions. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep. Kristin White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Reports:

Enrollment Report

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to accept the Enrollment Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to request Enrollment Office to provide information on the processing number of enrollment. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Office of General Council

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Office of General Council Report. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority

A written report was received.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to accept the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Report. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Branch Monthly Reports:

Department of Administration

Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave was present and fielded questions. A written report was received.

Rep. Kristin White Eagle mentioned there was a motion for a Feasibility Study to be done on Three Rivers House in La Crosse. What is the status of that?

Executive Director of Administration Michael Rave said he did a walk through yesterday with the Maintenance General Manager. It is noted there are multiple deficiencies with the structure, one roof top unit, electrical and foundation issues. To properly renovate Three Rivers House it would be approximately \$3 million. There will still be other issues, parking, drop off, and availability to other parts of the property. The preliminary findings suggest finding another location for a new Three Rivers House. The location was suggested would be at Red Cloud Park. EDOA Rave will provide a detailed report within the next few weeks.

Department of Health

Executive Director of Health Kiana Beaudin was present and fielded questions. A written report was received.

Department of Personnel; Insurance

Executive Director of

Personnel Jeriah Rave was present and fielded questions. 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 have Gregory Blackcoon to issue the accurate balance of the once in a life time allocation of Ho-Chunk tribal assistance to each elder.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Nela Stacy to provide a light lunch on Tuesday evening.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Mary Whitegull to approve the 2024 WI Department of Transportation Grant.

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Mary Whitegull to extend the terms of Nela Stacy and Connie Radtke whose terms are up in October 2023. To extend their terms until the EAB terms ae established.

Unfinished Business:

Gaming Commission Bylaws

MOTION by Rep. Kristin White Eagle to TABLE the Gaming Commission Bylaws. Second by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Renewal of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 D**, Ho-Chunk Nation Health Plan Renewal of Stop Loss Insurance Coverage-Option 1. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-1(Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr.)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Legislative Office SOPs

Rep. Stephanie Begay mentioned implementing a deadline for Area Meeting minutes to be turned in by Friday at 3:00 p.m. to the Clerks. There was a few minor changes that were cleaned up in this review.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the revised Legislative Office Standard Operating Procedures. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1941 on Lot #23 of the Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 E**, Cancellation of Lease #1941 on Lot #23 of the Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of

Residential Land Lease on Lot #23 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158 for Fawn Smith & Calista Stumblingbear

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 F**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #23 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158 for Fawn Smith & Calista Stumblingbear. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #4059 on Lot #46 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 G**, Cancellation of Lease #4059 on Lot #46 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #46 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Joseph E. Decorah

MOTION by Rep. Robert Funmaker, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 10-03-23 H**, Authorization of Residential Land Lease on Lot #46 of Indian Heights #439 T 2104 for Joseph E. Decorah. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session:

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

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:36 a.m.

The meeting recess for lunch at 12:01 p.m. for 45 minutes.

Vice President Karena Thundercloud called the Executive Session to order at 12:48. Quorum was established.

Rep. Stephanie Begay is excused for the remainder of the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:57 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah were not online during the vote.*

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to October 11, 2023 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Kristin White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:59 p.m.

Teejop & Beyond: Celebrating Native Nations

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2023



Teejop & Beyond at Madison Public Library welcomes a variety of Native artists, storytellers, and community leaders for a series of programs celebrating Indigenous people in and beyond Teejop (Four Lakes, or Madison). Native folks from different nations will lead programs highlighting both traditional and contemporary practices, stories, and community relationships.

Programs kick off in October following Indigenous Peoples’ Day, and include art workshops, cooking demonstrations, storytelling, presentations on traditional skills and customs, and more! Learn more at the link below:

madpl.org/teejopandbeyond



Upcoming Events

Survive & Thrive: Anxiety and Mental Health

Oct 30, 6:30-7:45pm | Pinney Library

***Black Ash (Demo) and Paper Basketmaking**

Nov 4, 9:30-11am | Meadowridge Library

Ho-Chunk Food Tasting

Nov 4, 1-2:30pm | Alicia Ashman Library

***Multi-generational Beading and Quillwork Bracelet Workshop**

Nov 6, 1-3pm | Lakeview Library

Growing Up Native in Wisconsin - Storytelling & Poetry

Nov 7, 6:30-7:30pm | Hawthorne Library

“Thunder in the Dells” Screening & Panel Discussion

Nov 8, 7-8:30pm | Central Library

**requires registration*