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Swearing In of Newly Elected Representatives

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

On July 2, the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board gathered newly elected Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Representatives and Judiciary Branch Justices for a swearing in ceremony at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells. These leaders carry the responsibility of representing our Ho-Chunk people with accountability, forethought, and reverence for tribal sovereignty and tradition.

Those members sworn into office are Rodney Rave, District 1; Phyllis Smoke, District 1; Paul Fox, District 1; Stephanie Begay, District 2; Damian Thundercloud, District 2; Kyle White Eagle, District 2; Lambert Cleveland, Jr., District 3; Shelby Visintin, District 3; Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle, District 3; David Greendeer, District 4; Sandra Whitewing, District 4; Ed Mullen, District 4; Todd R. Matha, Supreme Court Chief Justice; and Tricia Zunker, Supreme Court Associate Justice 1.

The Master of Ceremonies Matthew Mann kept the festivities rolling. Kristin White Eagle offered a welcome address.

The Bearheart and Winnebago Sons rendered appropriate honor songs. The Sanford WhiteEagle Post 556 and the Sanford WhiteEagle Auxiliary
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Thank you for 25 Years Chris Seguin

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Editor

On June 26, the Ho-Chunk Nation Health Department hosted a luncheon party celebrating Chris Seguin's retirement. The Family Nurse Practitioner served four generations of patients during her 25 years of service at the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center (HHCC).

Light snacks and cake were served in the HHCC Eileen Decorah classroom. Colleagues and friends shared expressions of gratitude and fare well wishes.

Chris was a dedicated Provider but she also possesses many other skills. She is a fabulous cook, seamstress, pastry baker, runner, and furniture maker. She is looking forward to spending more time with her husband and beautiful family.

She will be missed by the clinic staff as well as the many clients she has served over the years and all send the very best wishes to Chris Seguin.



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Local Ee Coonj Educators Launch Culturally-Rich Language Immersion Book Collection for All Ages

June 1, 2025 – Wisconsin Dells, WI – The dedicated team of early childhood educators at Hooçak Ee Coonj has unveiled a groundbreaking collection of language immersion books aimed primarily at primary students, yet crafted with content and design that resonates across all age groups. This unique collection not only supports early literacy and language development but also weaves in rich elements of the Ho-Chunk Nation’s cultural

heritage. The book series, developed over the past two years, was created by the staff of new and experienced early childhood professionals with a deep understanding of both early education principles and community-centered learning. The collection is designed to align with the full preschool curriculum, covering foundational areas such as language and literacy, math, science, social-emotional learning, and physical development. What truly sets this collection apart, however, is its intentional integration of Ho-Chunk stories, language, and cultural teachings. Each book includes traditional Ho-Chunk narratives and vocabulary, bringing to life the values, history, and worldview of the Ho-Chunk people in a way that is accessible and meaningful for young learners—and engaging for older readers as well. “Our goal was to create a resource that supports



language development and cultural awareness simultaneously,” said Mary Thundercloud-Eary, one of the lead educators on the project. “We wanted our youngest learners to see themselves and their culture reflected in the stories they read, while also ensuring that the content could educate and inspire people of all ages.” The collection includes some bilingual texts, with English alongside Ho-Chunk promoting immersion and daily language use. However, much of the collection is written only in Ho-Chunk. “Having much of the collection written solely in Ho-Chunk is intentional—it honors the language as living, powerful, and worthy of being the primary voice in our children’s stories,”



said educator and Language specialist Lisa Cabasos or Wanj̄krohamot’aiga as she is known in the community . “It’s a meaningful step toward revitalizing our language and encouraging fluency from an early age.” continues Kari A. Littlegeorge. The illustrations featured in the collection are vibrant, culturally respectful, and

deeply rooted in Ho-Chunk traditions. Images were developed in close collaboration with artists, elders, and language keepers to ensure authenticity and accuracy in visual storytelling. From traditional clothing and natural landscapes to symbolic animals and sacred items, *Continued on Page 9*



HO-CHUNK NATION TOM

BACK TO SCHOOL BASHES

4-7PM

July 21, 2025

Siga Funmaker Center

Wittenberg, WI

July 22, 2025

Chahk Ha Chee Center

Nekoosa, WI

July 23, 2025

House of Wellness

Baraboo, WI

July 24, 2025

Three Rivers House

La Crosse, WI

July 25, 2025

DICC-Youth Services

Black River Falls, WI

July 28, 2025

Tejope Hocira

Madison, WI

July 29, 2025

Tomah Community Center

Tomah, WI

Backpacks and School Supplies will be provided

HO-CHUNK NATION

MILWAUKEE TRIBAL MEMBERS

COMPREHENSIVE COMMUNITY

NEEDS ASSESSMENT (CCNA)

WE NEED YOUR VOICE

JULY 28, 2025

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Ho-Chunk Nation Milwaukee Branch office

3501 S. Howell Avenue

Milwaukee, WI

Why Attend?

Your input matters. We want to hear directly from you- our tribal members- about your needs, priorities, and vision for the future of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment (CCNA) helps ensure that tribal programs, services, and initiatives align with what you and the community truly needs.

A MEAL WILL BE PROVIDED

We look forward to meeting with you!

<div>  <h1>July Elders Birthdays</h1>  </div>	
1	Toree Jones
	Gregory Littlejohn
	Decorah Mach
	Ardella Quackenbush
2	Richard Bittner
	Sarah Littlegeorge
	Jo Anne Small
3	Barbara Danke
	Cynthia Smith
	Diane Whiteeagle
4	Maureen Bighorn
	Timothy Cabasos
	Mary Funmaker
	Patricia Hall
	Tracy Jourdan
	Martha Martinez
	Loylee Mike
	John Myers
	Albert Naquayouma
5	Charlene Tebo
6	Cyril Delarosa
	Mary Dick
	Sadie Garvin
	Michael Mullen Jr.
7	Priscilla Cleveland
	Howard De Cora
8	Diana Demarrias
	Priscilla Niemi
9	Virgil Clausen
10	Lavinia Alan
	Lorrie Johnson
	Dale Stephens
	Nadine White Eagle
11	Peggy Davison
	Reginald Delarosa
	Kevin Funmaker
	Nancy Johnston
12	Barbara Rave
	Corwin Roth
13	Bonnie Stroessner
	Dana Thundercloud
14	Barbara Smith
15	Richard Anderson
	Virginia Littlegeorge
	Roley White Eagle
	Robin Yellowthunder
16	Mark MacKinnis
	Cecelia Sine
	Randall Taylor
17	Christopher Blackdeer
	Mona Funmaker
	Faith Morris
	Loretta Prescott
18	Pamela Mael
19	Jerry Kines
	John Ward
	William Winneshiek Jr.
20	Helen Cloud
	Rosalee Faga
	Michael Greengrass
	Janis Pesek
21	Elaine Bear
	Cheryl Christianson
	William Goff Jr.
	Kevin Knudtson
	Mary Rowley
	Tara Tindall
	Thomas Yellow Thunder
22	Doran Goodbear
	Colette Trumpy
23	Roberta Chrisjohn
	Ronald K. Decorah
	Tina Topping
24	Colleen Fanning
	Dale Holst
	Constance Lonetree
	Terrie Staples
25	Genevieve Bollig
	Lucinda Naquayouma
	Catherine Rawson
	Ruth Wilson
	Edward Winneshiek
26	Rosemary Blackhawk
	Ritchie Brown
	Michael Hellrud
	Susan Jones
27	Myra Price
	Unga Diane Stacy
	Paul Thundercloud
	Marlys Whiteagle
	Dawn Wiley
28	Janice Lopez-Roska
	William Quackenbush
	George Redhawk
	Pamela Riddle
29	Valerie Bartlett
	Loretta Hopinkah
	Bruce La Mere
30	Ralph Snake
	David Snowball
	Wendland White
31	Lana Dobbs
	Cheri Snake

Email Resolutions to Henry.WhiteThunder@ho-chunk.com.

The Fox of Sandpillow

As we transition from spring into summer, many of us are spending more time outdoors. This is also the time of year when people are more likely to encounter young wild animals across the landscape.

While it may appear that these animals are abandoned or in distress, that's usually not the case. In most situations, the mother is nearby foraging or intentionally keeping her distance to avoid drawing predators to her young. Minimal contact is a natural survival strategy in the wild.

In some instances, young animals may truly be orphaned or injured. However, regardless of the situation, it's best not to intervene. Feeding or handling wildlife, even with good intentions, can lead to serious problems, including habituation to humans, disease transmission, nutritional deficiencies and reduced survivability.

One example comes from right here in the village of Sandpillow, near the casino, where a young fox has become a regularly sighted by many locals. Many community members have grown fond of this kit, often leaving out scraps of food or approaching it closely to offer scraps. Feeding wild animals causes them to lose their natural fear of humans and begin associating people with food. This can lead to dangerous behaviors, such as biting, or aggressively approaching people, which may ultimately result in this fox being euthanized for public safety. In this case of this young fox, continued feeding prevents it from developing essential

hunting and survival skills, reducing its ability to survive in the wild.

The safest and most responsible choice is to observe from a distance and never feed wild animals if you're concerned about an animal's well-being, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator or your local natural resources agency. The Ho-Chunk Nation's Department of the Natural Resources' phone number is 715-284-2852 or to locate a proper wildlife rehabilitator, visit dnr.wi.gov (search "rehab") or contact the state DNR's call center 1 888-WDNRINFO (936-7463).

Let's help wildlife stay wild - for their safety
and ours



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Ho-Chunk Nation CRC Supports Native Tourism in Wisconsin

Unified Front Collaborated to Strengthen Community and Cultural Connections

Lac du Flambeau, WI – June 16-17, 2025 - The Ho-Chunk Nation Community Relations Committee (CRC) proudly sponsored and recently participated in the Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) conference, hosted at the scenic Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino in Lac du Flambeau. The event gathered Native communities, artists, tourism professionals, and leaders to celebrate and promote Indigenous tourism across Wisconsin.

The Native American Tourism of Wisconsin (NATOW) conference is an annual gathering that brings together leaders, entrepreneurs, artists, and tourism professionals from across the state's Native communities. Hosted this year at Lake of the Torches Resort & Casino, the conference serves as a platform to showcase Indigenous culture, promote sustainable tourism, and foster collaboration.

Kirby Metoxen, Board President of NATOW and a Tribal Council member of the Oneida Nation, shared the purpose of hosting the conference on a Monday and Tuesday: "Our goal is to bring heads to beds—to encourage visitors to stay at Native-owned hotels and support Native businesses during the week, helping strengthen our local economies and communities."

The Ho-Chunk Nation team expressed sincere gratitude to the NATOW organizers, talented vendors showcasing handmade artwork, and fellow attendees and volunteers that contributed to making the

conference a memorable and inspiring experience. A highlight of the event was a surprise visit from Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers, who reaffirmed his strong support for the state's Native communities and emphasized the vital role Native tourism plays in strengthening both Wisconsin's economy and cultural heritage.

"Native economies creates thousands of jobs and makes Wisconsin a unique and vibrant destination," said Governor Tony Evers during his address at the NATOW conference. "I'm proud to support Wisconsin's Native communities and recognize the vital role that Indigenous tourism plays in preserving our heritage and strengthening the state's economy."

The Ho-Chunk Nation is committed to making a positive impact throughout Wisconsin by supporting charitable organizations and community initiatives as a unified front. The CRC was created to be the tribe's conduit to strengthen community partnerships through the exchange of ideas and collaborative effort, promote cultural preservation, and underscore the Nation's dedication to being a valued and responsible leader in the region.

Energized by the conference experience, the Ho-Chunk Nation CRC is dedicated to advancing sustainable tourism that honors and preserves Native culture while fostering economic growth statewide.

"This conference was an incredible



opportunity to connect with our sister sites and the Office of the President," said Jessica White Wing Clark, representative of the Ho-Chunk Nation CRC. "Through our unified efforts, we continue to uplift and support communities across Wisconsin by advancing Indigenous tourism and fostering meaningful connections."

The CRC engages community based organizations and promotes charity on behalf of the Ho-Chunk Nation — a united contribution enabled by the generosity of gaming employees, government officials, and tribal families to make a positive impact. The CRC is comprised of Senior Managers of Public Relations from all Ho-Chunk Nation casino facilities and representatives from the Office of the President and Legislature, including:

- Melissa Porter, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls
- Jordan Dominguez, Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison
- Missy Redcloud, Ho-Chunk

- Gaming Nekoosa
- Crystal Stonefish, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells
 - Jessica White Wing Clark, Ho-Chunk Gaming Wittenberg
 - Rosalind Cleveland, Office of the President
 - Shane Yellow Thunder, Legislature
 - Ryan Greendeer, Executive Government Relations Officer, Office of the President
 - Rob Reider, Chief Operations Manager, Business

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ceremoniously posted the colors.

The Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek extended a prayer.

The Election Board Chairperson Weeta Montelongo guided the newly elected leaders through the oath of office.

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board worked hard in organizing the 2025 election and preparing for the swearing in ceremony. Board members

presented blankets to each leader after they were sworn in.

The new Legislative body got to work following a lunch catered by Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells.

During the Legislative Meeting, roles were established. Representative Lambert Cleveland, Jr., was selected to be the Vice President of the Nation by an affirmative vote of 11 members, zero opposed, and one abstaining. Representative

Stephanie Begay was chosen to be the Tribal Secretary by an affirmative vote of 11 members, zero opposed, and one abstaining.

The appointment of Presiding Officers and members to standing commissions was also formed. The Government Administration Commission is made up of Representatives Paul Fox, Kyle White Eagle, Sara Lemieux-White Eagle, David Greendeer and Stephanie Begay to be the

Presiding Officer. The Development Commission is composed of Representatives Phyllis Smoke, Stephanie Begay, Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Edward Mullen, and Damian Thundercloud as Presiding Officer.

The Housing Commission is comprised of Representatives Phyllis Smoke, Damian Thundercloud, Shelby Visintin, Sandra Whitewing, and Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to be the Presiding Officer.

The Health, Insurance,

Education and Social Services Commission includes Representatives Phyllis Smoke, Damian Thundercloud, Shelby Visintin, David Greendeer, and Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to be the Presiding Officer.

All Representatives are members of the Finance Commission and David Greendeer is to be the Presiding Officer.

Thank you to all the outgoing officials and the Nation is hopeful for what's yet to come.



NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE OF TEE WÁKAČĄK

Join us to engage in the art and culture of the area's Indigenous peoples. This **FREE** art series takes place on **select Thursdays** outside the Nature Center at Tee Wákačąk. (Ho-Chunk place name meaning Sacred Lake), renamed as Devil's Lake.

Class size is limited, so reserve your spot today! Class time is 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
To Register: Call the Nature Center (608) 356-8301 ext. 140



**FULL MAY 29TH
BLACK ASH BASKETRY**
Kimberly Crowley (Ho-Chunk) continues the legacy of master black ash baskets, an art form that she learned from her parents. Participants will learn about the basket-making tradition and create their own black ash basket.



**JUNE 19TH
AN INTRO TO PORCUPINE QUILLS**

Melanie Tallmadge Sainz (Ho-Chunk) is an award-winning mixed media artist and Director of Little Eagle Arts Foundation. She will provide a hands-on workshop integrating natural porcupine quills and beads. Participants will create bracelets or chokers as a memory of this shared cultural experience.

**AUGUST 28TH
THE LANGUAGE OF BEADS**

Sayokla Kindness (Oneida) is an award-winning bead artist and a water protector. She will share her knowledge of the use of beads amongst Native peoples paired with her commitment to the environment. Participants will create water protector pins made with beads.

**JULY 31ST
INDIGENOUS FOODS OF TEE WÁKAČĄK**

Lightning New Rider (Ho-Chunk/Oneida) is a naturalist and caterer specializing in indigenous foods. He will share his knowledge and provide samples of foods that have been foraged and used by indigenous peoples for generations.

**SEPTEMBER 11TH
Effigy Mounds: Sacred Sites & Native Arts**

Effigy mounds are sacred sites that are found throughout the park. Rob Nurre, historian and former president of the WI Archaeology Society will guide participants in engaging with these sacred sites and creating a lasting memory of their experience.




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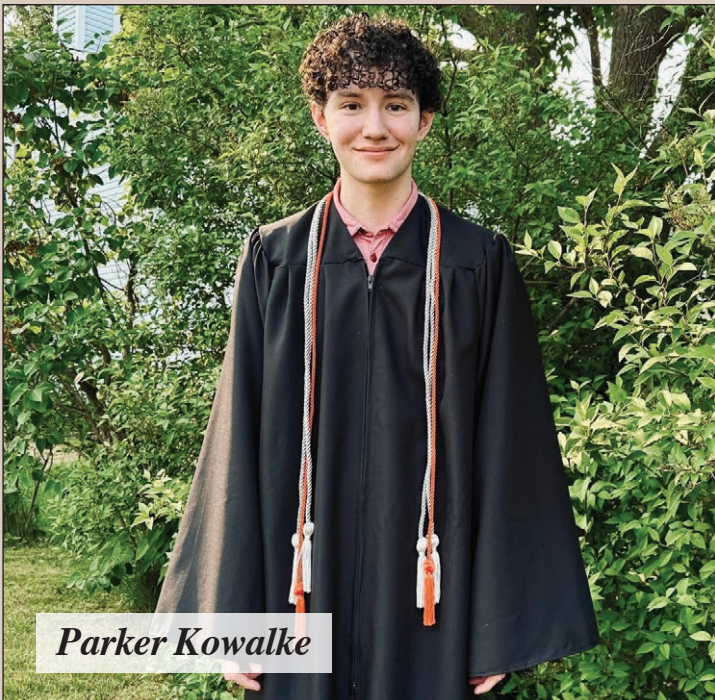
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 OPEN BRF	2 WITTENBERG DISTRIBUTION 10:30 AM- 12:30 PM FOOD DEMOS- KATHY	3 OPEN BRF	4 CLOSED 4TH OF JULY
7 OPEN BRF	8 OPEN BRF	9 WIS DELLS DISTRIBUTION 10 AM- 1:30 PM Nutrition Booth- ALEX	10 REEDSBURG HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF	11 WI DELLS HOME DELIVERIES OPEN BRF
14 OPEN BRF	15 OPEN BRF	16 TOMAH DISTRIBUTION 12N- 1:00	17 OPEN BRF	18 CLOSED EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION
21 OPEN BRF	22 OPEN BRF	23 NEKOOSA DISTRIBUTION 12N-1:00 PM Nutrition Booth - Alex	24 OPEN BRF	25 CLOSED SHIPMENT
28 OPEN BRF	29 OPEN BRF	30 OPEN BRF LAST PICK UP DAY	31 CLOSED INVENTORY	

****CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY FOR TAILGATE DAYS****



Parker Kowalke

Parents: Jayme Littlegeorge Kowalke & Brent Kowalke
Graduate from Sauk Prairie High School
Parker will be attending Madison College to begin the Nursing program.

The Hocak Worak expresses sincere apologies to the family of Parker Kowalke with the incorrect name label in the June 27 publication of the 2025 Graduate Showcase.

Madison Moves Forward with Vilas Park Overhaul, Prioritizing Ho-Chunk Burial Mounds

Kaili Berg

Madison’s Vilas Park is finally ready for a much-needed transformation, and this time, the city is making sure the Ho-Chunk Nation’s sacred burial mounds are protected.

The city is moving ahead with a multimillion-dollar redevelopment of the Near West Side Park, working closely with the Ho-Chunk Nation and cultural experts to ensure ancient Native American burial mounds scattered throughout the site are respected.

The redevelopment comes after years of planning and growing urgency to repair the park’s aging infrastructure, much of it dating back to the 1960s.

Plans call for upgraded playgrounds, modern basketball, tennis and pickleball courts, redesigned roads and parking, ecological restoration, a new shelter near the “Old Woman in a Shoe” slide, and repairs to the sediment-filled lagoon.

But first, city crews must pinpoint all of the sacred burial sites, even those no longer visible, and take precautions to avoid disturbing them.

Teejop (Madison) today has more preserved burial mounds than any other U.S. city, according to State Archaeologist Amy Rosebrough.

“I think it behooves any community to protect their heritage and their history, no matter how old it is,” Rosebrough said. “You can have that history, that connection to times past, and have modern infrastructure at the same time. It’s not an either-or situation, and the city is trying to do that.”

Initially, the city proposed a full “shovel test”, digging in a grid to check for artifacts, but Ho-Chunk officials raised concerns that it could unnecessarily disturb sacred ground.

“We would be digging in areas where

we weren’t planning on doing a project anyway,” Ryan said. “By doing the study, we could be disturbing resources that would never have been touched in the first place.”

Instead, the city will rely on ground-penetrating radar and geomorphology to identify sensitive areas without breaking ground. The revised archaeological plan still needs approval from the Board of Park Commissioners and the State Historic Preservation Office.

In October, crews accidentally disturbed a mound area during tree removal, displacing boulders known to the Ho-Chunk as “grandfathers.” The Wisconsin Historical Society ordered the city to restore the site.

Over time, 80% of Dane County’s mounds have been destroyed by development or farming, making those at Vilas Park all the more significant.

Vilas Park, designed in 1905 and named for Henry Vilas, was part of Madison’s early vision for scenic public spaces.

Its preservation-minded approach can be traced to Charles Brown, Wisconsin’s first state archaeologist, who advocated in the early 20th century to keep mounds intact when developing

Unlike Milwaukee, which lost most of its mounds early on, Madison retained many thanks to Brown’s influence.

The city has allocated \$150,000 in its 2025 budget for planning and another \$2.5 million for construction in 2027. Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway also included \$14 million for Vilas Park on her list of future capital priorities.

Once final approvals are secured later this year, construction can begin, with an archaeologist present to monitor any digging.

Rose A. Walker

October 3, 1958 – June 27, 2025

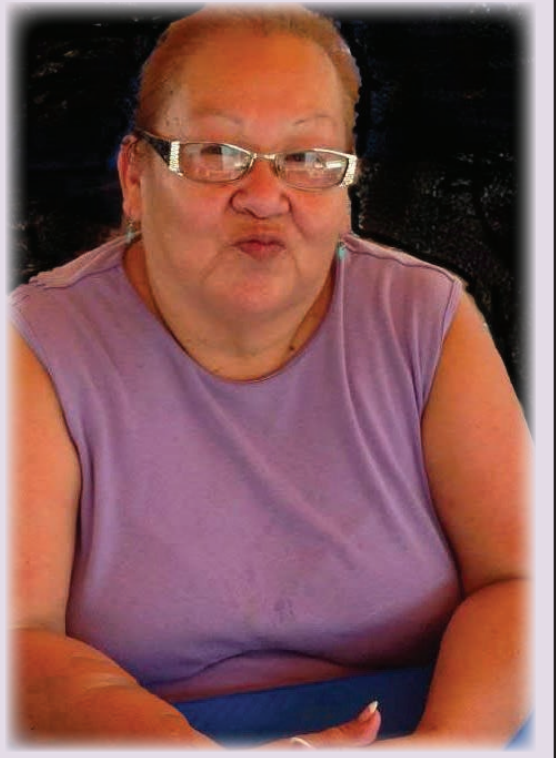
Rose Ann Walker “Ho’cat’ii”, age 66 of Baraboo, WI passed away Friday, June 27, 2025, at Home.


Commitment services will be at 12:00 Noon on Monday, June 30, 2025, at the Chakh-hah-chee Community Building in Nekoosa. Glen Lee Sr. will officiate. Burial will be at Dexterville Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3:00-5:00 P.M. on Sunday at the Chakh-hah-chee Community Building. Rose was born October 3, 1958, in Wisconsin Rapids to David and Yvonne (Ricehill-Wells) Walker. Rose graduated from Mid-State Technical college in Sociology. In her early years she worked for the Ojibwe Chippewa Tribe in Michigan. She later worked in various positions within the Ho-Chunk Nation, most recently as beverage supervisor. She was very involved in her community including secretary for the Native American Church for many years, singing backup at Pow Wow’s, attending prayer meetings, she was affectionately known as the “church mouse”.

Rose is survived by her children Marcus Chapman and Roberta Bateman, her mother Sonja Walker; her grandchildren, Journey Honi Dakota, Schalina Whitwing, Jasmine Rose Chapman, Elysia Yvonne Chapman, Roger James Brandenburg, Jonathan Rodney Brandenburg and Apollo Jax Bateman; great grandchildren, Mylani Jhene Funmaker, Bradford James Funmaker; her sister Norma Stealer; and brothers: Richard (Anita) Walker, David (Carri) White Eagle, and Lawrence (Lanette) Walker Jr. She was


preceded in death by her parents; sisters: Lisa Eagleman, Darlene Walker, Jenny Sickles, Orvilla White Eagle, Angel Walker, Janice Walker, Glorianna Walker, and Becky Walker; and brothers: Cameron Walker, Elliott Walker, Christian Walker, Kevin Walker and Leonard Walker.

Herman-Taylor Funeral Home, Wisconsin Rapids, is honored to be assisting the family.






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Medications and Sun Sensitivity


Some medications can react with sun exposure. On hot days, it's especially important to be careful and know how your medications might affect you.



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Skin Reaction


- Medication can make the skin more sensitive to sunlight
- Higher chance of sunburn or skin rashes
- Take extra precautions: stay hydrated, avoid peak sun hours, and use sun protection



STAY HYDRATED

Body Temperature Regulation

- Some medications can affect the body's ability to regulate temperature and maintain proper hydration
- Increased risk of heat-related illness during extreme weather



STORING DEVICES

Medical Devices

- High temperatures can damage or degrade certain medical devices and medications
- Epi-pens, insulin, and inhalers, may be less effective or unsafe to use
- Store these items in a cool, dry place, avoid leaving them in hot cars.

Do you know how your medication will react?

Talk to your pharmacist about your medication and what precautions to take to avoid reactions with the sun.

Talk to a pharmacist

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Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Pharmacy:
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Black River Falls, WI 54615
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Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

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July

HARVEST OF THE MONTH

Haastik

(Blueberry)



About Blueberries

- Blueberries are a delicious and healthy snack. They are a good source of fiber and vitamin C.
- Blueberries can be enjoyed fresh, frozen, canned or dried.
- When purchasing fresh blueberries choose ones that are firm and plump with dry skin; blueberries do not ripen after picking.
- After purchasing, store fresh blueberries in a shallow container that is covered but has holes for air flow. Use within 10 days for best quality.
- You can freeze fresh blueberries by spreading them in a single layer on a cookie sheet. Put them in a plastic freezer bag once they're frozen.















Blueberry Chicken Pasta Salad with Salad Greens

Ingredients:

For the Blueberry Vinaigrette:

- 1/2 cup fresh blueberries
- 2 tablespoons oil of choice
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 2 teaspoons honey
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

For the Salad:

- 1 1/2 cups fresh blueberries
- 3 cups cooked whole grain penne pasta (cooled)
- 12 ounces cooked chicken breast (sliced)
- 4 cups field greens
- 1/2 cup red onion (chopped)
- 1 medium red bell pepper (chopped)

Steps:

- Blend vinaigrette ingredients in a blender, set aside.
- In a medium size bowl, toss all ingredients with dressing.

Recipe from: <https://www.mylplate.gov/recipes/blueberry-chicken-pasta-salad-field-greens>

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Inaugural Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Day Parade and Activities Brings Festivities to Ho-Chunk Community

Ardith Van Riper
Editor

July 4, 2025, marks the 75th Year of Remembrance honoring the legacy of Corporal Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Activities for the day included a vibrant parade, lunch, games, raising of Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr.'s flag, a princess and brave competition, and a social dance. All festivities began at the baseball field parking lot in Sand Pillow and concluded by the District One Community Center near Black River Falls.

The parade began at 11:00 am and the theme was 'Salute to Redcloud.' There was a float contest with first, second, and third place prizes for Most Indigenous, Best Dressed Vehicle, and Best Crowd Appeal.

The parade grand prize for the parade contest went to Cultural Resources and Youth Services. The Most Indigenous prizes went to the Drum Float for third, Sweetgrass Stables for second, and Cultural Resources and Youth Services for first. The Best Dressed Vehicle prizes went to Ho-Chunk Gaming BRF Maintenance for third, Ho-Chunk Gaming BRF Marketing for second, and Department of Agriculture for first. The Best Crowd Appeal prizes went to Food Distribution for third, Ho-Chunk Marine Corps Veterans and family for second, and Ho-Chunk Royalty for first.

The First Annual Princess
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and Brave Competition was held. Contestants, boys and girls, ages 12 – 17, enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation members, were interviewed on July 3 by a panel of Ho-Chunk Veterans. The 2025-2026 Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Brave and Princess are Deion Miller and Sophia Funmaker.

After the parade, the Mitchell Redcloud Jr. flag was raised, his song was rendered, and his story was shared before the lunch was served. BP Smokehouse catered the luncheon. Guest speakers were given the opportunity to share words and announcements were made.

Then, tournaments began with games that included Lacrosse, Double Ball, Cornhole, Tug of War, and 3-Legged Races. A social dance, announcing of winners, and lowering of Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr.'s flag concluded the events.

The courage and legacy of Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr. live on within each Ho-Chunk member and the celebration united the community. The dedication made by organizers, leaders, workers, and volunteers ensures that the spirit of Cpl. Mitchell Redcloud Jr. continues to inspire generations to come.



Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley - Tomah Area

Back to School Bash 2025

July 29, 2025
Tomah Community Center - Tomah, WI
4pm-7pm

Students at School Districts within a 30 mile radius may include but not be limited to the following towns/cities:
* Tomah
* Sparta
* Camp Douglas
* Warrens
* Wyeville

*Student must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe, or a child or grandchild of a tribal member. Birth certificates and CDIBs will be required for new registrants.

Backpacks and school supplies will be provided

For more information contact: SCR@Ho-Chunk.com

Tomah Area!!

HO-CHUNK NATION
School Community Relations Division

Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley - La Crosse Area

Back to School Bash 2025

July 24, 2025
Three Rivers House - La Crosse, WI
4pm-7pm

Students at School Districts within a 30 mile radius may include but not be limited to the following towns/cities:
* La Crosse
* Holmen
* Onalaska
* West Salem

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La Crosse Area!!

HO-CHUNK NATION
School Community Relations Division

Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley - Baraboo Area

Back to School Bash 2025

July 23, 2025
House of Wellness - Baraboo, WI
4pm-7pm

Students at School Districts within a 30 mile radius may include but are not limited to the following towns/cities:
* Baraboo
* Reedsburg
* Sauk Prairie
* Wisconsin Dells
* Poynette

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Baraboo Area!!

HO-CHUNK NATION
School Community Relations Division

Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley - Dane County Area

Back to School Bash 2025

July 28, 2025
Tejope Hocira - Madison, WI
4pm-7pm

Students at School Districts within a 30 mile radius may include but not be limited to the following towns/cities:
* Madison
* Verona
* Sun Prairie
* Middleton
* DeForest

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Dane County Area!!

HO-CHUNK NATION
School Community Relations Division

Ho-Chunk Nation Johnson O'Malley - Black River Falls Area

Back to School Bash 2025

July 25, 2025
D1CC (Youth Services) - Black River Falls, WI
4pm-7pm

Students at School Districts within a 30 mile radius may include but not be limited to the following towns/cities:
* Black River Falls
* Neillsville
* Osseo-Fairchild
* Chippewa Falls
* Eau Claire

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Black River Falls Area!!

HO-CHUNK NATION
School Community Relations Division

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every visual element was carefully chosen to reflect Ho-Chunk worldviews and aesthetics. This collaborative approach not only enhances the cultural integrity of the books but also offers children and readers of all ages a window into the richness and beauty of Ho-Chunk life.

This project was funded by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction through a grant written by Mary Thundercloud-Eary. Special thanks to the Ho-Chunk Education Department and the Language Departments for working together on this project; and the Ho-Chunk Education Department Administrator of funds Jeff McDonald. The books and stories were created by: Mary Thundercloud-Eary (Wakajahajapii), Lisa Cabasos (Wanikrohamot'aiga), Kari A. Littlegeorge (Caašjamaaani), Jodel Greendeer, Rachel Thundercloud (Maąšupi), and Mark Eary.

Also some individual stories contributed to the project were

done by: Haashonj (Andrea "Haas" McCaskey) naga Waageja herej (Irene Keenan Sr.) wanağira, Hattie Walker, Hųwaxete Henning Garvin, William "Wakajazi" Kemp and songs in the Maąnikisak Naąwạ naga Maąni Woorakra book were translated by Ed and Corina Lonetree.

Editing was done by Wanikrohamot'aiga, Aahusaak wanağira, naga Hųcniąigkga ee hit'e peres s' ana. Illustrations and page layout was done by Mark Eary.

The Ee Coonj team behind the project hopes to expand the collection and distribute it more broadly into classrooms, early learning centers, and family literacy programs making it available for Ho-Chunk language revitalization and culturally-responsive education in the Spring/Summer of 2025.

For those looking for innovative language tools and storytelling resources with cultural depth, this collection is a beacon of what's possible when education and heritage go hand-in-hand.

Bipartisan Push Aims to Make Reservation Food Program Permanent

Kaili Berg

A bipartisan group of lawmakers is working to make permanent a federal program that provides healthier food options for low-income households on Native American reservations, a rare area of agreement across party lines.

The Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations, created as a pilot in the 2018 farm bill under the Trump administration, provides monthly USDA food boxes to income-eligible households as an alternative to SNAP.

It launched with the Cherokee and Chickasaw Nations and has grown to serve about 50,000 people per month as of 2023. The program allows participants to select from fruits, vegetables, proteins, and cooking staples.

Rep. Sharice Davids (D-Kan.), a Ho-Chunk Nation citizen, introduced legislation this summer to make the program permanent and allow tribes more control over how it is administered.

“I would call it an overarching effort to make sure that tribes can have more self-determination,” Davids said, calling the program a way to deliver healthier food and empower tribal governments.

Davids, who has lived and worked on reservations, described firsthand the difficulty of accessing nutritious food.

“I lived in a place where it would take 45 minutes to get to a very small grocery store, and 90 minutes to get to what I think a lot of people might consider like a regular-sized grocery store,” she said.

New legislation, introduced this summer, would remove the program’s pilot status and give it permanent authorization.

The bill also includes provisions for more tribal control over how the food is purchased and distributed, aligning with broader federal efforts to support tribal self-determination.

Oklahoma, home to nearly 40 federally recognized tribes, would see significant benefits if the bill is enacted.

Many reservations are classified as food deserts, where residents must travel long distances to reach a full-service grocery store.

According to a 2024 Government Accountability Office report, Native American and Alaska Native households face food insecurity at rates far higher than the national average.

Supporters in Congress note that the program has proven effective at addressing these gaps. But its future is uncertain. The measure will need the support of Republican House leadership to advance to a vote, and it comes at a time when many GOP lawmakers are pushing to trim federal spending.

The proposal is expected to factor into upcoming negotiations over the next farm bill. House Agriculture Committee leaders indicated that the initiative is under consideration as part of what they are calling “Farm Bill 2.0,” following the passage of a reconciliation package that left several key farm programs unresolved.

If passed, the bill would extend the program’s benefits to any federally recognized tribe that chooses to administer it, potentially improving food access for thousands of Native families in rural, isolated areas.

Keep Wildlife Wild This Summer

Summer is officially underway, and wild animals and their young are on the move across Wisconsin. Remember to help keep wildlife wild by staying a safe distance from young wild animals.

Check out the information below for species-specific information on Wisconsin’s wildlife.

- Cottontail rabbit kits can be encountered anytime from spring through fall. They open their eyes at 1 week old and begin exploring outside the nest for short periods to nibble on grasses after about two to three weeks.
- Opossums are the only marsupial found in North America. Females have a pouch on their abdomen, in which they carry and nurse their young, called joeys. Joeys are born in March or April and spend about two months nursing within their mother’s pouch before they start to get too large and ride around on their mother’s back.
- Eastern gray squirrels raise their young in leaf nests, called dreys, tree cavities and manmade structures such as attics. Litters typically consist of two to four young, called kits. By 7 weeks old, they will begin exploring outside the nest area.
- Raccoon kits are 12-14 inches long and capable of walking, climbing and exploring by 6-8 weeks of age. When they’re at the exploring stage, they can be seen active during the day without their mother.
- White-tailed deer fawns are not strong enough to follow their mother for the first 2-3 weeks of life and will lay very still to reduce the chance of

being found. Their spotted coat and minimal scent help them blend into their environment and keep them safe.

- Ducklings are covered in down feathers, and within about 24 hours of hatching, the hen will lead her brood to water. They will not return to the nest. The ducklings stick close to their mother until they can fly, around two months after hatching.
- Red fox dens can be in forests, ravines, woodlots and in urban areas such as culverts and roadsides. At 5 weeks old, kits may be seen exploring and playing outside the entrance of the den. By 3 months old, kits start to join their parents on hunts and work on developing the skills they need to catch prey such as mice and rabbits.
- Young songbirds that leave the nest, or fledge, before their flight feathers are fully developed are called fledglings. They are still partially dependent on their parents for food; however, they will start to make short, low-level practice flights, as they need to build up their strength and coordination as they gradually learn to forage for food.

Knowing what to do before you find a young wild animal can help protect it.

The DNR has various resources to help determine when a young wild animal needs help and when it’s best to leave them in their natural environment. Visit the DNR’s Keep Wildlife Wild webpage for tips on deciding if a young wild animal is truly orphaned or needs help.



If you encounter baby wild animals this summer, remember to keep wildlife wild. A baby animal’s best chance of survival is with its mother. / Photo Credit: iStock/madsci

Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Elects Lambert Cleveland, Jr. as Vice President

Lambert Cleveland, Jr. serves as the Vice President of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and proudly represents District 3. He resides in Wisconsin Rapids, WI, and a devoted father to his daughter, Myla Cleveland.

First elected to the Legislature in 2023, Lambert quickly earned a reputation as a collaborative and level-headed leader who listens to his constituents and works hard to deliver results. He played a key role in supporting economic development efforts across District 3, strengthening legislative oversight, and expanding cultural preservation initiatives. His work has included advocacy for rural tribal communities, youth programs, and responsible budget practices.

Now serving as Vice President, Lambert continues to lead with integrity, humility, and a strong sense of purpose. His priorities include expanding access to services, defending sovereignty, and improving the quality of life for all

Ho-Chunk members. He also engages in federal-level lobbying to advance the Nation’s priorities in Washington D.C., ensuring tribal voices are heard in national policy decisions.



Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. (Huuk Miinak, District 3)

Education Department Seeking Ho-Chunk Citizens with Skills!

A number of our programs (Good Life, JOM, IMLS grant, and Culture and Community Ed) require us to seek local talent for various events.

1. Are you interested in being contacted as a possible teacher/ instructor? Yes No

If yes, name: _____

Contact information (phone or email): _____

2. What skills do you have that you would be willing to teach others?

___ Basketry

___ Traditional games (moccasin or kasu)

___ Loom work with beads

___ Tack-down bead work

___ General bead working

___ Dancing (traditional, fancy, jingle, shawl)

___ Diagonal bead working (paxge hou’u)

___ Featherwork (bustles, fans, headdresses)

___ Flute making

___ Hat making

___ Hide Tanning

___ Leather tooling

___ Leather sewing

___ Parfleche crafting

___ Pottery

___ Twining (type of weaving)

___ Metal smithing

___ Storytelling

___ Finger braiding (yarn belts)

___ Foraging

___ Lacrosse sticks and game

___ Double ball sticks and game

___ Quillworking

___ Hand sewing (old-style applique)

___ Quilting

___ Machine sewing

___ Scrimshaw

___ Survival skills

___ Woodworking

___ Other (Please list) _____

Please return the completed questionnaire to the Education Department via camera snapshot uploaded to Education Department Facebook page or Messenger or emailing back to goodlife@ho-chunk.com

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HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Anita Louise
White Eagle - Winesapack

☐ Amended
Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

Case No. _____

FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

JUL 01 2025


Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed.

2. The decedent, with date of birth 12-31-34 and date of death 5-30-25 was domiciled in Jackson County, State of WISCONSIN, with a mailing address of PO Box 13 / N7603 Kingswood Rd B.R.F.WI 54615

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

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge Huling, on (Date) 09/03/25 at (Time) 2:00pm

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

If you require reasonable accommodations due to a disability to participate in the court process, please call 715-284-2722 at least 10 working days prior to the scheduled court date. Please note that the court does not provide transportation.


Clerk of Court
Mary F. Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
07/01/2025
Date

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
Loretta J. Patterson 11/7/2019
by Thomasa B Chavez

☐ Amended
Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 23-02

FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

FEB 08 2023


Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

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

2. The decedent, with date of birth 04/18/12 and date of death 11/7/2019 was domiciled in Juneau County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of W5619 43rd St. New Lisbon, WI 53950

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

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

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

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Clerk of Court
Mary F. Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
3/8/23
Date

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
James L Pettibone
Wendell Pettibone

☐ Amended
Notice of Hearing on
Petition for Probate

Case No. PR 25-02

FILED
IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION
TRIAL / SUPREME COURT

JUN 10 2025


Clerk of Court / Assistant

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:

1. A Petition for Probate was filed. 6/10/1958

2. The decedent, with date of birth 10/11/18 and date of death 11/21/21 was domiciled in La Crosse County, State of Wisconsin, with a mailing address of 426 S OAKWOOD STREET

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

4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge JoDeen B. Lowe, on (Date) 08/14/25 at (Time) 1:0:00am

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Clerk of Court
Mary F. Thunder
Name Printed or Typed
06/10/2025
Date

HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEETING NOTICE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING

Friday, February August 3, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

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

Virtual option available via WebEx
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715-284-9851 ext. 35351
Email: Lorinda.Bird@ho-chunk.com

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HO-CHUNK NATION
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



MEETING NOTICE
HEALTH ACCREDITATION
BOARD MEETING

Friday, August 15, 2025

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Eileen Decorah Conference Room

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center
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HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 17, 2025

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

Roll Call:

- President Jon Greendeer-P
- Vice President Kristin White Eagle-P
- Rep. Jessika Greendeer-P
- Rep. Rodney Rave-P
- Rep. Phyllis Smoke-VC
- Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
- Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
- Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
- Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- Rep. Robert Pilot-VC
- Rep. Paul Fox-P
- Rep. Brianna Tahdooahrippah-VC
- Vacant

VC-Video Conference

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

Opening Prayer: Legislative Public Relations Officer Shane Yellow Thunder offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda with TABLING under Unfinished Business B. Impact Statement on Federal Program (Grant Funded Programs and Employees). Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Legislative Meeting-June 4, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 4, 2025 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Commission Reports:

Government Administration Commission-June 5, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve the June 5, 2025 Government Administration Commission meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Phyllis Smoke) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2025 Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant

MOTION by Rep. Robert Pilot to TABLE Authorization to Apply for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 2025 Forest Fire Protection (FFP) Grant. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for

the Department of Heritage Preservation-Museum and Cultural Center to Apply for Indigenous Knowledge Program Grant from the Henry Luce Foundation

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 A**, Authorization for the Department of Heritage Preservation-Museum and Cultural Center to Apply for Indigenous Knowledge Program Grant from the Henry Luce Foundation. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Gaming Commission Report

The Gaming Commission submitted a written report for April and May.

The Gaming Commission is not present.

Unfinished Business:

Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item

Attorney General Gardner stated that the next meeting with the City is scheduled for June 26, 2025.

Impact Statement on Federal Programs (Grant Funded Programs and Employees)-Standing Agenda Item-TABLED at approval of agenda

Employee Group Waiver Program

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to STRIKE Employee Group Waiver Program. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Labor Day Pow Wow Request

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to TABLE Labor Day Pow Wow Request to next Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the 2025 Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Facility & Tribal Energy Building Capacity Grant

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 B**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the 2025 Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Facility & Tribal Energy Building Capacity Grant. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Enactment of Rights-of-Way Ordinance (8 HCC § 16)

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 C**, Enactment of Rights-of-Way Ordinance (8 HCC § 16). Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Granting a Temporary Limited Construction Easement to

the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction at the Winnebago Heights Tribal Aging Unit and Elderly Lots

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 D**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Granting a Temporary Limited Construction Easement to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction at the Winnebago Heights Tribal Aging Unit and Elderly Lots. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of 2025-2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 E**, Approval of 2025-2026 Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Recommendations for the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Cigar Lounge Bill SB211

Vice President Kristin White Eagle stated that this was brought to our attention from the Intergovernmental Affairs Officer, St. Croix Chippewa, Michael Decorah. He is seeking Tribes input on SB211. The bill has bipartisan support.

SB211 exempts tobacco bars from the general prohibition under current law against smoking in indoor locations if the tobacco bar satisfies all of the following: 1) the tobacco bar came into existence on or after June 4, 2009; 2) only the smoking of cigars and pipes is allowed in the tobacco bar; and 3) the tobacco bar is not a retail food establishment.

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to refer this to Executive Session to discuss legal advice and inter-governmental relations. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Jeriah Rave, Sr. to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Board of Directors

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 F**, Appointment of Jeriah Rave, Sr. to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appointment of Lori Schmolke to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Board of Directors

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 G**, Appointment of Lori Schmolke to the Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Board of Directors. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5)

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

06-17-25 H, Adoption of Amendments to the Employment Relations Act (6 HCC § 5). Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment and Funding of Department of Administration Information Technology Division Software Licensing Renewal Restricted Account

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 I**, Establishment and Funding of Department of Administration Information Technology Division Software Licensing Renewal Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Jayce Sallaway as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Monroe County

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 J**, Confirmation of Jayce Sallaway as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Monroe County. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Cindy Tack as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Juneau County

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 K**, Confirmation of Cindy Tack as Tribal Law Enforcement Commissioner for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Kenneth Funmaker as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Juneau County

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 L**, Confirmation of Kenneth Funmaker as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Juneau County. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Confirmation of Darren Brinegar as Tribal Law Enforcement Commission for Wood County

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-17-25 M**, Confirmation of Darren Brinegar as Tribal Law Enforcement Commission for Wood County. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District Meetings:

D3 Tee hoikšek – January 10, 2023

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated that she is bringing the following motion back to the attention of the Legislature, and for another referral.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDA the **MOTION** by Pam Wilbur to request a

HHCDA board member to be added to represent the Green Bay Area. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – April 12, 2023

Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle stated that she is bringing the following motion back to the attention of the Legislature, and for another referral.

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to LDT the **MOTION** by Lashina Hoy to apply to put Teejop Community Building into trust. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Nijoxawani – June 11, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature, Housing Commission, Department of Housing and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Wilfrid Cleveland to have Housing revisit the housing plan and the rental agreements to help the tribal members and not hurt them. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Housing and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have the Housing Rental Policy placed on the Ho-Chunk Nation Website for tribal members to access. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature, Housing Commission and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Wilfrid Cleveland to create a rental code which is fair and equitable to all Ho-Chunk members from which the HOD may generate enforceable departmental policies and rent to Ho-Chunk members in need of Housing. Motion amended to include those that have participating in the HOP. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Legislature and Legislative Counsel the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have Legislature hold public hearings for codes and ordinances. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the Department of Administration and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have Mike Rave hold a public forum for the Andrew Blackhawk Pow-wow Grounds and Neeshla Pow-wow Grounds!!!! Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature, Finance Commission, Legislative CFO and Budget Analyst and the Healing Center Board the **MOTION** by Doug Greengrass to have Legislature use the Healing Center tax fund to be used for a CRD Building and a Museum. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Counsel, Realty Division, Finance Commission, Office of the President and the Attorney General the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to sell the current Tomah Museum building with the proceeds to go into the CRD Building. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to HHCDa for the background check, once Legislature receives the background, Legislative Legal to prepare a resolution for the **MOTION** by Henrietta Funmaker to have Wilfrid Cleveland as the HHCDa Board Member for the BRF Area. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to delete all disciplinary Language in section g. Process, paragraph 5 which states “the employee shall not be eligible to request Hoocak Woosga Leave for a period of ninety (90) days. A second infraction of this policy shall result in the employee not being eligible to request Hoocak Woosga Leave for a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup and Legislative Legal, Office of the President and Department of Personnel the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have Legislature delete ERA Language in the Woosga section which states “unless the procedures in Section 23g are not followed”. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Office of the President, Department of Personnel and Department of Labor the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have the Department of Personnel to schedule mandatory Hoocak Woosga trainings to occur upon hiring and quarterly during the fiscal year for all employees with funding for the training to be allocated by Legislature, including a lead trainer and expert subject matter presenters, also include Workforce Development. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include the Workforce Development Workgroup. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Attorney General, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin for employees in leadership roles who deny, harass, discriminate or speak prejudicially are violations of the ERA, and with regard to Woosga, is a form of misconduct will result in disciplinary actions. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to ensure Woosga section of the e. Eligibility, paragraph (1), (2), and (3) is adhered to without retaliation. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to add may use accrued PTO or leave without pay for Hoocak Woosga Hours. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Tracy Thundercloud to have legislature reinstate the 10% total of employee hours for the Woosga Leave Hours. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to add participants to e. Eligibility. (1) Ho-Chunk members are eligible for paid Hoocak Woosga Leave Hours either as a host, sponsor, or worker. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin for Woosga leave to be used the week prior to the ceremonies for preparations and post time. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to the ERA Workgroup, Legislative Legal, Department of Personnel and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Clayton Winneshiek to delete the “24 hour notice in advance” from the ERA. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Department of Housing, Office of the President, Housing Commission, Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to delete the repayment of the down payment assistance from the policy. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislature, Housing Commission, Legislative Legal, Department of Housing and Office of the President the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to create a Down Home Assistance Code from which HOD may generate departmental enforceable policies in line with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation and laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation and our

traditions and culture. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer to Legislative Legal, Housing Commission, Department of Housing, Office of the President and the Attorney General the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to have Legislature order an audit of the Down Payment Assistance repayments and reimburse applicants who repaid the “once in a lifetime” assistance as a “service” to them. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to refer Department of Housing, Office of the President, Housing Commission, Legislature and Legislative Legal the **MOTION** by Carol Garvin to remove the 5 years as primary residence. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D1 Maanico Horuzra – June 12, 2025

No motions.

Rep. Phyllis Smoke mentioned that Libby Fairchild is a Housing Board Member. She will be resigning, as when she was brought on she was a D4 member.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution appointing D4 Housing Board Member. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hınukwas– June 9, 2025

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to refer to Office of the President and Department of Administration the **MOTION** by Marsha Smith to establish a monthly newsletter created by the Three Rivers House Branch office staff. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Ho’uni Xununiċ – June 10, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to refer to the Legislature the **MOTION** by Myra Jo Price for a Legislator to attend the next Law Enforcement Commission meeting. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D2 Hoxaikeja/Hoguceja/ Nizhakisuc – June 11, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Legal, Finance Commission, Department of Justice and Treasury the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for a process to be established for tribal members to review Ho-Chunk Nation budgets. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Legal, Election Board and Department of Justice the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for Election Board to eliminate the penalty on removed Legislators from the Election Code to be inline the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Legislative Legal, Department of Justice, and Election Code Workgroup the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature to take direction from Election Board regarding changes to Election Code. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to HHCDa, the Finance Commission and the Housing Commission the **MOTION** by Robert Funmaker for the heating assistance to be administered by September 2025. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Damian Thundercloud to refer to Office of the President and LDT the **MOTION** by Weeta Montelongo for approval to put up a fence for the garden and renegotiate the current lease. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include Department of Agriculture. Second concurs. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Pac cinqk – June 9, 2025

EMERGECNY **MOTION** by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to approve funding coming from the D3 Community Improvement Funds the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to request \$2,760 to accommodate the Korean’s for the Culture Exchange Event that is being held July 21st through the 25th at the Siga Funmaker Community Center. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave is out of the room.*

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to request \$25,000 for the Suicide Prevention 2025. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Jamie Funmaker to request \$2,500 for school supplies. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to Legislative Legal, Office of the President, LDT, Department of Agriculture and Realty the **MOTION** by Jamie Funmaker to approve the land lease for Keith Long. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to Office of the President and Heritage Preservation the **MOTION** by Gloria Visintin to start a book about the Ho-Chunk Nation with the perspective and facts about the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-

White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tee hoiksek – June 10, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to the Finance Commission the **MOTION** by Pamela Wilber to approve the amount of \$24,600 sponsorship for Makyah to cover the contract for the Skyliners Synchronized Skating Team for the year 2025-2026. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tešišik – June 4, 2025

No motions.

D3 Tejop – May 14, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Sandy Blumer to have 5 minutes discussion time limit. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislature and Department of Personnel the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle not to hinder anybody from coming to our services and employment because of their nationality and ethnicity. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to HHCDa the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle that the wood chips in the playground as the same as the other areas. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislature the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to see information on the plan for moratorium (regarding Department of Housing). Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislature, Office of the President and Department of Housing the **MOTION** by Saresa Ryckman for Legislature to stop evictions temporarily to make sure we have exhausted all resources including garnishing general welfare payments in order to not make our Ho-Chunk people homeless. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to the Finance Commission and Department of Health the **MOTION** by Brenda Neff that the Legislature put more money into the CSA account for food boxes. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to TAU the **MOTION** by Marlys Whiteagle to get coupon voucher program for farmer markets. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to *Continued on Page 14*

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refer to Legislature, Finance Commission, Office of the President and Department of Housing the MOTION by Miriam Whiteagle that the Legislature and Office of the President under the Department of Housing provide housing tax assistance for non-tribal lands for \$750 annually. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to refer to Legislative Legal for legal advice the MOTION by Saresa Ryckman that there are no time limits on discussions. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-1(Vice President Kristin White Eagle)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D3 Tejop – June 11, 2025

No motions.

D3 Cexhaci – June 12, 2025

MOTION by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to refer to LDT the MOTION by Ona Garvin to clear the lumber and brush from the east side of the Dexterville Cemetery. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. read the following motions for the record, as Rep. Phyllis Smoke referred the same motions to the respective workgroups and entities.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to support the denial of the Finance Committee to not send the elders to this conference (NICOA American Indian Elder Conference).

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to delete the ERA language in the Wosga section which states “unless the procedures in section 23G are not followed.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin that the clan/ceremonial leaders, Traditional and Native American Church are exempt from using wosga hours when asked to lead multiple ceremonies and to use unpaid leave.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to add “participants” to the list eligible for Woosga hours to read host(s), sponsor(s), worker(s), and participants.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin for wosga leave to include the week prior to the beginning of a ceremony.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to delete the ERA wosga language “24 hours in advance”.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin that an employee’s wosga paid hours is contingent only upon the signature/ initials of the clan ceremonial leader.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to delete all disciplinary language in section g. Process, paragraph 5 which states “the employee shall not be eligible to request Hoocak Woosga Leave for a period of ninety (90) days. A second infraction of this policy shall result in the employee not being eligible to request Hoocak Woosga Leave for a period of

one hundred and eighty (180) days.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin for the Department of Personnel to schedule mandatory Hoocak Woosga trainings to occur quarterly during each fiscal year for all employees with funding for the training to be allocated by Legislature, including a lead trainer and expert subject matter presenters.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin for employees in leadership roles who deny, harass or discriminate, or speak prejudicially are violations of the ERA, and with regard to Woosga, is a form of misconduct will result in disciplinary action.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Ona Garvin to ensure Woosga section e. Eligibility, paragraph (1), (2) a and (3) is adhered to without retaliation.

D4 Guųšgonąk – May 19, 2025

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to the MOTION by Casey Brown to Legislature to allow refund notary and any other fees associated incurred for the upcoming elections.

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief to elect Benjamin Gamble as our District 4 Housing Dept. Board Member.

Amendment to the Agenda:

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
EXECUTIVE OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
JUNE 20, 2025**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

VC-Video Conference

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:02 p.m.

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

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business T. Corporal Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Day Parade Request. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Funding of Jobs Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 A***, Funding of Jobs Restricted Account. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Utilize the Jobs Restricted Account for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budgets

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 B***, Authorization to Utilize the Jobs Restricted Account for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budgets. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Utilize the Tax Code Criminal Code Account for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Department of Justice Law Enforcement Division

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 C***, Authorization to

Utilize the Tax Code Criminal Code Account for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget Department of Justice Law Enforcement Division. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 D***, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises (Gaming & Non-Gaming) Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 8-3(Rep. Jessika Greendeer, Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr., Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle)-1(Rep. Shelby Visintin) **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to add to the Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprise budget bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026: Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison cash equipment software in the amount of \$154,250, access control system update in the amount of \$112,579, C5 stacker in the amount of \$18,420, and smart can system in the amount of \$31,878 for a grand total of \$317,127. Second by Rep. Shelby Visintin. MOTION IS AMENDED to request Legislative Legal to draft a rescind and restate Resolution 06-20-25 D, adding those dollar amount for capital.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to add to the June Chicago and California district meeting minutes to the agenda. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 Guųšgonąk – June 9, 2025

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Tammy Whitewing for Ron Perry to be the Election Board Member Alternate.

MOTION by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah to refer to Legislature the MOTION by Sunshine Thunderchief for Legislature to budget for General Council to have a lawyer. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

D4 California – June 11, 2025

READ FOR THE RECORD: MOTION by Linda McHugh to nominate Victoria Stacy-Goodthunder to serve as the Election Board alternate.

Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah stated that the sign-in sheets for the June Chicago and California meetings will be forwarded to the Clerk.

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

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; and authorize attendance of the Representatives-Elect. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 4:38 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Jessika Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot is not online.*

Release to Open Session:

MOTION by Rep. Jessika Greendeer approve the purchase of a vehicle by the Division of Transportation for Veterans Supportive Housing in the amount of \$90,900.50 through Dorsch Ford and A & J Vans with funds from Elder Assistance and release to Open Session. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to July 8, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Robert Pilot is not online.*

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Second concurs. 5-7(Vice President Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Stephanie Begay, Rep. Phyllis Smoke, Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah, Rep. Damian Thundercloud, Rep. Robert Pilot, Rep. Rodney Rave)-0 **MOTION DEFEATED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 E***, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Executive Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Budget Bill for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Tribal Health Insurance and Gaming Commission for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 F***, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Budget Bill for the Legislative Branch, General Fund, Tribal Health Insurance and Gaming Commission for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 11-1(Rep. Jessika Greendeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 G***, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation Judicial Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 H***, Adoption of Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Branch Budget Bill for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Funding of General Welfare Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 I***, Funding of General Welfare Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt ***Resolution 06-20-25 J***, 2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors. Second by Rep. *Continued on Page 15*

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Brianna Tahdooahnippah. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acknowledgment of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Unexpended Funds Report

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 K**, Acknowledgment of Receipt of Fiscal Year 2024 Unexpended Funds Report. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Appropriation of Unexpended Funds from Ho-Chunk Nation Fiscal Year 2024

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 L**, Appropriation of Unexpended Funds from Ho-Chunk Nation Fiscal Year 2024. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Establishment of Corporal Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Day Community Fundraising Restricted Account

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 M**, Establishment of Corporal Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Day Community Fundraising Restricted Account. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Letter of Endorsement for William Kirkland to Serve as the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to authorize signature of the President or Vice President on the letter and to send the letter to COLT and Secretary of Interior. Second by Rep. Rodney

Rave. 10-0-2(Vice President Kristin White Eagle, Rep. Jessika Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 03-05-24D, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 N**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 03-05-24D, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Apply for the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Administration to Contract Finley Engineering for the Resubmission of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Application

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 O**, Authorization for the Department of Administration to Contract Finley Engineering for the Resubmission of the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program Application. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to include adding Finley Engineering to the blank on the resolution. Second concurs. 11-0-1(Rep.

Jessika Greendeer) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Grant of Easement on the Statz Property to Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Alliant)

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 P**, Grant of Easement on the Statz Property to Wisconsin Power and Light Company (Alliant). Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Approval of AHL-Red Banks Property Subdivision Map

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 Q**, Approval of AHL-Red Banks Property Subdivision Map. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Grant of Easement on the AHL (Red Banks) Property

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 R**, Grant of Easement on the AHL (Red Banks Property. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Corporal Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Day Parade Request

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the amount of \$24,245 for the 75th Corporal Mitchell Redcloud, Jr. Day from the pow wow line item, with check payable to Myra Jo Price with reconciliation of the funds on an emergency basis. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. **MOTION IS AMENDED** to \$24,345. Second concurs. 12-0-

0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

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; and authorize attendance of the Representatives-Elect. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

Release to Open Session:

Resolution-Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project for Fiber

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 S**, Funding of the Village West Housing Development Capital Project for Fiber and release to Open Session. Second by

Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to add Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Administration Contract Expense for Finley Engineering to Assist with Ho-Chunk Nation Broadband Initiative. Second by Vice President Kristin White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Administration Contract Expense for Finley Engineering to Assist with Ho-Chunk Nation Broadband Initiative

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 06-20-25 W**, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Department of Administration Contract Expense for Finley Engineering to Assist with Ho-Chunk Nation Broadband Initiative. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Vice President Kristin White Eagle to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
SPECIAL MEETING
HO-CHUNK GAMING –
WISCONSIN DELLS
UPPER BALLROOM C
BARABOO, WI
JULY 2, 2025**

Call to Order: President Jon Greendeer called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

President Jon Greendeer-P
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P
Rep. Rodney Rave-P
Rep. Paul Fox-P
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P
Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P
Rep. Shelby Visintin-P
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P
Rep. Edward Mullen-P
Rep. David Greendeer-P
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-P

Determination of Quorum:
Quorum is established at 1:30 p.m.

Opening Prayer: Cameron White Eagle offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Paul Fox to approve the agenda as presented.

Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

New Business:

Resolution-Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Memory of Naḡg`i(Matthew “Matt” Mullen)

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 A**, Authorization to Issue Legislative Recognition Citation in Memory of Naḡg`i (Matthew “Matt” Mullen). Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 11-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Selection of Vice President for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to nominate Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr. for Vice President. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to close nominations. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 B**, Selection of Vice President for the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-1(Rep. Lambert Cleveland, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Selection of Tribal Secretary

MOTION by Rep. Rodney Rave to nominate Rep. Stephanie Begay for Tribal Secretary. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle.

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to close nominations. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 C**, Selection of Tribal Secretary. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and President presented a framed Legislative Citation to the Mullen Family.

Resolution-Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Commissions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 D**, Appointment of Presiding Officers and Members to Standing Commissions of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-27-25 B Ho-Chunk Signature

Authority

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 E**, Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 05-27-25 B Ho-Chunk Signature Authority, and selecting Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle and Rep. Paul Fox signatures on the signature plate for checks. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of All Prior Resolutions

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 F**, Nomination to Wisconsin State-Tribal Relations Committee and Rescission of All Prior Resolutions. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-1(Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr.) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation

MOTION by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-06-25 G**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Executive Session (Business

Matters, Criminal Matters, Inter-governmental Relations, Land, Law Enforcement, Legal Advice, Personnel Matters, Public Safety or Well-Being:

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. Shelby Visintin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting moved to Executive Session at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Shelby Visintin to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Paul Fox. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting returned to Open Session at 3:12 p.m.

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

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

NOTICE TO MEMBERS OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION

General Welfare Applications Due August 15, 2025

The Treasury Department is now accepting General Welfare applications. To ensure you continue to receive General Welfare payments in September 2025 and throughout the remainder of the fiscal year, your application must be completed no later than August 15.

Ways to Complete the Application:

ONLINE

<https://avf.ho-chunk.com/gwealogin.aspx>

PAPER

PDF is available on the Ho-Chunk Nation website for printing out and at the Branch Offices, Tribal Office Building, and Tribal Aging Units.

*Please submit only one application - either electronically or via paper.

If you have questions or need assistance, please email tribalmembersupport@ho-chunk.com