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## Ho-Chunk Nation Employees Celebrated at Annual Appreciation Picnic in Tomah

Kaili Berg

Ho-Chunk Nation employees came together under sunny skies on Friday, July 18, for the Nation's annual Employee Appreciation Picnic at Winnebago Park in Tomah, WI.

The event, organized to recognize and celebrate the hard work of Ho-Chunk non-gaming employees throughout the year, featured food, games, prizes, and plenty of camaraderie.

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## Susan Waukon Appointed CEO of Bois Forte Development Corporation

Kaili Berg

Susan Waukon has officially stepped into her new role as CEO of the Bois Forte Development Corporation, bringing a wealth of experience and a strong commitment to Native communities to the organization's leadership.

A member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and originally from Black River Falls, Wisconsin, Waukon has already begun meeting with staff and Tribal leadership to set the tone for her tenure.

Since her appointment, Waukon has been splitting her time between her office at Fortune Bay Resort Casino and the Nett Lake Village, where she's been connecting with members of the Reservation Tribal Government Management team and employees.

Her onboarding has focused on building relationships and fostering collaboration to shape the Development Corporation's strategic direction.

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# New Election Process Brings Greater Access and Transparency to Upcoming General Election

Kaili Berg

The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board is rolling out a new voting process this year, designed to increase participation and transparency in a key constitutional amendment vote during the annual General Council meeting in September.

This special edition of the *Hocak Worak* is meant to ensure that all tribal members are aware of the upcoming vote, which focuses on an amendment that would allow individuals who were enrolled in other tribes as minors, but who meet Ho-Chunk descendency requirements, to enroll in the Ho-Chunk Nation.

The vote will take place at General Council, and for the first time, members will also have the option to vote by mail.

William Gardner, Attorney General, said the board wanted to get this information out as widely as possible. “The main point of the special edition is to give as much notice as possible,” Gardner said. “We want everyone to know about this new opportunity to vote and how the process will work.”

The push to create this hybrid voting process came after a resolution passed at last year’s General Council, which called for constitutional amendments to be voted on at the following year’s General Council meeting.

That resolution set the wheels in motion for the Legislature and Election Board to develop a system that allows members to cast their votes either in person or

through the mail, making it easier for more members to take part in the Nation’s decision-making.

In addition to the constitutional vote, the special edition also includes information about a District 1 special election. This election reflects recent redistricting changes, which now include the Minneapolis–St. Paul area as part of District 1.

Attorney Erik Shircel, who advises the Election Board, explained that the new process is possible because of an amendment to Section 21 of the election code.

Under the revised code, every eligible tribal member will automatically receive a ballot in the mail at least 30 days before General Council. These ballots no longer require notarization but must be witnessed by a U.S. citizen at least 18 years old.

For those attending General Council in person, polling stations will be set up at the site. Voting hours will run from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m., or two hours after adjournment if the meeting ends earlier.

Shircel also reassured members that election integrity remains a priority. If a member votes by mail but later decides to attend General Council and vote in person, only the in-person vote will be counted. The mailed ballot would be set aside, ensuring no one votes twice.

“This new process gives tribal members who can’t make it to General Council an opportunity to still have their voices heard,” Shircel said. “At the same time, it

maintains election integrity and ensures no one votes twice.”

The change is especially important because amending the Constitution requires approval from at least 30 percent of eligible voters, while quorum at General Council requires just 20 percent.

The hybrid system is designed to close that gap by allowing more members to participate, even if they cannot attend in person.

Looking ahead, this hybrid approach is expected to become the standard for future constitutional amendment votes.

While other pending resolutions, including those on procedural rules, transparency, and governance, are also being discussed, Gardner emphasized that the main focus this year is ensuring the proposed enrollment amendment remains clear and at the forefront.

Tribal members are encouraged to watch their mailboxes in the coming weeks for ballots. Those who plan to attend General Council in person may vote at the meeting if they prefer.

Leadership hopes this new process will make it easier for everyone to have a say in shaping the Nation’s future.

For questions about the election process or ballots, members are encouraged to contact the Election Board office via telephone at 715-284-8900 or via email at Election.Board@ho-chunk.com.

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	___ Twining (type of weaving)
___ Traditional games (moccasin or kasu)	___ Metal smithing
___ Loom work with beads	___ Storytelling
___ Tack-down bead work	___ Finger braiding (yarn belts)
___ General bead working	___ Foraging
___ Dancing (traditional, fancy, jingle, shawl)	___ Lacrosse sticks and game
___ Diagonal bead working (paxge hou’u)	___ Double ball sticks and game
___ Featherwork (bustles, fans, headdresses)	___ Quillworking
___ Flute making	___ Hand sewing (old-style applique)
___ Hat making	___ Quilting
___ Hide Tanning	___ Machine sewing
___ Leather tooling	___ Scrimshaw
___ Leather sewing	___ Survival skills
___ Parfleche crafting	___ Woodworking
___ Pottery	
___ 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](mailto:goodlife@ho-chunk.com)

Wa’injiginapšąna!



# NCAI Condemns President Trump’s Call to Reinstate Harmful Mascot Imagery

Washington, D.C. — In response to President Donald Trump’s public threat to block a new stadium deal unless the Washington Commanders reinstate their former name and his demand that the Cleveland Guardians also revert back, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) unequivocally opposes any effort to revive racist mascots that demean Indigenous communities. Since 1950, NCAI’s priorities have included the eradication of harmful, unsanctioned Native “themed” mascots and propaganda.

“Any attempt to distract by invoking our names and purporting to speak for our communities is an affront to Tribal sovereignty and is not taken lightly. For seventy-five years, NCAI has held an unbroken voice: Imagery and fan behaviors that mock, demean, and dehumanize Native people have no place in modern society. NCAI will continue to stand in support of the dignity and humanity of Native peoples,” said NCAI President Mark Macarro.

In May of this year, NCAI Executive Director Larry Wright, Jr., responded to a

mascot-related decision by the Department of Education, noting “our youth deserve to see themselves treated with dignity, not as punchlines or cartoonish relics of the past. The continued defense of these mascots is a refusal to confront racism. Enough is enough.”

In July 2020, NCAI commended the Washington Commanders for “eliminating a brand that disrespected, demeaned, and stereotyped all Native people.” In July 2021, NCAI commended the Cleveland Guardians for “[taking an] important step forward in healing the

harms its former mascot long caused Native people, in particular Native youth.” Our position and that of Indian Country broadly — rooted in unanimously passed resolutions reflecting the perspectives of hundreds of Tribal Nations — has not changed.

Tribal governments have been outspoken and unambiguous on this issue for generations. Contrary to President Trump’s assertion that “[o]ur great Indian people, in massive numbers, want this to happen,” Indian Country has repeatedly come together to

condemn the unsanctioned use of harmful Native “themed” mascots, particularly those which sexualize, stereotype, or dehumanize American Indian and Alaska Native people.

Conditioning federal policy or development deals on the revival of racist language contradicts the government’s responsibility to uphold tribal rights and dignity, threatens the integrity of lawful governance, and opens the door to further discriminatory policy demands. We are not your mascot. We are not your distraction.




Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing would like to announce a new e-mail for our tenants to submit work orders.

Please submit all work orders to:  
[HousingWorkOrders@Ho-Chunk.com](mailto:HousingWorkOrders@Ho-Chunk.com)

This e-mail will also be available on the Ho-Chunk Nation website under the 'Housing' tab.

Our office is available by phone to take work orders: [608-374-1225](tel:608-374-1225)

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



# August

## Elders Birthdays

1 Gary Climer	17 Coleen Finn
2 John Edwards	Kathleen Schladt
Greg Whitehorse	Cheryl Nichol
Peter Mallory	Alana De Cora-Ayesh
3 Darryl Berefsky	18 Jeanette Decorah
Georgette Garvin	19 Celeste Goff
Donna Bryant	Brenda Owen
4 Thomas Eades	Louis Costello
Winona Mann	Edward Gleason
Naomi Rich	Scott Murkve
5 Brenda Bruce	Tina Brown
Kim Whitewing	20 Threse Thurman
Kevin Towns	Shelley Williams
6 Martin Funmaker	Todd Cloud
Martina Littlewolf	Jeffrey Schmitz
Muriel Whiteagle-Lee	Brenda Neff
Paul Cloud	21 Charles Hopinkah, Sr.
Alfreda Skye	22 William Kirkwood
7 Karen Martin	Quentin Thundercloud
Mary Thundercloud-Eary	Maria Baldwin
8 Vicki Johnson	Thomas Leonard
Thomas Jones II	23 Roger Littlegeorge
9 Gary Whitehorse	Donna Martin
10 Sherry Wilson	Glenda Casteel
Daryl De Cora	Grace Brockhaus
Esther Young Thunder	William Browne
Alberta Starnes	Sherry Dalton
Rowland Rave	24 Richard Mann
Connie Winneshiek	Lenore Sweet
Kymberlee Elmgreen	Dave Davis
Sandra Smalley	25 Gregory Goze
Steven Sallaway	Deborah Palonis
11 Audrey Lewis	Jeffrey Smith
Robert Tipton	Connie Radtke
James Beverly	David Deere
12 Brian Doxtator	Kenneth Whitewater
Russell Weise	26 Rodney Thundercloud
Dean Turner	Sharon Prusia
George Greendeer	Michael Little Wolf
Nathaniel Funmaker	27 Darlene Denny
13 Wayne Cooper	Annette Pidgeon
Beverly Spade	Jeffrey Harrison
Tracy Thundercloud	28 Warren Towns
Joann Guzman	Dana Kinser
Denis Rockman	Frederick Kingswan
14 Brenda Peotter	Melanie Roth
Vicki Browneagle	29 Linda Lebeck
Rose Contreras	Gordon Thunder
Howard Bell	31 Joseph Lonetree
15 Gladys Ebata	Kimberly Helgerson
Leslie Brown	George Lonetree
James Wabshoggin	Cecilia Bigsoldier
16 Joseph White, Jr.	
Walter Lemieux, Jr.	
Victoria Stacy-Good Thunder	

### HO-CHUNK NATION ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION

#### REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE HO-CHUNK NATION

Introduction.

On September 21, 2024 the General Council met and passed a resolution for a Secretarial Election. <sup>1</sup> The resolution advances an effort to amend the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation (hereinafter "Constitution"). If passed, the amendment would permit enrollment by persons who were previously enrolled in other Indian Tribes when they were minors, as long as they meet all other Ho-Chunk membership blood-quantum and DNA requirements.

After the Office of General Council provided the resolution to the Election Board, it was verified that a majority of voters at the General Council voted for the Constitutional Amendment.<sup>2</sup> Following its' April 6, 2025 meeting, the Board referred the proposed amendment to the Attorney General for an Opinion relating to the constitutionality and legality of the proposed amendment. Once this Opinion is given, it is to be posted in the Nation's newsletter for two consecutive printings, along with the text of the proposed Amendment.<sup>3</sup>

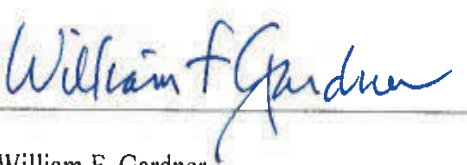
#### Text of the Proposed Amendment.

The Resolution seeks to amend Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation by adding the following language to said Article II, Section 1:

(e) Beginning the date this amendment is approved the Ho-Chunk Nation will permit the enrollment of persons at least 18 years old, who were enrolled in another Tribe as a minor child, to enroll with the Ho-Chunk Nation upon relinquishment of enrollment in that other tribe. The Descendant must meet all other qualifications as identified in Article II, Section 1 of the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution.

#### Opinion.

1. The proposed amendment was adopted by a quorum of the General Council and was properly certified by the Election Board. It is *procedurally lawful*.
2. The proposed amendment is also *constitutionally* sound.



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

Attention: The Next Deadline of the Hocak Worak will be August 1st which will be published on August 8th. Please contact Hocak Worak at ext. 11004 if you have a change of address or would like to be placed on the mailing list.

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While Kim Crowley and Crew teach 20 students (Gr 6-12) to weave a basket from start to finish,

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Sunday and Monday,  
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# Thank You, Representative Rodney Rave

On July 11, the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature recognized Representative Rodney Rave for his service to the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature and the people of District 1.

A lifelong resident of the Indian Mission area, Representative Rave brought decades of real-world experience and community focus to his role in office. During his time as a legislature, he remained deeply committed to improving public safety, addressing substance abuse, and advocating for a stable and healthy future for our Nation.

Rodney recently announced his resignation form the Legislature, and while the staff will miss his presence in the workplace, all wish him the best in the next chapter of life.




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✓ THURSDAY - JULY 31, 2025  
✓ 10:30AM - 2:30PM

**WHAT:**  
✓ Change of Address  
✓ Request for Information  
✓ Enrollment Process  
✓ Trust Fund Process  
✓ Tribal IDs

- Cost:
  - First Tribal ID & Elders: Free
  - Tribal ID (expired & duplicates): Free (fee currently waived)
- Valid form of ID (required for minors & adults):
  - Driver's License
  - State ID
  - Certified Birth Certificate
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**NATIVE ARTS & CULTURE OF TEE WÁKAČAK**

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 Wákačak. (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 Tallmudge 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.

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

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.

**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.

**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.

Programming made possible through the generous support of:



**HO-CHUNK NATION COM 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

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HO-CHUNK NATION 2025  
LABOR DAY CONTEST POW-WOW  
DANCER#  
2025  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN  
AUGUST 30 - SEPT. 1  
W8426 Hwy 54 East

PUBLIC  
Welcome

FREE  
SHOWERS  
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GRAND ENTRY TIMES:  
Sat - 1PM & 7PM | Sun - 1PM & 7PM | Mon - Noon

Must attend both Grand Entries for Day Pay  
COMPETITION REGISTRATION: Sat - 9:30AM - 11:30AM  
(For participants that are contesting, this is the only time to register)  
DAY PAY REGISTRATION: Sat - 9:30AM - 12:30PM & 4:30PM - 6:30PM  
All Registrants Must Provide a Tribal ID or CDIB or Social Security Card

Supper  
Meals  
Sat & Sun

MCs: DYLAN PRESCOTT & MATT MANN | AD: KUNU DAVE

HEAD DRUM JUDGE: LESLIE NICHOLAS | HEAD MAN JUDGE: NOODIN SHAWANDA | HEAD WOMAN JUDGE: GABBY RAVE  
HOST DRUMS: HO-CHUNK NATION DRUM (OPEN DRUM) | BAD FISH CREEK

DRUM CONTEST: 1st \$10,000; 2nd \$8,000; 3rd \$6,000; 4th \$4,000

DANCE CONTEST: TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/APPLIQUE/WOODLAND/FANCY SR & JR ADULTS:  
1st \$800; 2nd \$600; 3rd \$400; 4th \$200  
TEENS: 1st \$400; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200; 4th \$100  
DAY PAY: GOLDEN AGE/SPECIAL NEEDS/JUNIORS/TINY TOTS

VENDING: Native American Vendors Only - Must bring Tribal ID or CDIB (subject to change).

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Waylon Pettibone 715-299-5508 or Lori Pettibone 715-896-0190

The Ho-Chunk Nation or event organizers, sponsors, and staff are not responsible for any injuries, theft loss or property damage.  
Alcohol, drugs, firearms and anyone under the influence are prohibited.

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The day kicked off early with employee sign-in between 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m., followed by a welcome address at 9:30 a.m. Food trucks rolled into the park by late morning, serving up a variety of lunch options from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Door prizes were handed out in the afternoon, with the festivities wrapping up around 4:00 p.m. with closing remarks.

In addition to great food and socializing, the picnic featured a full slate of activities for employees to enjoy.

Events included golf at Hiawatha, disc golf at the Fireman's Park, cornhole and volleyball tournaments at Winnebago Park, and a free throw contest and cardboard boat races later in the day.

Bingo also proved to be a popular mid-morning activity, bringing participants together in a relaxed, competitive spirit.

Organizers noted that the event is a small but meaningful way to show appreciation for employees' dedication to the Nation's programs, services, and community.





# Pathways Homebuyer Class

Date: Thursday, August 7th  
Time: 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM  
Location: Wittenberg Community Building

**Come and take the first step toward homeownership!**

**Register Now!**



Join us for a comprehensive homebuyer class that covers essential topics, including:

- Homebuyer Readiness
- Financial Management
- Home Purchase Process
- Understanding Credit
- Home Maintenance


Class is FREE to attend!  
This class meets most Down Payment Assistance requirements.



Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Housing  
HOD Home Ownership Division  
Phone: 608-374-1225



CEDAR GROWTH  
Phone: 715-284-2470



## Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board

### ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST FORM

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TO: Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Office  
W8801 Mission Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
715/284-8900  
Email: [election.board@ho-chunk.com](mailto:election.board@ho-chunk.com)

FROM: \_\_\_\_\_

I am requesting an absentee ballot for the upcoming Special Election on Monday, August 11, 2025. Mail to:

\_\_\_\_\_ (Full Legal Name)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Street Address)

\_\_\_\_\_ (City, State, Zip)

Thank you,

\_\_\_\_\_ Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ District

\_\_\_\_\_ Enrollment #

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number to be reached at

Deadline to request ballot is Wednesday, August 6, 2025 by 4:00 pm.



## Check it out!

Data updates available for our annual public/environmental health report! Includes Ho-Chunk data like population, death, and ER/hospitalization statistics, community conditions, and health outcomes like maternal/child health, STIs, asthma, water quality, and more!



Ho-Chunk Nation  
Department of Health  
View online at  
<https://health.ho-chunk.com>

# Health Profile Report

Public Health & Environmental Health 2025



WAZA HIGIRAWI  
(We care)

# Seymour Garners Multiple Awards

Iowa country/gospel recording artist, Storm Seymour continues to garner several music awards. Seymour kicked-off the new year receiving two awards for his self-penned song, “Thin Ice” in the Rhythm and Blues category from the World Songwriters Association based in Sydney, Australia and from the Academy, based out of Los Angeles, CA. This past summer, Seymour was also nominated for Rhythm and Blues category for ‘Artist of the Year.’ Seymour was also awarded for his song, “Long Distance Love Affair” in the Pop/Rock category from the World Songwriters Association and Academy respectively.

Seymour was recently inducted into the Hall of Fame during the Academy’s award ceremony held in Los Angeles. As of the writing of this news release, Storm Seymour has received a person invitation form the Academy to attend the Hall of Fame induction ceremony scheduled to take place on Saturday, May 18, 2025 in Diamond City located just north of Los Angeles. This will be a formal affair.

Other Hall Fame inductions Seymour has



received include; 1990 – Midwest Country News Hall of Fame (Seymour was the youngest member ever to be inducted), 1998 – The Nebraska Country Music Foundation’s Hall of Fame, 1999 – The Nebraska Country Music Foundation’s Hall of Fame (inducted with the group White Swan).

## Ho-Chunk Nation’s Annual

# Neesh-La Pow-Wow

August 22-24, 2025  
E10793 N Reedsburg Rd Baraboo, WI 53913  
Across from the Casino

### Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies  
Terence “Terry” Fiddler - Eagle Butte, SD  
Boye Ladd Sr. - Albuquerque, NM

Arena Directors  
Michael Roberts - Ada, OK

Head Dance Judges  
Triston Lasley - Tama, IA  
Cassie Hindsley - Wisconsin Dells, WI

Head Singing Judge  
Gabby Funmaker - Wisconsin Dells, WI

Host Drum  
Iron Boy - Twin Cities, MN

Color Guard  
Sanford White Eagle Post 556

### Grand Entry

Friday - 7:00pm  
Saturday- 1:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
Sunday - 12:00 pm

### More Events

Neesh-La 3 v 3 Tournament  
Carly Greendeer Memorial Trophy  
Ho-Chunk Hustle Mud Run -  
House of Wellness -  
Contact (608)355-1240  
Flag Raising throughout weekend 9 am  
Supper Break Meal provided by  
Committee

### Admission

\$10 day  
\$15 3-day

### Dance Contest

Categories - Men’s Traditional, Grass, Fancy, & Woodland  
Woman’s Applique, Traditional, Jingle & Fancy Shawl  
Golden Age Combined (55+ up) - Sr. Adults (35-54) - Jr. Adults (18-34)  
Teens (13-17) & Jrs. (7-12)

Prizes -  
Adult Categories 1st \$1,000 2nd \$700 3rd \$500 4th \$300  
Teen Categories 1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th \$100  
Jr Categories 1st \$200 2nd \$150 3rd \$100 4th \$50

Registration - Friday 4pm - 7:30pm & Saturday 11am-12:30pm

### Singing Contest

1st \$10,000  
2nd \$8,000  
3rd \$6,000  
4th \$4,000  
5th \$2,000

### Specials

Committee Specials 18+ up  
- Woman’s Fancy Shawl  
- Men’s Chicken  
(1st - \$1,000 2nd - \$700 3rd - \$300)  
Outgoing Brave Kenny Funmaker Woodland Special  
Jr Boys - \$300 \$200 \$100  
Outgoing Princess Annalisa Houghton Special  
12+ up Woman’s Applique  
3 Places with Cash and Gifts  
Madalynn Grace Cloud Tiny Tot Special  
- Sponsored by Family  
2025 Princess & Brave Contest  
Contact Kaycee Funmaker (608)393-0787

### Hotel Stay - Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells \$129 - 1-800-746-2486

Coordinator - Robert Funmaker - [Funmakerrobert@yahoo.com](mailto:Funmakerrobert@yahoo.com)  
Vendors - Maycee Wahpewah ringleader\_49@yahoo.com  
Pow-wow Committee not responsible for lost/stolen items and/or injury.  
Drugs and Alcohol Free Event - Bear Clan Security

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She was introduced to staff during a recent Bois Forte Business Development meeting by Acting Chair and District I Representative Shane Drift, with additional welcoming remarks from other members of the Tribal Council.

Raised by her grandparents, Waukon has often credited them with instilling a community-centered approach to leadership.

Her career includes a wide range of leadership and service roles: elected legislator for the Ho-Chunk Nation, work in FEMA disaster recovery, and most recently as Vice President of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation.

Her decision to join the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa was driven by the Band’s ability

to balance economic growth with cultural integrity.

Waukon noted the Band’s clear commitment to sovereignty and cultural preservation, as well as its diverse business ventures in gaming, golf, and cannabis, as signs of forward-thinking leadership and potential for future growth.

In her first months, Waukon plans to assess internal operations, engage with staff to identify priorities in People & Culture, and help shape the organization’s strategic plan.

She intends to set clear goals across the business, designate accountable leaders, and establish short-term milestones, with progress reported to the Tribal Council on a bi-weekly basis.



# 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](mailto:tribalmembersupport@ho-chunk.com)

# Gov. Evers Blasts Trump Administration Over Blocking \$72 Million for Wisconsin’s Kids and Schools

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers today blasted President Donald Trump and the Trump Administration over efforts to withhold more than \$6 billion for K-12 school districts across the country, including over \$72 million for Wisconsin’s kids and schools that the state was expecting to receive. These critical funds support the state’s K-12 kids and schools and technical colleges through after-school and summer programs, English-learning programs, educator trainings, and more.

The governor’s lawsuit comes as the U.S. Supreme Court yesterday issued a devastating decision to allow the Trump Administration to resume disastrous mass firings at the U.S. Department of Education—a move toward ultimately dismantling the agency—adding continued stress on Wisconsin kids, schools, and other facets of the state’s and country’s educational system that rely on federal support.

Earlier this month, Gov. Evers announced Wisconsin was joining a multi-state lawsuit challenging the Trump Administration attempting to cut funding already approved by Congress to help support critical mental health services in Wisconsin’s K-12 schools and higher education institutions, jeopardizing millions of

dollars for Wisconsin kids’ mental health over the next several years.

Gov. Evers today released the following statement regarding the new lawsuit against the Trump Administration targeting tens of millions of dollars for Wisconsin’s kids and schools:

“President Trump and the Trump Administration’s war on kids and schools continues. From the get-go, this administration has done virtually nothing to help support Wisconsin’s kids or our schools, instead attacking Head Start Programs, trying to dismantle the Department of Education, and attempting to gut millions of dollars to help support our kids’ mental health.

“America’s kids and schools depend on these critical resources and services. These reckless decisions are deeply concerning to me as a governor who’s also a former educator—but they also alarm me as someone who’s the grandparent of nine grandkids. President Trump and the Trump Administration must stop messing with our kids. Period.

“I promised I’d fight every effort by President Trump and his administration to mess with our schools, our kids, and their futures, and I will continue to keep that promise.”

# Upcoming Ho-Chunk Closures

Jul-Sep

JULY 4	Both pharmacies closed in observance of Corporal Mitchell Red Cloud Jr. Day
JULY 16	HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:45-9:45am
JULY 18	Both pharmacies closed for Employee Appreciation Day
JULY 23	HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30-1:30pm
AUGUST 20	HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:45-9:45am
AUGUST 27	HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30-1:30pm
SEPT 1	Both pharmacies closed for Labor Day
SEPT 17	HHCC Pharmacy (BRF) closed 8:45-9:45am
SEPT 24	HOW Pharmacy (Baraboo) closed 12:30-1:30pm

PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY FOR MEDICATION REFILLS

# LOOKING FOR Employment?



HO-CHUNK GOVERNMENT & GAMING FACILITIES POSITIONS AVAILABLE



HO-CHUNK GAMING WISCONSIN

Scan here!

- 1 Scan the QR code.
- 2 Register or Sign in.
- 3 Select a job.
- 4 Apply online!

PHONE:  
(715) 284-4361

WEBSITE:  
<https://ho-chunknation.com/employment/>



# DNR Offers Universal Recreation With Outdoor Options For All

MADISON, Wis. – The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds the public that Wisconsin’s state parks, forests and recreation areas offer a variety of universal recreation options available across the state. These include equipment available to borrow, such as adaptive kayaks, all-terrain wheelchairs and beach wheelchairs, and amenities such as accessible fishing piers, universal play areas and barrier-free accessible cabins for camping.

Public lands are communal spaces that provide relaxation, physical activity and socialization opportunities. Universal recreation opportunities ensure that all visitors have access to the physical and mental benefits of outdoor recreation and spending time outside.

July is Disability Pride Month and the anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, a federal civil rights law passed in

July 1990 that prohibits discrimination against people with disabilities in everyday activities. The DNR is committed to providing exceptional outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all abilities around the state during Disability Pride Month and year-round.

Many state properties host adaptive equipment for outdoor recreation. The DNR’s adaptive equipment fleet includes adaptive kayaks, beach wheelchairs, motorized and nonmotorized outdoor wheelchairs, cross-country sit skis and beach access mats. Locations where adaptive equipment is hosted can be found on the Adaptive Equipment webpage.

Park conditions can change, and adaptive equipment is added or moved at properties throughout the year. Visitors interested in using equipment should call the property before their visit to ensure the equipment or accessible features are available.

To locate properties with accessible amenities and equipment, visit the Find A Park webpage and add a filter for “Accessible Features and Services.”

Universal recreation equipment and amenities provide opportunities for the entire family to recreate outdoors together. Features like universal trails, benches and barrier-free access paths to play areas create safer, more user-friendly spaces for all visitors, including parents with strollers, elderly individuals and those recovering from injuries.

Join DNR staff and partners for Universal Recreation Day at the Kettle Moraine State Forest – Pike Lake Unit on Sept. 6, 2025, near the North Shelter. This drop-in event will have activities for visitors of all ages and universal recreation equipment to try out. Launch a paddlecraft from the property’s new universal kayak launch, explore using a motorized

or nonmotorized outdoor wheelchair, cool off using a beach wheelchair or take a short hike down the newly installed boardwalk trail.

Learn more about the universal recreation amenities and equipment available at Wisconsin State Park System properties by visiting the DNR’s Open the Outdoors

webpage.  
**EVENT DETAILS**  
What: DNR Universal Recreation Day  
When: Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025  
Where: Kettle Moraine State Forest – Pike Lake Unit North Shelter  
3544 Kettle Moraine Road  
Hartford, WI 53027



Many state properties host adaptive equipment for outdoor recreation. / Photo Credit: Wisconsin DNR

KB/7-21-25

HANDS-ON

Waza Siriširic (Tomato)

CANNING CLASS

Thursday August 21st  
4-6 pm at  
Siga Funmaker Community Center  
W17634 Radke Rd., Wittenberg

Get hands-on canning experience!

Take home a jar of tomatoes!

Win a Ball Canning Book!

We'll also learn to make fresh tomato soup!

RSVP for your jar of tomatoes:  
kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com or  
715.284.9851 Ext 35335

Class provided by UW-Extension  
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division



HO-CHUNK NATION  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH

SUMMER 2025  
BLOCK PARTIES

HEALTH RESOURCES, FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES,  
DOOR PRIZES, AND FREE FOOD!  
1PM-5:30PM  
July 30th  
Teejop Hocira  
4724 Tradewinds Pkwy, Madison

United Way  
Behavioral Health Resource Center  
City of Madison Fire Truck  
Madison Reading Project  
Planned Parenthood of WI  
Reach Dane  
Great Lakes Inter Tribal Council  
and many more!

Kids corner  
crafts  
activities  
face painting

Free event for tribal members and employees of the Ho-Chunk Nation.  
This is a drug and alcohol free event  
More info: Melissa.Govek@ho-chunk.com 715.284.9851 x35052



# Federal Budget Reconciliation Bill "Devastating" to Wisconsinites' Access to Health Care, Food Assistance

On Friday, July 4, the president signed the budget reconciliation bill (the One Big Beautiful Bill Act), which will increase red tape for FoodShare and Medicaid members and will force 270,000 Wisconsinites to lose health insurance by taking away necessary support for them to afford health care coverage. Gov. Tony Evers

and Wisconsin Department of Health Secretary Kirsten Johnson released the following statements: “Republicans’ vote to cut popular programs like Medicaid will have a devastating impact on working families, kids, seniors, and Wisconsinites across our state. Wisconsinites will lose access to their health

care and basic necessities like food that people depend on every day—and all so Republicans could pay for tax breaks for wealthy millionaires and billionaires. Make no mistake: the people of Wisconsin and our state will not be better off because of this bill,” said Gov. Tony Evers. “My administration will use every tool we can

to respond to these cuts and we will continue doing everything we can to make sure every Wisconsinite has access to quality, affordable health care and the basic necessities they need to survive and thrive.” “It’s incredibly important for Wisconsinites to understand how the decisions being made by the president

and Congress negatively impact the health and nutrition of families across the state,” said Wisconsin Department of Health Services Secretary Kirsten Johnson. “We ask Medicaid and FoodShare members to keep their contact information up to date. We will share information as it becomes available.”





# All-Abilities Stroll

## 1.3 MILE WALK

**ABILITIES OUTWEIGH DISABILITIES!**

**FREE REGISTRATION**

**@ DISTRICT 1 COMMUNITY CENTER**

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2025 - 10AM**  
9:30AM CHECK-IN; 10:00AM WALK START

Rest Stations Every 0.15 Miles With Seating  
Strollers, Wheelchairs, and Assistive Devices Welcome  
Therapy Pets Allowed; No Other Pets Please

T-SHIRTS AVAILABLE ONLINE



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



# Green Bay Canning Class

## Haastik Jam (Blueberry)

Updated 7/25 KB

Friday August 22nd  
10:30am at Green Bay Branch Office  
2413 Hazelwood Ln., Green Bay



Class provided by UW-Extension  
Sponsored by HCN Health & Wellness Division  
Contact Nutritionist Kathy Braaten to RSVP for your jar of strawberry jam  
[kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com](mailto:kathy.braaten@ho-chunk.com) OR 715.284.9851 Ext 35335

Win a Ball Canning Book!

Take home a jar of fresh blueberry jam!

Get hands-on canning experience!

### Heat Exhaustion

Body's response to excessive loss of water and salt

#### Symptoms

Dizziness

Nausea

Weakness

#### What you can do when someone is suffering from heat exhaustion:

- Have them drink water
- Move them to cooler air conditioned space/ shaded area

### VS

### Heat Stroke

Heat related illness, when your body can no longer regulate temperature

#### Symptoms

Confusion/altered mental state/ slurred speech

Throbbing headache

unconsciousness


#### What you can do when someone is suffering from heatstroke:

- CALL 911 (Heatstroke can be fatal)
- Loosen or dampen clothing
- Use cool compress on forehead and neck



## Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

# HEAT STROKE AND MEDICATION



During a heat stroke, the body loses its ability to cool down, rising to dangerous temperatures that can cause permanent damage or even death. Some medications can make it harder for your body to regulate temperature and become more susceptible to overheating on hot days.

### Signs and symptoms

Confusion

Headache

Very high body temperature

unconsciousness

Hot dry skin or profuse sweating



### Medications to look out for

- Antihistamines
- Amphetamines or other stimulants, including those found in drugs that suppress your appetite
- Antibiotics
- Antidepressants
- Antipsychotic medicines
- Blood pressure medicines
- Cholesterol medicines (statins)
- Decongestants
- Diabetes medicines
- Overactive bladder medicines
- Pain relievers (non-steroidal anti-inflammatories, also called NSAIDs)
- Parkinson disease medicines

### Health conditions to look out for

- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes
- Cardiovascular disease
- Graves disease
- Mental health conditions
- Multiple sclerosis
- Obesity
- Too much thyroid hormone ([thyrotoxicosis](https://www.mountsinai.org/health-library/symptoms/heat-intolerance))

<https://www.mountsinai.org/health-library/symptoms/heat-intolerance>  
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/heat-stress/about/illnesses.html>



## Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Health

# 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.

### Skin Reaction

PROTECT YOUR SKIN

- 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

### Body Temperature Regulation

STAY HYDRATED

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

### Medical Devices

STORING 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

House of Wellness pharmacy:  
S2845 White Eagle Rd  
Baraboo, WI 53913  
Phone: 608-355-5177  
Fax: 608-356-1233  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Pharmacy:  
N6520 Lumber Jack Guy Rd  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Phone: 715-284-9851  
Fax: 715-284-2293  
Hours: M-F 8am-5pm

<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/special-features/sun-and-your-medicine>  
<https://onspotdermatology.com/skin-education/medication-and-sun-sensitivity/>



DISTRICT 1 AREA MEETING NOTICE

BLACK RIVER FALLS AREA MEETING  
Tribal Office Building  
W9814 Airport Road  
Black River Falls, WI 54615  
Wednesday, August 13, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.  
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

Twin Cities AREA MEETING  
St. Paul Branch Office  
1724 Selby Ave., St. Paul, MN 55104  
Thursday, August 14, 2025 | 6:00 p.m.  
IN PERSON/VIRTUAL

paul.fox@ho-chunk.com  
phyllis.smoke@ho-chunk.com  
Vacant

For WebEx/e-packet, information please contact:  
michelleramberg@ho-chunk.com

Posted on: 7/21/25



HO-CHUNK NATION  
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE

DISTRICT 2 AREA MEETING NOTICE

LA CROSSE AREA | THREE RIVERS HOUSE  
724 Main Street La Crosse, WI  
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 6:00PM

TOMAH AREA | BLUE WING COMMUNITY BUILDING  
324 Epinal Avenue Tomah, WI  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 6:00PM

BARABOO/W DELLS/MAUSTON AREA | INDIAN HEIGHTS  
975 Dyer Street Wisconsin Dells, WI  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 6:00PM

REP. STEPHANIE BEGAY stephanie.begay@ho-chunk.com (608) 408-0339  
REP. DAMIAN THUNDERCLOUD damianthundercloud@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9321  
REP. KYLE WHITE EAGLE kyle.whiteeagle@ho-chunk.com (800)294-9343 x.11276

POSTED 7/22/25

DISTRICT 3 AREA MEETING NOTICE

MILWAUKEE | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 | 5:30 PM

WITTENBERG | MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 2025 | 6:00 PM

GREEN BAY | TUESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2025 | 6:00 PM

MADISON | WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM

WI RAPIDS | THURSDAY, AUGUST 14, 2025 | 5:30 PM

FOR WEBEX INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

REP. LAMBERT CLEVELAND lambertcleveland@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-5166  
REP. SARAH LEMIEUX sarah.lemieux@ho-chunk.com (715) 315-8071  
REP. SHELBY VISINTIN shelby.visintin@ho-chunk.com (715) 896-9323  
AIDE BELLA BLACKDEER isabella.blackdeer@ho-chunk.com (715) 284-9343 x11313

POSTED 7/21/25

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Joyce Brockhaus</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
Notice to Creditors		
Case No. <u>PR 24-02</u>		

Notice to Newspaper and Personal Representative:

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

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

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF Joyce Brockhaus  
A Petition for Probate was filed in the Ho-Chunk Nation Trial Court. You have 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice to present your claims to the personal representative, Susan Brockhaus, or the Clerk of Court at P.O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The deadline for filing claims is 9-29-25. Only those claims so presented may be paid from the estate.

DOB-8-27-33  
POB-10-30-12

Mary Shund  
Clerk of Court  
Mary Thunder  
Name Printed or Typed  
7/14/25  
Date

Form completed by (Name)	
<u>Susan M. Brockhaus</u>	
Address	
<u>3436 S. 20th St</u> <u>Milwaukee WI 53215</u>	
Telephone	Bar Number (if any)
<u>414-499-3265</u>	

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Loretta J. Patterson</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate		FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
by <u>Thomasa B. Chavez</u>		FEB 08 2023
Case No. <u>PR 23-02</u>		<u>Maxwell</u> Clerk of Court / Assistant
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:		
1. A Petition for Probate was filed. <u>6/8/1947</u>		
2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>6/8/1947</u> and date of death <u>11/7/2019</u> , was domiciled in <u>Juneau</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , with a mailing address of <u>W51943rd St. New Lisbon, WI 53950</u> .		
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 <u>June 7, 2023</u> at (Time) <u>10:00am</u> .		
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.		
<u>Mary Shund</u> Clerk of Court <u>Mary F. Thunder</u> Name Printed or Typed 3/8/23 Date		

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>James L. Pettibone</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate		FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
by <u>Wendell Pettibone</u>		JUN 10 2025
Case No. <u>PR 25-02</u>		<u>Shawn</u> Clerk of Court / Assistant
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:		
1. A Petition for Probate was filed. <u>6/10/1958</u>		
2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>6/10/1958</u> and date of death <u>11/21/21</u> , was domiciled in <u>La Crosse</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , with a mailing address of <u>426 S OAKWOOD Street</u> .		
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>NA</u>		
4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>JoDeen B. Lowe</u> on (Date) <u>08/14/25</u> at (Time) <u>10:00am</u> .		
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.		
<u>Mary Shund</u> Clerk of Court <u>Mary Thunder</u> Name Printed or Typed 06/10/2025 Date		

HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT,		For Official Use
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF <u>Anta Louise</u>		<input type="checkbox"/> Amended
Notice of Hearing on Petition for Probate		FILED IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL / SUPREME COURT
by <u>White Eagle - Winesbrook</u>		JUL 01 2025
Case No. _____		<u>Shawn</u> Clerk of Court / Assistant
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:		
1. A Petition for Probate was filed.		
2. The decedent, with date of birth <u>12-31-34</u> and date of death <u>5-30-25</u> , was domiciled in <u>Jackson</u> County, State of <u>Wisconsin</u> , with a mailing address of <u>P.O. Box 13 / 27603 Kingswood Rd B.R.F. WI 54615</u> .		
3. The names or addresses of the following interested person are not known or reasonably ascertainable: <u>N/A</u>		
4. The petition will be heard at Wa Ehi Hoci, W9598 Hwy 54 E, Black River Falls, WI, 54615, before Judge <u>Huling</u> on (Date) <u>09/03/25</u> at (Time) <u>2:00pm</u> .		
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.		
<u>Mary Shund</u> Clerk of Court <u>Mary Thunder</u> Name Printed or Typed 07/01/2025 Date		



HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
REGULAR MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JULY 8, 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 Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-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-VC
- Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-P
- Rep. Edward Mullen-P
- Rep. David Greendeer-VC 11:31 a.m.
- Rep. Sandra Whitewing-P

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda with ADDING under New Business W. Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Election Code (2 HCC § 6), X. Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Town of Komensky Salt Shed, Y. Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-20-25 J 2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**

*Legislative Meeting-June 17, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 17, 2025 Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Kyle White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Special Legislative Meeting-June 20, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the June 20, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 9-0-2(Rep. Edward Mullen, Rep. Kyle White Eagle) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Special Legislative Meeting-July 2, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 2, 2025 Special Legislative Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**  
**Commission Reports:**

*Housing Commission-June 19, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to approve the June 19, 2025 Housing Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Finance Commission-July 1, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the July 1, 2025 Finance Commission Meeting minutes with corrections. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Entrance Door Upgrade*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 A**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Entrance Door Upgrade. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Count Carts*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 B**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Count Carts. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Emergency Stairwell Upgrade*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 C**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Emergency Stairwell Upgrade. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Marquee*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 D**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Marquee. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Hotel Ceiling Tile Replacement*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 E**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Hotel Ceiling Tile Replacement. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Restroom Plumbing Upgrade*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 F**, Authorization to Close Capital Project HCG-Wittenberg – Restroom Plumbing Upgrade. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-

White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa Enrollment Kiosk Project*

**MOTION** by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 G**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Nekoosa Enrollment Kiosk Project. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Promotional Kiosks*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 H**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Promotional Kiosks. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Repaving Parking Lot*

**MOTION** by Rep. Shelby Visintin to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 I**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wittenberg Repaving Parking Lot. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Department of Agriculture Cooler & Freezer Storage Units*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 J**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Department of Agriculture Cooler & Freezer Storage Units. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Replacement of Radio System*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 K**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Replacement of Radio System. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Replacement Body Cameras*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 L**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Replacement Body Cameras. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Promotional Kiosks Replacement*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 M**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Promotional Kiosks Replacement. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Electronic Key Control Boxes*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 N**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Electronic Key Control Boxes. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Carpet Replacement*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 O**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Carpet Replacement. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Building Renovations*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 P**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Madison Building Renovations. Second by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Funding of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Condensing Unit Replacement and Chiller Barrel Capital Project from Server Cooling Replacement Capital Project*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 Q**, Funding of Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Condensing Unit Replacement and Chiller Barrel Capital Project from Server Cooling Replacement Capital Project. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Unfinished Business:**

*Red Cloud Park-Standing Agenda Item*

Attorney General Gardner stated that next Monday, July 14, 2025 there will be a meeting with the City of La Crosse.

**New Business:**

*Resolution-Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2025*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 R**, Per Capita Declaration for August 1, 2025. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 S**, Authorization to Apply for U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act Brownfields Grant for a Tribal Response Program. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** *Rep. Rodney Rave out of the room.*

*Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2026-2027 Clean Water Act Section 106 Program Grant*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 T**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 2026-2027 Clean Water Act Section 106 Program Grant. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Rodney Rave) **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group*

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 U**, Authorization to Enter into Memorandum of Understanding with the Monroe County Invasive Species Working Group. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State for Eligibility and Assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 319 Program*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 V**, Authorization for the Department of Health to Apply to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for Treatment in a Manner Similar to a State for Eligibility and Assumption of the Clean Water Act Section 319 Program. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Resolution-Authorization for Ho-Chunkgra and Puzaki Pei Cinak Head Start Centers to Enter into an Agreement with the School District of Black River Falls for 4-Year Old Kindergarten (4K) during the 2025-2026 School Year*

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 W**, Authorization for Ho-Chunkgra and Puzaki Pei Cinak *Continued on Page 12*



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Head Start Centers to Enter into an Agreement with the School District of Black River Falls for 4-Year Old Kindergarten (4K) during the 2025-2026 School Year. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization of Paid Administrative Leave for 2025 Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Picnic***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 X**, Authorization of Paid Administrative Leave for 2025 Ho-Chunk Nation Elder Picnic. Second by Rep. Edward Mullen. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval of Child Support Program Submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal IV-D Federal Grant Budget***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 Y**, Approval of Child Support Program Submission of the Federal Fiscal Year 2026 Tribal IV-D Federal Grant Budget. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Cancellation of Lease #1853 on Lot #2 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 Z**, Cancellation of Lease #1853 on Lot #2 of Sand Pillow East #439 T 2158. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 10-0-1(Rep. Stephanie Begay) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Confirmation of Ritchie Brown as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Jackson County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 AA**, Confirmation of Ritchie Brown as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Jackson County. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Confirmation of Jamie Decorah as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Shawano County***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt

**Resolution 07-08-25 BB**, Confirmation of Jamie Decorah as Tribal Law Enforcement Alternate Commissioner for Shawano County. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Support Nomination of Jonas Hill for NIGC Chair***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to approve the letter of support for nomination of Jonas Hill for the NIGC Chairperson; authorize President Greendeer to sign the letter along with Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for 30 Day Public Comment***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 CC**, Authorization to Place the Legislative Organization Act (2 HCC § 11) out for 30 Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Ho-Chunk Village West Subdivision***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 DD**, Granting a Right-of-Way to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Construction on the Ho-Chunk Village West Subdivision. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Byron, Monroe County, WI Fountain Road Construction Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 EE**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Byron, Monroe County, WI Fountain Road Construction Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Monroe County, WI County Highway ET Construction Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 FF**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Monroe County, WI County Highway ET Construction Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Shawano County, WI County Highway N Construction Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 GG**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Shawano County, WI County Highway N Construction Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Greenfield, Monroe County, WI Edgewater Road and Fireworks Avenue Construction Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 HH**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Greenfield, Monroe County, WI Edgewater Road and Fireworks Avenue Construction Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI West Pine Hill and Slegel Road Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 II**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Town of Manchester, Jackson County, WI West Pine Hill and Slegel Road Project Cooperative Agreement. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway A Construction Project Cooperative Agreement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Rodney Rave to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 JJ**, Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority Jackson County, WI County Highway A Construction Project Cooperative Agreement.

Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Parking Lot Restoration***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 KK**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Parking Lot Restoration. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Generator Replacement***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 LL**, Approval for Designation and Funding of a Capital Project Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Generator Replacement. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Adoption of Amendments to the Election Code (2 HCC § 6)***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 MM**, Adoption of Amendments to the Election Code (2 HCC § 6). Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 10-0-1(Rep. Edward Mullen) **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Town of Komensky Salt Shed***

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 NN**, Authorization of Funding from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund Restricted Account for the Town of Komensky Salt Shed. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Resolution-Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-20-25 J 2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors***

**MOTION** by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle to adopt **Resolution 07-08-25 OO**,

Rescission and Restatement of Resolution 06-20-25 J 2025-2026 General Welfare Payment for Ho-Chunk Tribal Member Adults and Minors. Second by Rep. Stephanie Begay. 11-0-0 **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. Rodney Rave. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kyle White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 2:39 p.m.*

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

**Amendment to the Agenda:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to add under New Business Z. Capital Projects Workgroup. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Capital Projects Workgroup**

**MOTION** by Rep. Phyllis Smoke to request Legislative Legal to draft a resolution establishing a Capital Projects Workgroup to next Legislative Session. Second by Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Paul Fox to adjourn the Legislative Meeting to July 22, 2025 at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Second by Rep. Rodney Rave. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 2:43 p.m.*

HO-CHUNK NATION  
LEGISLATURE  
SPECIAL MEETING  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES  
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI  
JULY 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 Lambert Cleveland, Jr.-P  
Rep. Phyllis Smoke-P  
Vacant  
Rep. Paul Fox-VC  
Rep. Damian Thundercloud-P  
Rep. Stephanie Begay-P

Rep. Kyle White Eagle-P  
Rep. Shelby Visintin-VC  
Rep. Sarah Lemieux-White Eagle-VC  
Rep. Edward Mullen-VC  
Rep. David Greendeer-VC  
Rep. Sandra Whitewing-VC

VC-Video Conference

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

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

**Approval of Agenda:**  
**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to approve the agenda as presented. Second by

Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

**New Business:**

***Resolution-Nomination of Damian Thundercloud to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Management Board***

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adopt **Resolution 07-17-25 A**, Nomination of Damian Thundercloud to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Management Board. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-1(Rep. Damian Thundercloud) **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 Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting moved to Executive Session at 10:05 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Vice President Lambert Cleveland, Jr. to return to Open Session. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

*The meeting returned to Open Session at 10:38 a.m.*

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Phyllis Smoke. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Sandra Whitewing is not online.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION** by Rep. Stephanie Begay to adjourn the Special Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Damian Thundercloud. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** Rep. Sandra Whitewing is not online.

*The Special Legislative Meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.*





# ART PROPOSALS

**Native American Artists:** We are seeking proposals for **wall art** for Ho-Chunk Gaming Beloit Casino. This will also include the hotel and convention center. All wall art must have a Ho-Chunk, Woodland or Great Lakes themes. Medias will include paint on canvas, ceramic, glass, metal, or organic materials such as hide, wood or a combinations of durable material. All art will be displayed vertically encased in a frame or shadow box or have a structural frame integrated into such art.

**Timeline:** Artist registry due September 15, 2025. Art delivery deadline is April 2026. Provided art that requires a frame & matting or shadow box will be framed at our designated frame shops, although if art is created with an integrated frame structure or in no need of framing those can be accepted. All art will be reviewed case by case as they are submitted. The casino is responsible for installation of all art within the facility.

**Specifications:** All potential registered artists will receive a specification sheet and periodic updates as a group or individually for there specific work

**Price:** Fair market value of all art is considered, although due to a set budget high end prices will likely be declined and other submissions will be considered.

**Contact:** E-mail [Beloit.Art@ho-chunk.com](mailto:Beloit.Art@ho-chunk.com) to **register** as an art provider. Your contact information will be added to a list for further updates and art specs. Please include name, e-mail address (required), physical address, biography and phone number. Copy of tribal ID or CDIB. Not required but also include photos of past projects and their locations.





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NOTICE AND RULES OF SPECIAL ELECTION

Monday, August 11, 2025



LEGISLATOR

DISTRICT 1, SEAT 2

Notice is hereby served to all eligible voters of District 1. The Ho-Chunk Nation is calling a Special Election which will be held due to the Resignation of Legislator Rodney Rave, District 1, Seat 2 effective July 11, 2025. The Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board, in accordance with the Constitution of the Ho-Chunk Nation will conduct a Special Election. ARTICLE IX< SECTION 10, Removal, Recall and Vacancies and the Election Code 2 HCC Sec. 6, states in relevant part:

ARTICLE IX-REMOVAL, RECALL VACANCIES  
Section 10. Vacancies in the Legislature. If a vacancy occurs in the Legislature because of death, mental or physical incapacity, removal or recall vote, resignation, felony conviction, or for any other reason, such vacancy shall be filled in the following manner:  
(a) If three (3) months or more remain before the next General Election, the Election Board shall call a Special Election in the appropriate District to be held within thirty (30) days.

**NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES**  
The official candidacy forms may be obtained from the Election Board Office. A candidate for elective office shall submit an Official Nomination Petition, Declaration of Candidacy and a \$5.00 filing fee by hand delivery or U.S. Mail to the Election Board Office before the close of the nomination period on **Wednesday, July 23, 2025 by 4:30 PM.** ORIGINAL FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED. FILING BY FAX OR COPIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTABLE.

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

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

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

The Election Board shall rule on all written challenges to the list of eligible voters immediately after the close of the challenge period, Section 11. c. ii. (Deadline, Tuesday, July 22, 2025).

**ABSENTEE VOTING:**  
A voter may vote by absentee ballot provided the Election Board receives the absentee ballot request in writing no later than **Wednesday, August 6, 2025 by 4:00 P.M.** See *Election Code, Page 26, Sec. 13 (a) (i).* Requests MUST INCLUDE the eligible voter’s name printed or typed (with signature), physical address where the ballot will be delivered (we use UPS next Day Air – UPS Next Day Air will not deliver to a P.O. Box), daytime telephone number and enrollment number.

**Absentee Ballots must be received before 7:00 pm on Monday, August 11, 2025.**

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

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

**Please check eligible voter list for your District.**

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

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

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Monday, August 11, 2025**

**POST NOTICE OF ELECTION**  
**Saturday, July 12, 2025**

**POST ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST**  
**Wednesday, July 16, 2025**

**OFFICIAL NOMINATION PETITION DEADLINE**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Wednesday, July 23, 2025**

**CHALLENGES TO THE ELIGIBLE VOTER’S LIST MUST BE RECEIVED BY**  
**4:30 PM**  
**Tuesday, July 22, 2025**

**LAST DAY TO REQUEST ABSENTEE BALLOTS**  
**4:00 PM**  
**Wednesday, August 6, 2025**

**SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**Monday, August 11, 2025**

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

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

**MPLS./ST. PAUL, MN**  
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BRANCH OFFICE  
1724 Selby Avenue  
(715)284-7660

**Other Polling Sites will be closed during this Special Election.**