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LAST BEAR MOON CELEBRATION HELD AT WINNAVEGAS CASINO EVENT CENTER

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Sloan, IA – Saturday, February 25th, 2023 the Winnebago tribe of Nebraska held the Last Bear Moon Celebration powwow at the Winnavegas Events Center and the turnout seemed to be great. Many tribal nations were represented at the celebration, the audience was huge with standing room only. Many are suggesting a larger venue in the future.

This issue the WIN will discuss the history of how the celebration came to fruition, and some of this year's most notable moments. The former general manager of Winnavegas Casino & Resort, Mayan Beltran shared in an interview with WTN Communications Officer Garan Coons that "back in December 2014, I was thinking about what kind of cultural events can we do here? We had couple other things like hand drum contests. But we really wanted to do a powwow." Upon discussions with former Tribal Chair, Frank White suggested "why don't we do the Last Bear Moon powwow at Winnavegas?"

The purpose of the celebration is an act



The Spotlight Special was a sight to see. One of the finalist's in the Fancy Shawl Special.

of solidarity amongst the Winnebago, Hochunks, Otoe-Missouria tribes. Les Painter, one of the committee members shared, "it was mentioned by the council that we should try to build relations, rekindle with those tribes that once belonged together."

Upon forced removal, migration, and old disputes once disbanded those tribes. Painter adds "those ideas were brought to tribal council to extend a warm welcome to each other."

By 2018 the Winnebago tribe was invited to the Otoe-Missouria Winter Encampment. Coons mentioned "the Winnebagoes, the Otoe-Missouria, and Hochunks were one big nation over in Ohio Valley. Due to the size of that, some of those tribes had to separate off. Through the history and course of time. Fast forward to the present day. They wanted to renew those connections."

The tribe then sent down a delegation.

"We went down there, and a lot of people had good things to say. We met the tribal chairman, the winter encampment chairman and his family. They provided us with a traditional meal. It was a one-day celebration powwow. It was a good time." Coons added.

Also during the winter encampment, they held a gourd dance that White had participated in. This year, the committee knew that it was necessary to have the dance apart of the celebration to honor the Otoe-Missouria's traditions. The Gourd Dance head staff was, John Shotton (Norman, OK) Master of Ceremonies, Gary Whitecloud Jr. (Red Rock, OK) Head Singer, Eric Payne (Ponca City, OK) Head Man, Marlene Enloe (Ponca City, NE) Head Lady.

However due unforeseen circumstances were not able to attend the celebration, condolences to the mourners in Oklahoma. In honor of the relatives of the Otoe-Missouria, the Winnebago tribe had asked our neighboring relatives from the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska and the Tiah-Pia Society to host the gourd dance.

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BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



Since 2017 over \$400k has been raised in various donations with Ho-Chunk, Inc. through their Ho-Chunk Way Employee Donations Program. The program funds donations through employee & public donations, which Ho-Chunk, Inc. matches! Recently Winnebago Tribal Farms has been named their annual recipient of 73k!! Congrats to the department and good luck on their mission to further improve the lives of the Winnebago community! During the presentation employees invited WPS youth to decorate pots for Kentucky Coffeetree seeds, which will be grown on the Tribal Farms!



State Wrestling Re-cap- Avani Wilkie has made her mark in Omaha! For Wilkie's second trip to State she goes 3-3, placing 6th with Winnebago Girls tying at 49th out of 74 teams! Shoutout to Adain Robles on ending his trip to NSAA State as well as his Senior wrestling year with a record of 26-10 as a state qualifier! Congratulations to both student athletes on their achievements! Go Big Blue!!!



The 7pm Grand Entry was filled with bright, glowing colors from the dancer's regalia. Great job to the Winnavegas Events Lighting Crew.



The adult men's traditional special.



Audrin Decora during the teen's girls jingle dance special.

LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW CELEBRATION RETURNS TO WINNAVEGAS FEBRUARY 25

Winnebago, NE – The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska recently announced that the Last Bear Moon Celebration (Powwow) will be held on Saturday February 25, 2023, inside the Events Center at WinnaVegas Casino Resort in Sloan, Iowa. The grand winter celebration returns to WinnaVegas for the first time since the Covid-19 Pandemic and 2023 marks the third time that WinnaVegas has hosted the Powwow. The celebration helps increase cultural awareness and contributes to the richness of Iowa and the surrounding Siouxland community. The celebration is expected to attract over several thousand dancers, singers, vendors, participants, and guests locally, nationally, and internationally.

“The Last Bear Moon is a significant event in our culture,” stated Winnebago Tribal Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan, “The Last Bear Moon Celebration gives us an opportunity to celebrate our tribal community, honor native traditions, and share our cultural celebration with not only the Siouxland community but other communities across the Northern Plains and beyond. We welcome everyone to gather with us for this free celebration where dancing,

music, art, food, and performances are showcased in a culturally appropriate way.”

The Powwow contains two sessions that include dancing and drumming competitions with the celebration culminating in the evening with a “spotlight special” featuring “Men’s Northern Traditional” Dance and “Women’s Fancy Shawl” competition. Entrants are competing for various amounts of prize money, all of which has been donated.

“It’s our honor to host this special occasion for the Winnebago Tribe and the community,” says WinnaVegas General Manager Michael Michaud, “This is an opportunity for all of Siouxland to see a century old native tradition that brings together other tribal nations to honor the Bear Moon! There’s no other celebration like this anywhere in the upper Midwest.”

The Last Bear Moon Powwow is free and open to all ages of the public. The celebration begins on Saturday, February 25 at 11:30am with the afternoon Grand Entry starting at 1pm.

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WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOL SPEECH TEAM

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grown so much. Starting out really quiet, but now their voices fill the room.”

Good luck to the WPS Speech Team at Districts. Below are the students who participate and their speech categories:

OID – Kenny, Dimi, Ayden, Haylen, Ariayala, Andi, Alen, Tylie, Zayne, Devin, Melodine

Poetry & POI – Evren

Persuasive – Melaki

Entertainment – Alex, Alen

Humorous – Shyleigh, Kenny

Serious – Jacie, Shyleigh

WINNEBAGO, NE – The Winnebago Public School has been making waves in all aspects of the extracurricular activities offered within the school. One program that has been growing in the last couple of years is the WPS Speech team, who will be heading to District Meet on March 6th, 2023 in Wayne, NE.

In preparing for the meet, WPS hosted a Speech Showcase on Tuesday, February 28th, 2023 to share with the community all the work being accomplished by the students in the program.

A meal was shared prior to the first speeches.

Stacy Brasch has been the coach for many years. She opened up by sharing “speech is a life lesson that will carry on with you after high school and going into college. It’s always been a passion of mine.”

Generally, at speech meets, different teams or individuals will break out into different rooms in their categories. Such as, OID (oral interpretation of drama), poetry, POI (program oral interpretation), humorous, persuasive, entertainment, and serious prose.

There is a total of seventeen students out for the team. Brasch shared “a lot of them have



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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF THE
LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW 2023 WINNERS!**

Singing Contest

- 3- Meskwaki Nation
- 2- Motown
- 1- Sharp Shooter

GA Men's Fancy

- 4- Joe Bointy
- 3- Darwin Turner
- 2- Tommy Snowball
- 1- Vern Sevier

GA Men's Traditional

- 4- Leroy Pelkey Jr
- 3- Terry Fiddler
- 2- Gilbert Brown
- 1- John Meninick

GA Men's Grass

- 2- Wayne Pushetonequa
- 1- Taite Honadick

GA Women Traditional

- 4- Tiffany Warner
- 3- Madelynn Goodwill
- 2- Cheryl Funmaker
- 1- Della Spotted Tail

GA Women Fancy

- 3- Amy Bearskin-Painter
- 2- Thelma Whitewater
- 1- Shelley Eagleman-Bointy

GA Women Jingle

- 2- Cathy Turner
- 1- Ladybird Jack

Teen Boys Traditional

- 3-Alec Kent
- 2-Josh Arcoren
- 1-Misu Dolezal

Teen Boys Grass

- 3-Aidan Dale
- 2-Duta Aldrich
- 1-Omani Clairmont

Teen Boys Fancy

- 3-Jaden Painter
- 2-Luke Souksavath
- 1-Patrick Burt

Teen Girls Traditional

- 3- Tatum Burgess
- 2-Caly Wolfleader
- 1- Fiona Soap

Teen Girls Jingle

- 3- Wokiksuya Whiteman
- 2- Reyna Archie
- 1-Amari Bluestone

Teen Girls Fancy Shawl

- 4- Leela Cleveland
- 3- Amber Primeaux
- 2- Mimi Coons
- 1- Sara Bointy

Women's Fancy Shawl

- 4- Kass Arcoren
- 3- Wakinyela Bear

- 2- Keya Clairmont
- 1- Tavian Renee Lasley

Women's Jingle

- 4- Janae Grass
- 3- Jazz Arcoren
- 2- PrairieRose Jack
- 1- Tanksi Clairmont

Women's Traditional

- 4- Maria Garcia
- 3- Cordelia Falls Down
- 2- Tosha Goodwill
- 1- Tashina Red Hawk

Women's Southern

- 4- Jaida Summer Whitecloud
- 3- Tara Goodfox
- 2- Brigitte Morris
- 1- Charish Tohey

Women's Appliqué

- 4- Kara Wolf
- 3- Calista Stumblingbear
- 2- Andrea Snowball
- 1- Brittany Pelkey

Men's Fancy

- 4- Floyd Silas III
- 3- Preston Olney
- 2- Max Sevier
- 1- Mitchell Baker

Men's Grass

- 4- CJ Lasley
- 3- Quentin
- 2- Wanbdi Clairmont
- 1- Jai Knight

Men's Southern

- 4- Wichita Blaine
- 3- Skkyler M-Snowball
- 2- Erwin William Morris
- 1- George Miller

Men's Traditional

- 4- Frederick Fox Jr
- 3- Theron Olney
- 2- Malcolm Murphy
- 1- Tristan Lasley

Men's Woodland

- 4- Ken Funmaker Jr
- 3- Tego Warrington
- 2- DJ Scott
- 1- Payton Roberts Pelkey

LAST BEAR MOON

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This year's celebration was a successful one, with 269 registered dancers, and 10 registered drums. Hay-Lush-Ka, Hujop, Greywolfe, and New Breed were your host drums. Red Feather out of Tama, IA was the invited drum.

Arena Directors were Kunu Dave Russell and John Morris. Masters of Ceremonies were Craig "Tunny" Cleveland jr., and Silas Cleveland. Grand entry began at 1pm, and began off with intertribal dancing, tiny tot special, then moving onto your contest dancing. Intermission began at around 5pm, and a meal was served at the Flower's Island Buffet, and it was buffet style of chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, and buns. The meal was sponsored by the Winnebago Tribal Council.

Dancing started again at 7pm, with grand entry which was a highlight of the evening. Winnegas Events Center Production staff, Frank "Paco" Smith and crew set the tone of the night out by cutting out the lights, bringing out the black and spotlights. The arena was filled with bright, colorful, and glowing patterns of applique, and colored feathers. It was a sight to see.

Later on, began the Spotlight Special. Where four contestants were chosen per special. One being the Women's Fancy Shawl, with a prize pool of \$1000. The other being the

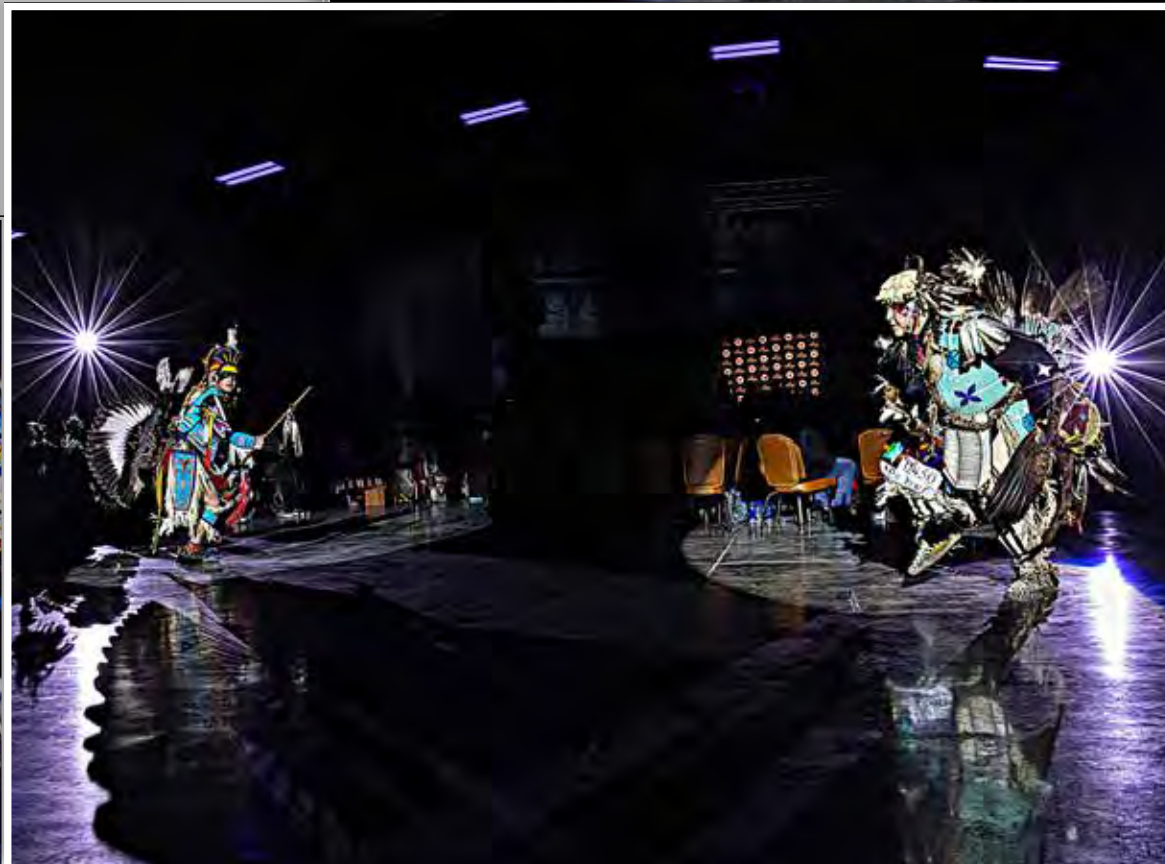
Men's Northern Traditional, with the same prize pot amount.

Two contestants went head to head, North side v.s. South side. The contestant with the loudest section advanced to the next round. Two dancers, two spotlights. Gave the chance for the audience to focus on each step, hop, and skip of each dancer.

"For those dancers out there and those singers, they know there's a certain power when you're singing and there's a certain power when you're dancing, it just overcomes you and you're kind of lost in it." Expressed Coons.


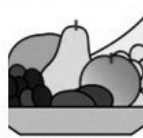
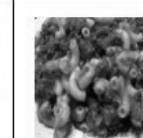

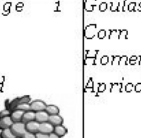



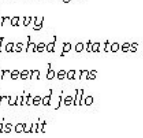

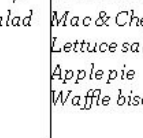
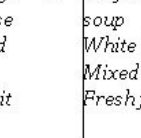
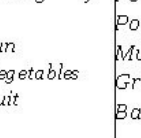
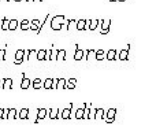


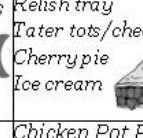

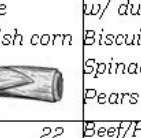

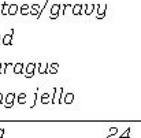

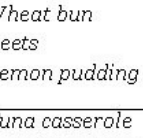
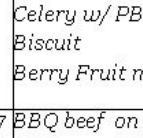
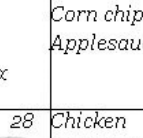


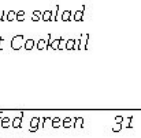
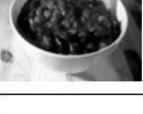
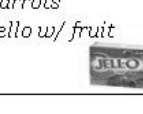

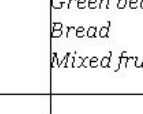

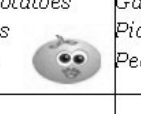
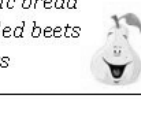
The celebration was one to remember. Tribes coming together in solidarity to dance to the beat of the drum. Honoring our ancestors by remembering we were once one large tribe and coming together to sing in harmony. We're better when we work together and honor one another.

Pinagigi to all those who had a hand in making this celebration happen. Winnebago tribe of Nebraska, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Omaha tribe of Nebraska (Tiah-Pia Society), Ho-Chunk Nation, the powwow committee, Winnegas Casino staff and crew, the vendors, and to all those dancers and singers. Until next year!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

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MARCH 2023

IHS DIRECTOR VISITS TWELVE CLANS

Originally Shared Via Facebook, WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.

WCHS was thankful to host a visit from IHS this week! We were joined by IHS's Roselyn Tso, Joe Amiotte, William Bearshield, Jillian Curtis, and Ann Church for some open dialogue.

Pictured to the right, back row, from left to right,

Austin Schanzenbach, WCHS Chief Transformation Officer
 David Edwards, WCHS Chief Executive Officer
 Isaac Smith, Winnebago Tribal Council Member
 Brian Chamberlain, Winnebago Tribal Council Vice-Chairman
 Joe Amiotte, IHS Director of Field Operations
 William Bearshield, IHS Program Specialist
 Danelle Smith, Attorney, Big Fire Law
 Sharon Frenchman, WCHS Chief Administrative Officer

Front row, from left to right,

Jillian Curtis, IHS CFO
 Beth Wewel, WCHS Chief Financial Officer
 Sara Mcintosh, ARNP, FNP-BC
 TCUH Deputy Chief of Staff / Interim Chief Nursing Officer
 Roselyn Tso, IHS Director
 Tori Kitcheyan, Winnebago Tribal Council Chairwoman
 Mona Zuffante, WPHD Chief Public Health Officer
 (not pictured) Ann Church, IHS Acting Chief of Staff

Thanks for stopping by!



IHS administration took a tour of the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital

BUILDING A DIGITAL LEGACY ON TRIBAL LANDS

Written by: Joe Duggan, Olsson Communications

for external release

Building a Digital Legacy on Tribal Lands
 By Joe Duggan, Olsson communications
 Olsson will partner with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to close the digital divide with a \$35.2 million federal grant awarded through the Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program.

The project will provide access to 1 gigabit per second (Gbps) broadband service for more than 600 households, 40 businesses, and 16 community institutions in a rural reservation community currently unserved by high-speed internet. The reservation is located about 80 miles north of Omaha.

The recent announcement of the grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) culminates more than year of work by tribal officials, governmental staff, and members of Olsson's Telecom Program to complete a complex feasibility study and grant application under a tight deadline.

As a subgrantee, Olsson will now oversee the design and implementation of the fiber network on the Winnebago Reservation in Northeast Nebraska. Design will commence this year with construction starting in 2023. Celebrating a Milestone

Tribal officials and NTIA leaders met October 11 in Winnebago to announce the grant award and sign related documents.

The event featured speeches, a meal, and the playing of "Victory Song" and "Thank-you Song" by the Winnebago drum group New Breed.

Winnebago Tribe Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan thanked her fellow tribal leaders, federal and state agency representatives, members of the Olsson team and other project partners. She discussed how the project will allow tribal members to participate in online education from pre-school to college, and stay better connected to friends, family, and, and tribal government.

The intention is to build a fiber network that serves the Winnebago people for generations to come, she explained.

"This is the livelihood we want for the tribal members," Victoria said. "Each of you are going to benefit from the connectivity and expansion of fiber in our community. And I'm thankful that all those intentions have brought us to this day and we're going to celebrate this in the coming years, in the future generations that will benefit."

Working Toward Digital Equity

The Winnebago grant was one of 23 included in the latest round of a federal program that has awarded \$1.35 billion to 94 tribal entities. It's part of a \$3 billion federal initiative to expand digital access on tribal lands, where 18 percent of indigenous people lack internet

connectivity compared to 4 percent of people in non-tribal regions, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office. Laura Spinning, NTIA Deputy Associate Director with the Office of Internet Connectivity and Growth, said the federal agency is dedicated to helping achieve digital equity so that indigenous communities can fully access the opportunity "to learn and earn using high-speed internet."

"One of the things I want to leave you with is how critically important your voice is going to be as we work with the State of Nebraska to implement what is a historical and monumental amount of investment," Laura told those gathered at the event in Winnebago.

Olsson's Role

Olsson's work on the project began in July 2021 when our team fast-tracked the initial assessment and met a deadline of September 1, 2021, for the following requirements:

- Review and documentation of existing infrastructure
 - Assessment of the local broadband market
 - Coordination of stakeholder outreach
 - Evaluation of regulatory, governance, and ownership
 - Development of concept level design for the network
 - Estimates of construction costs
 - Submittal of the federal grant application
- "This has been a true partnership with the Winnebago Tribe," said Todd Fredericksen, Olsson's Telecom leader. "We couldn't be more excited to help oversee the build-out of infrastructure expected to deliver a major economic impact in this community, while expanding health care services, and creating educational and job-training opportunities."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Diabetes Education Classes
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"Path to Good Blood"

The Diabetes Program is offering 10 classes starting 3/21/2023 – 5/23/2023.

There will be two classes every Tuesday (You only have to attend one) to hopefully fit your schedule.

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM or 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
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Waipinagu is an important resource available with lessons, activities, medical experts and ongoing support to encourage your decision to get on the Path to Good Blood.

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THE ISANTI WARRIORS MAKE HISTORY!



CONGRATULATIONS to the Isanti Warriors!!!
The D2-8 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS!

Thank you to Santee Community Schools, the Isanti Boosters Club, & Nebraska Indian Community College for sponsoring tonight's livestream! We appreciate the opportunity to provide a livestream production for those who were unable to attend the Isanti Warriors basketball district finals game tonight in Ord, Nebraska!

The final score: 61-55

Shoutout to the production crew: Bethani Nicole Redhorn, Garan Onipaa Coons, Bill DeCora, Gentry St Cyr, & Joseph M Moose

DO YOU OWE FINES TO THE WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COURT FOR OLD OR NEW CASES?

Options for community service have been included:

- General Labor: Assisting tribal departments or other entities with duties.
- Seasonal Labor: Cutting wood, shoveling snow, mowing etc., for the elderly/ vulnerable adult homes.
- Beading/ Sewing/ Artwork Projects: Completed items will be donated to departments around Winnebago for raffling, services, doings, and other events.
- Community Events: Assisting or attending community events such as walk/runs, holiday events, cultural events, and any other events that the tribe offers.

*Must be approved by the Winnebago Tribal Court probation department! Exclusions may apply. Community service can be used only toward court costs, fines, and probation fees. 1 hour = \$10.50.

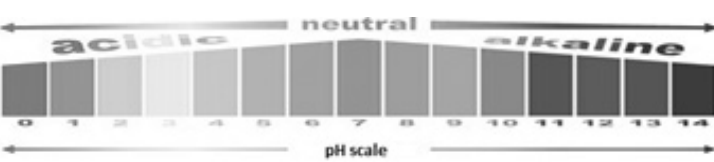
If you have any questions or new ideas for community service, please reach out.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTRODUCTION TO THE MERCURY WET DISPOSITION PROGRAM

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPT., Kurt Lyons



The Air program under the Winnebago Environmental Protection Department (EPD) has embarked on a project to monitor for pollutants in our atmosphere that falls back to earth in the form of precipitation (i.e. Rain, Snow, hail, and fog) otherwise known as "Acid Rain". By joining the National Atmospheric Deposition Program (NADP) we will be part of over 300 sites nationwide collecting data on our region's level of pollutant.

"Acid rain" was first identified in 1872 in Sweden and studied in the U.S. beginning in the 1950s, but became a house hold term during the 1980's. Acid rain is precipitation in the form of rain, snow, hail, dew, or fog that transports sulfur and nitrogen compounds from the atmosphere to the ground. Sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and nitrogen oxides (NO, NO₂) are bi-products from burning fuels in electric utilities and from other industrial and natural sources. These chemicals react with water, oxygen, carbon dioxide, and sunlight in the atmosphere to form sulfuric and nitric acids. These acids fall back to earth changing the chemistry within the environment including its pH levels. What is pH?

In chemistry, pH means "Potential of Hydrogen" or hydrogen ions. A scale for pH was created to measure low concentration (acids) of hydrogen ions in a liquid solution from high concentrations (alkaline). The pH scale ranges from 0 to 14. A pH of 0 to 7 is considered acidic; 7

is neutral; and above 7 is alkaline. As the pH number decreases, acidity increases. For comparison, an unopened bottle of distilled water has a pH of 7, making it neutral. Household ammonia is an alkaline with a pH of 11.5. Milk is slightly acidic with a 6.5 pH, and soft drinks, which contain phosphoric acid, has a 3.1 pH.

Acid rain is linked to both natural and man-made sources. Thunderstorms, volcanic eruptions and rotting vegetation are known to emit gases that lead to the creation of acid rain. However, most public attention has been focused on man-made sources of acid rain, which include the burning of fuel that contains sulfur and nitrogen compounds, including coal fired utilities, industrial boilers, motor vehicles, and chemical plants. Electric power generation accounted for 69 percent of total sulfur dioxide emissions in the U.S. in 2007 and 20 percent of nitrogen oxides, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

Acid rain is not limited to those areas where emissions are created. Prevailing winds can carry those chemicals into the atmosphere for hundreds or even thousands of miles before being deposited, ignoring state and national boundaries. For instance, compounds produced by Chinese industry can potentially end up in the Midwest. For this reason, acid rain is considered a global problem.


Acid rain has been linked to detrimental effects in the environment and to human health. Forests, plant life and crops are effected by acid rain through damage to their leaves and roots stunting growth. The chemical properties of soil, slowing the rate of microbiological processes, and reducing soil

nutrients makes plant life more vulnerable to disease and environmental stress.

When lakes and streams become more acidic, they cannot continue to support the same types of fish and aquatic life. A healthy lake has a pH of 6.5 or higher. Only a few fish species can survive at a pH of below 5; at a pH of 4, the lake is considered dead. Monitoring for acid rain pollution levels complements data gained from the EPD's water program in determining true causes.

In order to monitor for this threat the EPD's air program joined the "Mercury Wet Deposition" program where weekly samples are collected and sent to the NADP for analysis. The network measures acidity and calcium, magnesium, sodium, potassium, sulfate, nitrate, chloride, and ammonium ions. These monitoring efforts support national research and policy making on air quality issues.

In the past, this information has sparked legislative mandates, federal government programs, and environmental-friendly changes in fossil fuel use in electrical power plants to successfully lower the emission of SO₂ and NO_x and the resulting acid deposition in the U.S. since the 1980s. However, the problem still exists. Scientists continue to try to fully understand acid rain and its long-term effects on the environment and on human health. We join with them to be a voice in determining the future of our air quality and our well-being.

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EDITORIALS

COUNCIL SPEAKS...

Submitted by: Vice Chair, Brian Chamberlain



My Fellow Tribal Members,

Greetings! I hope this finds you in good health and spirit. Today I wanted to reach out to you to share some of the developments and updates that have been worked on, and how they may impact our tribal families. There will also be some rumour control.

To begin, as of January 24th, 2023, there were 5630 of us. That means 5630 seats in our circle. 5630 points of view. 5630 voices that were never meant to unanimously agree. Leadership for our people demands that we hear more than one of these voices though, and we take into consideration how actions made impact the vast majority of our members. Many of those voices held silent, or told not to speak their truth. Balancing actions against resources takes skill, guts, and vision, and it's understood that's why you elected me. I appreciate your support, again. Now let's get into it.

HCI Board of Directors Acts:

First, it is my firm belief that anything operated under the tribal umbrella which has used the resources of our people, belongs to our people. No matter what it is, or where it is, this is my belief. With that awareness, actions have been recently corrected so that for the first time they will include you in a meaningful way.

At their meeting held the week of February 20th, the HCI Board of Directors, to which I am not a part of, passed a resolution to separate the new gaming activity revenue from the non-gaming. Further, they've allocated a significant percentage of profits to be paid to the Winnebago tribe on a quarterly basis. (First payment due 3/31/23.)

I support this type of corrective action wholeheartedly. Although it does fall short of my individual preference. Alas, I am only one of nine, and I advocate for you.

You see, initially agreements and arrangements were made that did not include you in a first

position. Meaning, you were being told to wait. Wait to participate in the benefits of the activity until sometime in 2026. Told to wait by those not elected to serve you with a decision that sought a rubber stamp of approval, of sorts, enacting that long delay. Only after protracted discussion, however, this correction was made and you are now seated at the table, finally.

It should be noted that creating a place at this table for our member's benefit did not occur organically. Correction was not made until those who support inclusion asked for it to be done.

Gaming Industry Credit:

Our tribe entered the world of modern gaming in a split decision. Yet, our doors opened in 1992 and we've been growing ever since. Gaming is not new to our people. Whether as employees, experienced management, compliance sector staff, or even as players, we know what casinos do and how they work.

As a colleague of many of you, I want to state this openly: I see your experience in this field and welcome your company as our pathways evolve. That experience can never be discounted, denied, or forgotten, especially by me. Tribal gaming changed our lives, for the better I think. So it would be foolish for anyone to think we don't know what we're doing when it comes to gaming. It's not new to us. It's been a part of our existence for over 30 years now. I see that. Recognize that. Acknowledge that. Appreciate that.

Tribal Borders & Corners:

A couple months back the WTN Physical Resources responded to my request to host a tour of our "Nebraska" reservation boundaries. Several individuals came together to provide the opportunity and it was one of the most impactful experience I've had while seated around our council table, ever! Our home has so much to offer and it must be preserved and protected and regained. We definitely opened our minds to this more during the tour.

We hope to continue to our "Iowa" side of our rez once the weather evens out, and I hope many of you can also participate. Our homeland is large and diverse. Each corner we visited had its own character, its own vibe. The trip took several hours.

Much thanks and appreciation to all who made that tour day possible, as well as much gratitude for each of the prayers offered along the 6 stops we made. I'm so glad to call this place our home.

Rumor Control:

As recent as the last council meeting, it's appalling how quickly and how weirdly rumours begin and travel amongst our membership. But I certainly understand tribal politics. So let me offer this to you for the next time someone comes to you with, well I heard... .

1. Nothing happens officially until the Chair of the council meeting declares, "Motion carried."

2. The discussion around the council table is meant to explore as many options and points of view as possible. But again, see #1 above.

3. As far as I'm concerned, any tribal member can come to the council table and present or ask for anything they want. This discussion, however, remains discussion until... See #1 above.

4. Wisdom of our leaders from the past speaks to me still. I hear them. 'We are only as well off as our poorest tribal member.', is one quote I recall. I resolve to hear the voices and the needs of our people as we progress, and struggle, and strive for our best lives, and happiness. But nothing I've said exists in our reality until... See #1 above.

5. To seek election requires a very thick political skin. To my supporters, believe actions you see in black and white, facts that are unambiguous, and experiences given over the twisted words of someone who has their own agenda. Critical thinking is a requirement for me, and I won't be swayed easily. Please do the same. And as always, if you want to know, ask. Simple. Just remember, nothing is official, until ... See #1 above.

Finally, whenever any idea comes forward, discuss the idea, asking, "Does this move us forward?", and go from there. When we avoid identity politics by keeping our minds open to critical thought, we live more peaceful lives, carry fuller hearts, and can indeed step forward - together.

Remember, no one thing determines the future of our people, of our tribe. Don't buy into hype, or excited distractions. Keep our thoughts on how we move forward with what's real, in our hand, and is open to truth. There are 5630 places in our circle. My hope is that any actions taken serves that vast majority, not faction, single individuals, nor their vanity.

I hear you. Keep speaking. Stay involved. Be happy.

Respectfully,

Brian Keith Chamberlain / Wirukaniga
Vice-Chairman
Winnebago Tribal Council

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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

minutes continued from last issue...

LUNCH BREAK: 1:45 p.m.

RECONVENE: 2:30 p.m.

Victoria Kitcheyan
Lewis St. Cyr
Students
Lorelei DeCora
Michelle LaMere
Mary Merrick
Coly Brown
Mimike
Elaine Rice-DeCora
Louis LaRose
Esther Mercer
Christina Parker
Kenneth Mallory
Tyresha Wolfe
Isaac Smith

Isaac Smith motioned for the Ho-chunk Renaissance Director to develop a draft job description for Deputy Director. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to authorize Ho-Chunk to raise funds for the Ho-Chunk Renaissance Language Baseball. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

CLOSING PRAYER:

Isaac Smith offered a closing prayer.

ADJOURN:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 2:57 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
SPECIAL MEETING - WILDLIFE &
PARKS
December 7, 2022**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer (in at 9:25 a.m.)
Brian Chamberlain
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jewel Parker
Trey Blakhawk
James Price
Ireta Frazier
Autumn Nieman
Brandon Stout
Christina Parker
Esther Mercer
Lynelle Blackhawk
Tyresha Wolfe
Sean Bear
Ben St. Cyr
Kenny LaPointe
D.C. McCauley
Pete Snowball

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:23 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA: Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Conservation Plan

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

[Rona Stealer in at 9:25 a.m.]
[Brian Chamberlain out]

Aric Armell motioned to approve the cost of the 12-6-22 meal for the HoChunk Renaissance Meeting. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:27 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
MID-MONTH & REGULAR TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEETING
January 5, 2023**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose

OTHER'S PRESENT:

Lynelle Blackhawk
Esther Mercer
Tyresha Wolfe
Cecelia Earth
John St. Cyr

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:58 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

READING OF THE MINUTES:

1. December 5, 2022 – Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 5, 2022, Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

2. December 6, 2022 – Special Tribal Council meeting minutes – HoChunk Renaissance

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 6, 2022, Special Tribal Council meeting minutes – HoChunk Renaissance. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

3. December 7, 2022 – Special Tribal Council meeting minutes – Wildlife & Parks

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the December 7, 2022, Special Tribal Council meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

1. Tribal member eviction extended 90 days to catch up on arrears.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving a Tribal member eviction extension of 90 days to catch up on arrears. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

2. Human Services – Approve \$1,111.52 Emergency Assistance for tribal member senior vehicle repair – D.L.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature request from Human Services to approve \$1,111.52 Emergency Assistance for Tribal member senior vehicle repair – D.L. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

3. Approve to bypass guidelines for additional assistance amount (J.R.)

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving to bypass guidelines for additional assistance amount. (J.R.). Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

4. Approve FY 23 Departmental Staff Retreat/Workshop Guidelines

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving FY 23 Departmental Staff Retreat/Workshop Guidelines. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

5. Approve request to move the Enrollment items back under the CEO report effective January 2023, further reconstructing Land and PR Dept and Emergency Management to one meeting title it “Physical Resources Report”, Fire Department and Law Enforcement reports to remain the same.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the request to move the Enrollment items back under the CEO report effective January 2023, further reconstructing Land and PR Dept and Emergency Management to one meeting title it “Physical Resources Report”, Fire Department and Law Enforcement reports to remain the same. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

6. Approve FY 2023 ARPA Emergency Assistance Guidelines

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving FY 2023 ARPA Emergency Assistance Guidelines. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

7. Approve New Position request (YCIC)

Coly Brown motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the new

position request from YCIC. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

8. Adopt resolution 23-44; Tribal Enrollment Applicants

Coly Brown motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-44; Tribal Enrollment Applicants. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

9. Adopt resolution 23-45 Ag Lease, Allotment 353L & 421

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-45; Ag Lease, Allotment 353L & 421. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

10. Adopt resolution 23-46 Ag Lease, Allotment 355L

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-46; Ag Lease, Allotment 355L. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

11. Adopt resolution 23-47 Ag Lease, Allotment 365

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-47; Ag Lease, Allotment 365. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

12. Adopt resolution 23-48 Ag Lease, Allotment 525

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-48; Ag Lease, Allotment 525. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

13. Adopt resolution 23-49 Ag Lease, Allotment 865

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-49; Ag Lease, Allotment 865. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

14. Adopt resolution 23-50 Ag Lease, Allotment 875

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-50; Ag Lease, Allotment 875. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

15. Adopt resolution 23-51 Ag Lease, Allotment 301L

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-51; Ag Lease, Allotment 301L. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

16. Adopt resolution 23-52 Ag Lease, Allotment 154L

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the

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five-signature adopting resolution 23-52; Ag Lease, Allotment 154L. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

17. Adopt resolution 23-53 Ag Lease, Allotment 144-L

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-53; Ag Lease, Allotment 144L. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

18. Adopt resolution 23-54 Ag Lease, Allotment 29W

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-53; Ag Lease, Allotment 29W. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

19. Adopt resolution 23-55 Ag Lease, Allotment 317L

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-55; Ag Lease, Allotment 317L. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

20. Adopt resolution 23-56 Homesite Lease – Pernell & Jordann Blackfish

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-56; Homesite Lease – Pernell & Jordann Blackfish. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

21. Adopt resolution 23-57; Support WCHS FY2023 Title VI Part A and Part C Grant Application for the Winnebago Senior Center

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-57; Supporting WCHS FY2023 Title VI Part A and Part C Grant Application for the Winnebago Senior Center. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

22. Approve Emergency Enrollment and Adopt resolution 23-58; Emergency Enrollment (A.R.C.) Death Benefits

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving Emergency Enrollment and adopting resolution 23-58; Emergency Enrollment (A.R.C.) Death Benefits. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

23. Approve Emergency Application for Tribal Member vehicle repair (F.M.)

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving Emergency Application for Tribal Member vehicle repair (F.M.). Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, LD
Motion carried.

24. Approve new position request

for (1) Dispatcher (full-time) and (1) Dispatcher (part-time)

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving a new position request for (1) Dispatcher (full-time) and (1) Dispatcher (part-time). Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

25. Approve Cyber Insurance Renewal for WTN, WCHS, LPTC & WinnaVegas for 18 months.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving Cyber Insurance Renewal for WTN, WCHS, LPTC, & WinnaVegas for 18 months. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

26. Approve Donation request for NYE Sobriety Powwow 2022 (\$5,000)

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature Donation request for NYE Sobriety Powwow 2022 (\$5,000). Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

27. Approve additional Emergency Assistance for (T.B.) in the amount of \$655.00

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature approving additional Emergency Assistance for T.B. in the amount of \$655.00. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

28. Adopt resolution 23-59 Tribal Enrollment Applicant – Emergency Enrollment (S.B.)

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution 23-59; Tribal Enrollment Applicant – Emergency Enrollment (S.B.). Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

[Isaac Out]

29. Approve WV Hotel Manning Doc

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the WinnaVegas Hotel Manning Doc. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes, KM, LD, CB, AA, LLR, BC (0) no(1) abstain, RS
Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Fastwyre Broadband – Not present
2. Flandreau Indian School Board

Rona Stealer motioned to table. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

1. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Rona motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:41 a.m. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

[Isaac in]

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:15 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to direct the CEO to conduct an Administrative Review of the Winnebago Tribe's Roads Department. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:17 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:17 p.m.

**WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NERBASKA
TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING
January 5, 2023**

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Brian Chamberlain
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith
Aric Armell
Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Billie Kitcheyan
Sharon Frenchman
Damon Payer
Cecelia Earth
Angel Deroche
Lance Morgan
Terri Mentik
Michael Michaud
Keva Harden-Free
Kellie Snow
Alan Post
Mike Means

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 1:34 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Brian Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the agenda. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

1. Billing & Collections – presented by Terri Mentik.

2. Financial Report

[Kenneth Mallory out]

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Financial Report. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

[Kenneth Mallory in]

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:
Presented by Damon Payer.

[Coly Brown out]

**WINNEBAGO GAMING
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
REPORT:**

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the September 2022 report. Rona Stealer seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

WARHORSE REPORT: Presented by Angel Deroche, and Molly Broken, CEO.

[Lorelei DeCora, and Rona Stealer out to sign intact]

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the Warhorse Gaming Report. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, KM, LLR, LD (4) no, IS, AA, CB, BC (0) abstain
Motion failed.

[Lorelei DeCora and Rona Stealer back in]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to accept the Gaming Commission Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:
Presented by Michael Means and Michael Michaud.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize the Treasurer to work with WinnaVegas management to develop a Policy on the ATM ticket to donate. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Kenneth Mallory

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, KM
Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to accept the WinnaVegas November 2022 Financial Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

WINNAVEGAS ACTION ITEMS:

Brian Chamberlain motioned to ratify the five-signatures approving; 1) 40K Big Bingo promotions on January 1, 2023, 2) revisions to the Hotel Manning Doc. And Organizational Chart, 3) Wirth Entertainment, The Oakridge Boys contract and ticket pricing estimate expense is \$45,000. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:
Presented by Alan post

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the Ho Chunk Renaissance Budget modification of \$104,968.52. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

[Aric Armell out at 4:00 p.m. for other commitment]

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve IT fiber Optic Project Manager & Org Chart. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

**Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council**

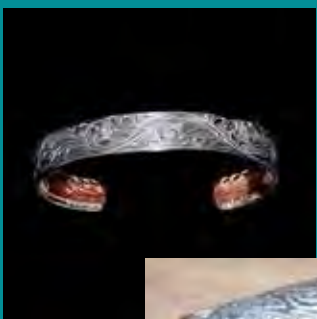
Minutes to continue next issue...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Silver Smithing Class

With Charles Hindsley

Hosted by YCIC/SAMHSA TOR Grant



March 7- 9, 14-16, and 21-23

From 5:30-7:30 in the YCIC Basement

Open to the first 10 families to register.
Space and Supplies are Limited.

Contact Emily Handke at

402-878-2046 or

emily.handke@winnebagotribe.com



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Hikiware h̄jwāniwina wirākara h̄jkjawiṇa.
Take care of our visitors.

HoChunk Renaissance



Women's History Month

Osh-Tisch
Apsáalooke/Crow



Osh-Tisch was a leader and warrior. She was incredibly brave, especially during the Battle of the Rosebud, where she earned her name, which translates to "finds them and kills them". Osh-Tisch was unashamed of her identity as a Two Spirit, and when asked why she wore women's clothes, she famously said she was "inclined to be a woman, never a man". Her strength and courage extended beyond the battlefield, as she worked to create a support network for Two Spirits, secretly communicating and coordinating their efforts to educate others until her passing in 1929.



PUBLIC NOTICE TO PERFORM VEGETATION MAINTENANCE ON WINNEBAGO ALLOTMENT 148L- CHARLES PORTER BETWEEN FEBRUARY 2023 THROUGH DECEMBER 2023

Northern Natural Gas (Northern) has implemented a vegetation management program to keep the operation of the existing right of way to ensure the continued reliability of the line. The program controls vegetation along the right of way in an environmentally sound that includes the combination of tree and brush clearing.

A contractor hired by Northern will be entering the right of way to remove any large growing trees or brush. Northern will maintain an area within 25 feet of the center line of each pipeline. Any trees that are removed will be logged and piled off the right of way for use as habitat cover. If this method of disposal is not agreeable, please contact us at the number listed below.

Reference the Allotment number
Thurston County
Winnebago Reservation 148L

Northern is committed to ensuring a reliable natural gas transmission pipeline and maintaining the right of way in an environmentally focused manner. Work is scheduled to begin between in February 2023 and will continue through December 2023, depending on the contractor's schedule

For questions or concerns, please contact us at (402) 580-1380.

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Land Management P.O Box 687 Winnebago, NE 68071
Phone number 402-200-5371

Demolition Application

This project is funded by ARPA funds and will be subject to funding availability. The Winnebago Tribe is committed to improving housing standards to improve safety and health within the Winnebago community.

Eligibility, approval, and prioritization will be based on need, emergency, and hazard of property. Approval will be made by the Land Management Manager, Physical Resource Director, and Construction engineer. Demolition will be through the Winnebago Tribal Roads. Maximum program contribution shall not exceed the amount \$10,000.00 per demolition. Any amount over will be responsibility of the owner and must be paid directly to the Winnebago Tribal Roads program.

Eligibility:

- Applicant must have ownership of the property.
- Homeowner must be enrolled in a federally recognized tribe.
- Abandoned houses/ trailers within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Reservation
- Only one location per applicant will be approved.

The Demolition Program will continue until December 31, 2024, or when funds are expended.

Date of application: _____

Full Name: _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address: _____
P. O Box City State Zip Code

Applicants phone number: _____

What type of property will be demolished? House or Trailer

Physical location of abandoned property: _____

How long has the property been abandoned? _____

Has the property ever been tested for lead and esbestos? If yes, please explain: _____

Have the utilites been disconnected? _____

Have all the appliance's been removed such as furniture, fridge, stove ect. _____

Please provide the following information:

- Tribal Identification
- Proof of ownership for the land
- Proof of ownership for the residence

Applications will be approved based on the doumentation provided.

Winnebago Tribal Representative

Date of Approval: _____

Fannie LaTray, Land Management Coordinator

Ireta Frazier, Physical Resource Director

Elmer Baker, Roads Manager

Ron Nohr, Construction Engineer

Date of Demolition: _____

Amount: _____

CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNEBAGO TRIBAL FARM



Congratulations to Winnebago Tribal Farm, the latest Ho-Chunk Way recipient!

Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees have helped raise a record \$73,000 and counting through the Ho-Chunk Way Employee Donations Program.

A recent check presentation with Ho-Chunk, Inc. employees, Tribal Farm staff, and Winnebago Public School students took place at the LPTC Ag Extension classroom at the Village Market in Winnebago.

Children were invited to the event to decorate their own pot to plant Kentucky Coffeetree seeds, which will be grown on the Tribal Farm. Kentucky Coffeetree seeds were historically used in traditional HoChunk games of chance.

The Ho-Chunk Way Employee Donations Program builds on the mission of Ho-Chunk, Inc. to improve lives in the Winnebago community.

Since the program began in 2017, over \$400,000 has been raised for Winnebago organizations, including employee donations, donations from the public and matching funds from Ho-Chunk, Inc.

Previous Ho-Chunk Way recipients include the Whirling Thunder Wellness, Winnebago Youth Shelter, HoChunk Renaissance, the Winnebago Boys & Girls Club and the Winnebago Senior Center.

Community entities and programs are invited to apply each year, and the annual recipient is chosen by an employee committee.



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DOORS AT 7PM — SHOW AT 8PM



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