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BLOOD QUANTUM & ENROLLMENT TOPIC IN THE COMMUNITY PT.2

Written by:
 Jordana R. Bass

WINNEBAGO, NE – Last issue the WIN introduced tribal members, on/off reservation, and descendants who saw this as topic that should be discussed in the community. This week the WIN will introduce new tribal members, and we will continue to discuss their opinions on new approaches of tribal enrollment qualifications.

The history of “Indian” blood quantum is a result of colonialism. It began during the allotment period (1887-1934). The term “blood quantum” was officially initiated into the government system to calculate native identity for the sole purpose of dividing reservation land into individual allotments. Meaning and resulting in men who lived on reservation boundaries received allotments of land. In many cases a ¼ of Indian blood determined who was eligible for land. Many cases people were ineligible which resulted in the reduction of “Indians” who owned land.

Cassie Kitcheyan (Ho-Minka – Bear clan)



Artwork: Ryan Young, Ojibwe

BAGO BITS

By: Tyler Snake



September 7th WTN's Human Services Department opened The Nikjak Wakacak Sacred Children Care Center! On the previous day an open house was held, Tribal Council Member Isaac Smith offered a word of prayer for the children & staff! Thank you to the Department for thinking of and providing opportunities for our children!



Winnebago Public School has started their cross country great!!! Dyami Berridge took 1st place, Teresa Bigbear came in 3rd place with Zaniyah Redhorn finishing in 5th place!!! Congrats to the students and keep up the hard work! #GoBigBlue



Also, on September 8th with the help of Ho Chunk Farms and LPTC, Winnebago's YCIC Program harvested Indian corn! What a great way to involve the youth in traditional practices during harvest month! Thank you to those who contributed to teaching our youth!

shared, “the whole point was not to give us any rights, it was to limit. How much Indian are you so we can take it away? It's kind of different to look at that and how this whole blood quantum issue came about. To take things away and take our land. Now it's apart of our identity.”

Later that resulted a patchwork of land which was later purchased by non-Indian landowners. Over 90 million out of the 138 million acres that was designated as Indian territory were lost.

Charlie Earth (Wakjeki Ska Winga “White Water Spirit” – waterspirit clan) is the daughter of Kristine and Oscar Charles Earth, and the granddaughter of Kay & Anthony Earth and Martina & Randy Decora. She shared “I feel like we need a younger voice. Sometimes I wish we could all just come together and find a way. Right now, it's really important that we shine a light on this issue.”

This history of blood quantum and the attempted erasure of tribal nations should be looked at as psychological warfare. It was attempted genocide; it was a holocaust. In referencing an article “There are many similarities in the United States attempt to exterminate Native Americans and Hitler's attempt to exterminate the Jews. Both groups were – and in many ways remain – dehumanized. Both are and were considered to be in the way of so-called progress. In the U.S., officials and citizens even coined it the “Indian problem,” and Hitler famously considered Jews exactly that, his problem, and he charged himself – much like President Andrew Jackson – with the responsibility of eliminating that problem.” (indiancountrytoday.com)

Why do we as sovereign nations continue to honor this tool to exterminate ourselves? Prior to first contact with Europeans, our governments were based off our clanship systems, what classified us as belonging to a

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SUCCESS AT THE Wahaḡi Wošką (HARVEST CELEBRATION)

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WINNEBAGO, NE – Last week the community held its Wahaḡi Wošką (harvest celebration) on Thursday, September 7th, 2022. Informational booths were set up, traditional games were played, culture films were shown, with a delicious meal of squash, wojapi, three different soups to choose from (Indian corn, squash, and green bean), along with a round golden piece of frybread. Later on, the dancing had begun.

The event was held at the Winnebago Veteran's Memorial Park. The headwoman and headman dancers were Andy Snowball and John Snowball. With grand entry at 7pm, followed by intertribal dancing. A drawing of door prizes had also taken place. Everything from native design printed throw blankets, to a traditional made hochunk basket. Door prizes were donated by the HoChunk Renaissance Program and the Angel DeCora Museum.

Outgoing Winnebago Harvest Celebration princess, Tulie Blackfish and family held a giveaway. Age group 12 and under Hochunk Applique had a large group of contestants, Blackfish had the opportunity to judge the contest. 1st place winner was, Jacel Blackbird, 2nd place winner was Eliana Blackhawk, and 3rd place was Cassidy Bass.



Although it was during a school/work night, there were plenty of dancers who attended. The night ended with the potato dance, and the green corn dance.

Pinagigi to all the sponsors of this event; Little Priest Tribal College, HoChunk Renaissance, Ho-Chunk Inc., Project Launch, Human Services, Angel DeCora Museum, and Preserving Native Families Unit. This event wouldn't have been possible without you. Pinagigi to all the cooks, MC'S, drum group, arena director, and of course all the dancers who came out. We'll see you next year!

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CALLING ALL WINNEBAGO EDUCATORS! TEACHER PATHWAY PLANNING SESSION

Written/Photography by:
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SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE – On Friday, September 9th, 2022, the Winnebago Education Department, Little Priest Tribal College, and the American Indian fund sponsored a kick-off event to discuss the teacher shortage in the Winnebago community, and to bring educators together and brainstorm new ways to build Winnebago teachers. The event was held at the Marriot Riverfront Hotel & Conference Center.

Last week, the WIN stopped in to be “nosey”. Just in time for lunch. Delicious gourmet mini sandwiches were served, with pasta salad,

for dessert tasty pastries and cookies.

It was kicked off by introductions from some of the attendees, and groups of 2-4 gathered together to share information about what is available in the community that could offer assistance to potential teachers. They also discussed barriers that may need to be addressed further down the line, and how to find solutions to those. Some of the barriers that were discussed were salary wages, secondary stress, which is an added stress due to students who deal with extra stress from home life.

Amy LaPointe is the

Education Department Director. The purpose of the planning session was to gather as many educators as possible and education departments from the Winnebago community to discuss the obstacles and barriers a teacher’s deal with. LaPointe shared “we know that like with EDUCARE, they struggle every year finding teachers. Majority of the teachers that do work, they’re certified, or drive into our community. Then I sit on interviews for teachers at the school and just heard, you know, the shortage of teachers. Positions not being filled, people weren’t applying, St. Augustine’s even was having issues finding advertising for teachers.”

In dealing with teacher shortages, she also shared that due to these issues, there can be conflicts that come with that. More work loads being put on other teachers. She said “I’ve been thinking of how we could create like a, a plan for how to build our own teachers and, you know, hoping that it’s like, you know, if there’s a student interested in becoming a teacher, how do we kind of grab on to them? Navigate them through the supports that we have.”

In gathering all the education entities, it was a community wide discussion to develop a plan to reach potential new educators/teachers. She added “It’s not going to end here; it’s going to keep going throughout the year. So, we get a really good layout of what we need to do to build this. We know it’s not going to happen overnight.” The

idea is to reach potential youth, the student can be in 5th grade today, but once the plan is fully developed the student may be in high school by that time. The idea is to develop some sort of apprenticeship, and if LPTC could potentially offer the students college dual credits. She finished off to say, “then they could take that while in high school, so that they’re at least getting their feet off the ground in that. (education)”

The group plans to get together once every 2 months to continue with the planning. LaPointe shared, “then the next step and that would be that narrowing down or we have all these big lifts. What’s going to be most important out of these lifts to, to try to conquer in these next few years.”

Looking further down the line at the bigger picture, she finished off to say “But hopefully, you know that we can get that early awareness. Your students are interested in education. All right, let’s let’s grab on to them. Well, you know, give them an opportunity will be a para we’ll offer those dual credits. Well, maybe if they want to go to EDUCARE they’ll get a look at getting a CDA in high school.”

Be on the lookout for future community surveys held by the Winnebago Education Dept. and others involved. They will be looking for community input, this is just a start. So be apart of the push for more Winnebago teachers and educators.

WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT. ENTERS FIRST PHASE OF ACCREDITATION

Written by: Jordana R. Bass
Photography by: Christina Parker

WINNEBAGO, NE – The Winnebago Public Health Department have been working toward accreditation. On Tuesday, August 30th, 2022 the Winnebago Public Health Director pressed the button enter the first phase of accreditation. Marking a historic time for the Health department in Winnebago.

The event started off with an opening prayer and remarks from Tribal Council member Isaac Smith. He shared with the audience, “all those little things play a big role in trying to move the tribe forward.” Danelle Smith is the former CEO of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System and held a major role within the organization. She said “The Winnebago Public Health Department is a phenomenal organization. And we are very lucky that our community has the public health department and all of the services that it provides to our community. I see the passion and the dedication of all our staff.”

Mona Zuffante is the current Chief Public Health Officer for the Winnebago tribe, she added “Proud of all of the work that you guys you’ve done. And of

course, it’s so but truly the passion that people all show up every day, through the pandemic really demonstrated what a great and phenomenal team we have, so we appreciate all the services we have. Along with our sister, the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital.”

With all that being shared, what does this mean for the Winnebago community? Zuffante shared, “what that means is that we have met that highest standard that we could for public health accreditation, and that we match anyone in the country. It shows that the Winnebago tribe has a remarkable department.”

In receiving full accreditation, the Winnebago Public Health Department will have to undergo 2 more phases. Regarding the first phase, she also added “last year in September, we submitted our application to the Public Health Accreditation Board. We felt that that time we were ready to start gathering all of our documents and working on them. We submitted; we were accepted. There are probably over 300 documents that we put together and uploaded to E-fab.



It’s really monumental.” The first phase upon pressing the button, is that the Public Health Accreditation board will review the documents, if there is any information missing, the WPHD will fix. Which is called the pre-site visit.

The next 2 steps of receiving full accreditation include; an in-person site visit. Zuffante shared “be able to really see the community on what we do and interview community partners, the leadership. So both the Tribal Council and the board of directors (WCHS).” A week later they may

receive a corrective action plan of items that may need to be corrected. Upon submission of that, she added “then we submit that and then hopefully all goes well, we’ll be accredited. The timeline, I can’t tell you because I’m really COVID really put them behind too. So I mean, it could be this year, but it could be next year.”

Great job and pinagigi to the staff at the Winnebago Public Health Dept., Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare Systems, and Twelve Clans Unity Hospital.

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tribe was the connection we had to our families, our language, the way we dressed, the spirituality and connection to the Earth, is what made us Indigenous to the land we inhabited. Indigenous meaning originating naturally in a particular place.

However, the thought of blood quantum on a perspective can be looked at as the blood of your ancestors that are still running through your veins. John Snowball, shared “natives have beliefs that are really strong and the rest of the society, they kind of discredit our beliefs until science catches up and says, hey, you know, those beliefs are right. One of those beliefs are, is that our blood, our DNA has infinite capabilities. So, our blood is real strong. We need to treat it that way. We need to look at the children and say, you only got one that’s not strong enough. It’s like, no, that’s strong. Just the smallest part of our blood is strong because it has that capabilities.”

Looking at how far we have come since the beginning of first contact, tribal nations should begin looking at new approaches that would fit us today. How can we use enrollment as a tactic to work on revitalization of our culture, our language, and way of life? Our ancestors prayed 7 generations ago, and today we are living in a crucial time where we need to find innovative ways to fix what has been broken.

In taking initiative, and the first steps to help generate the conversations could lead to finding ways to make it fit for us. Here are some ideas from tribal members:

John Snowball in thinking about resources, and how to break this up his approach was to break up age groups and limit who receives them, who is active in the community, and who isn’t as active. He shared “if you’re in the good earning part of your life or you should be earning money and taking care of yourself, then we’re calling upon to do that. We are depending upon you to do that. If you’re say, 25-year-old to 55 year old, we really want to count on you. Because we got the children to help, we got the elders to help, we got the disabled to help.” Regarding if you are an on reservation or off reservation tribal member, you should be active in your community. Are you contributing to your tribe? He added “what is active and inactive membership? We don’t have it. So, what would it

look like if we wanted to do active and inactive membership? What that would look like, because tribes already do it. I’ve got a friend from the Seneca Nation. They have to go back to their reservation twice a year to do surveys, update their information and check in.”

Cassie Kitcheyan shared regarding enrollment solutions, in a tactic to help tribal members be active in learning their culture and language she said “there’s no one size fits all solution. I do think that there should be something other than an application that gets you enrolled. If you look at it, to be a US citizen, they must take classes. There could be tests, all this stuff where that would show active engagement within the tribe and yeah, you’d be part of that revitalization and hopefully that maintenance of the culture because there’s, there’s different steps to it.”

Quentin Merrick shared his thoughts as an off-reservation tribal member who hasn’t had much connection to the Winnebago community, “I think understanding that there are people that continue to practice culture, there are people that this is a big part of who they are. If they’re not raised or brought up into that community, it also it does pose some potential damages. I also think that there are times where when it comes to some of the teachings that there are people that want to learn and that, that value, and that are part of that community but are also denied that opportunity.”

But what if we invited them back every year to check in with the tribe? There will be the tribal members who are willing and would love to come back to the community and re-learn some of the things that were lost. Welcoming them back with open arms. If you are willing to participate and be active in the culture, the community, re-learning the language, finding connection to their families. Because that’s what makes you who you are, and that’s what should establish your cultural identity.

The approach being yearly check-ins with enrollment, doing surveys, participating in cultural classes, re-learning your family tree

and history.

Charlie Earth shared her thoughts as a youth/young adult, “I feel like sometimes we get so caught up into thinking we have to do it the white way. When we don’t have to. Isn’t that what sovereignty is? I think that if we figure out how to come together as Winnebago people and community members of our reservation, then that’s when we can actually start having this conversation about the way it’s decided. Get everyone’s voice on it. Our younger generation, we deserve to have a younger generation because blood quantum is going to disintegrate our whole enrollment system eventually.”

Earth shared that within her employment/participation with the HCI Ambassador program that they have been working on a Parks project. She said “we wanna add 4 more parks into Winnebago, and our vision behind it is we wanna create a gathering space for our families where we wanna do cultural events. Where we teach people how to bead, make skirts, make drum sticks. But I wanna dive deeper into that. The five forms of wellness, we need to focus on environmental, physical, spiritual, intellectual, all of it. Hit those avenues to teach us things we don’t learn in school. We rely on our public-school education. All it is, is asking everyone to step up.”

One location is already planned for the Village 2.0, but Earth envisions to have a location in different areas in the community so families who live in different neighborhoods have quick access. She added “For the Village, that is around maybe 15 families that you can reach. But we can do it at the Kelly projects, lets do it out towards BIA, lets do it downtown historic Winnebago, you know? That’s our vision behind it.”

With many voices speaking up, there can be plenty of ideas generated to ensure the enrollment process fits us and our needs as Winnebago tribal members. Addressing the issues of loss of culture, combining our traditional teachings with contemporary ways of teaching. Implementing new age tactics, with traditional ways to ensure our tribe remains plentiful. We have always been resilient.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize Councilman Smith to take all actions necessary to do a survey regarding enrollment during our upcoming pow-wow.

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

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING July 22, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Louis LaRose
Aric Armell
Isaac Smith
Brian Chamberlain (in at 9:20 a.m.)

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (sick leave)
Kenneth Mallory (in at 10:10 a.m.)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Alan Post	Michael Michaud
Kim Friloux	Danelle Smith
Mike Means	Damon Payer
Kellie Snow	Cecelia Earth
Sharon Frenchman	Tyresha Wolfe
Kiva Harden-Free	Tiffany Buchanan
Lynelle Blackhawk	Brandon Stout
Teresa Littlegeorge	Kim Salsburger
Desiree Kitcheyan	Garan Coons
Joseph Littlegeorge	Brad Knepper
Leon Rozeboom	David Russell
Daryl LaPointe, Jr.	Esther Mercer

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

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

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

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Presented by Kim Friloux
1. Billing & Collections
2. Financial Report

Rona Stealer motioned to accept WCHS Financial Report.
Aric Armell seconded.

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

3. Federal Employee Health Benefits – presented by Danelle Smith and Kim Sulsberger

Aric Armell motioned to table item #3 WCHS Health Insurance. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:

Presented by Damon Payer.

Rona Stealer motioned to accept the Gaming Commission report. Brian

Chamberlain seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS REPORT: Presented by Mike Means & Michael Michaud

Aric Armell motioned to accept WinnaVegas Financial Report.
Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS ACTION ITEMS:

1. 3-Bid proposal for purchase of a new sound system

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas I.T. Dept., RE: 3-Bid proposal for purchase of a new sound system for the casino. The selected bid is Outsound and the total estimated expense is \$77,483.22. Aric Armell seconded.

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

2. Ainsworth

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Slot Dept., RE: Ainsworth, the purchase agreement for two Multi Win 7 games to end lease and be purchased at a cost of \$33,700.00. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

3. Wheelin 'N' Dealin' Car Giveaway

Aric Armell motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Marketing Dept., RE: \$64,900 Wheelin 'N' Dealin' Car Giveaway promotion on September 30, 2022. The vehicle has yet to be determined and a \$30K cash option is available. The total estimated expense is \$64,900. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

4. \$28,000 Sizzling Slot Tournaments promotion

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the request from the WinnaVegas Marketing Dept., RE: \$28,000 Sizzling Slot Tournaments promotion, this will replace the previously approve Sit N' Go Slot Tournament promotion. The total estimated expense is \$28,800.00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

TRIBAL CFO REPORT:

[Isaac out]

LIBERTY NATIONAL BANK – QUARTERLY INVESTMENT REPORT

Brian Chamberlain motioned to accept the Liberty National Bank Investment Report. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept CFO June Financial 2022 Report. Aric Armell seconded.

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

[Isaac in]

ACTION ITEMS:

1. UPDATE ON LAND AUCTION

Kenneth Mallory motioned to direct the Treasurer and CFO to take all actions necessary to move forward with Nieman Land Purchase of 193+ Acres. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

2. DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REQUEST

Aric Armell motioned to approve \$15,304.00 out of Tribal Appropriations to pay Domestic Violence rent, funds will be returned after grant received. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

3. LEGAL REFERRAL REQUEST –
IMPOUNDMENT FEES

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve the legal work for the development of the impound fee schedule in a policy or code. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

4. CONVERT 1 CAMPER RV INTO
THE EM MOBILE OFFICE

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve converting one camper RV (from under consignment) into the Emergency Management Mobile Command Center. Aric Armell seconded.

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

5. EXTEND AUDIT CONTRACT
1 YEAR FOR REDW

Brian Chamberlain to approve extending the audit contract 1 year for REDW. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Isaac Smith

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

6. TELEWORKING POLICY UPDATE

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the updated Teleworking Policy; Long Term Childcare Closures. Isaac Smith Seconded.

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

[Louis LaRose out at 1:00 p.m.]

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

YCIC request to solicit donations from Tribal Programs & Entities – Mental Health & Wellness Powwow, Sept. 17, 2022

Aric Armell motioned directing the CFO and Billie Kitcheyan to find up to \$22,000 from the ARPA funds (YCIC will seek donations from Tribal Entities and the ARPA funds can make up the difference for the Mental Health & Wellness Pow-wow on September 17, 2022). Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to authorize YCIC to solicit from Tribal Entities, and outside entities to donate for the Mental Health & Wellness Pow-wow, September 17, 2022. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

2. AMICUS BRIEF

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #22-141: Approve the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska on the Amicus Brief. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

[Isaac Smith out at 1:35 p.m.]

3. STRATEGIC PLANNING
MEETING – TRAVEL APPROVAL

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve travel for interested Tribal Council members to attend the Strategic Planning meeting on several pressing issues impacting Indian Country in Fort Hall, ID on August 11-14, 2022. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

4. HCI AUDIT AND ANNUAL
OPERATING PLAN

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the 2021 HCI Audit and 2022 Annual Plan.

Rona Stealer seconded.
OBJECT: Brian Chamberlain

VOTE: (4) yes, LD, RS, KM, AA (0) no (1) abstain, BC
Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 1:42 p.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 3:43 p.m. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to lift the hiring freeze and re-advertise on the Education Pathways to Success Director Position. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Tribal Council Leave Buy Back Policy as presented. Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Aric Armell motioned to authorize the Execution of General Manager Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

OBJECT: Brian Chamberlain

VOTE: (3) yes, LD, KM, AA (1) no, BC (0) abstain
Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT July 25, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Rona Stealer
Lorelei DeCora
Louis LaRose
Brian Chamberlain
Kenneth Mallory
Isaac Smith

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Aric Armell (leave)
Coly Brown (leave)

OTHERS PRESENT:

Cecelia Earth
Teresa Littlegeorge
Lynelle Blackhawk
Esther Mercer

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Fire Chief, Isaac Smith gave Fire Department report.

-Outreach to Thurston, Pender, and Walthill.

-Attended a funeral for a fireman from Homer, NE.

-Preparing for fireworks display, 7/27/22

-walk/run plans for 7/30/22

LAW ENFORCEMENT:

out of town due to a funeral. Chairwoman Kitcheyan read a report from Chief Lawrence.

SENIOR REQUEST:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve a \$100.00 light bill payment for a tribal member senior in Oklahoma. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to suspend the rules to discuss Genoa

U.S. Indian School Recognition and Remembrance Day. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to approve travel for Tribal Council members to attend the Genoa U.S. Indian School 32nd Recognition and Remembrance Day on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Louis LaRose motioned to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA

LAND MEETING, ENROLLMENT UPDATE, & PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT August 11, 2022

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Brian Chamberlain
Coly Brown
Lorelei DeCora
Isaac Smith
Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Fannie LaTray
Autumn Nieman
Karen Bass
Misty Jefferson
Cecelia Earth
Brandon Stout

CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chairman Brian Chamberlain called to order at 3:41 p.m.

OPENING PRAYER:

(Acknowledged prayer from previous meeting)

APPROVE AGENDA:

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the agenda. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

LAND MANAGEMENT:

1. Resolution: Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Land Use – Barclay Purchase

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #22-143: Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Land Use – Barclay Purchase. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

2. Resolution #22-140: Approving Amendments to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Residential Land Leasing Policy Section 7, 9, 10.

Coly Brown motioned to table until a clarification response is received from General Counsel on Policy Section 7, 9, and 10. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

3. Great Plains Fiber Optic Project – (on hold) Ron Nohr in another meeting, will return to the item of discussion, if Ron becomes available.

4. Trailer site discussion Isaac Smith motioned to allow new trailers into the McKee sub-division. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT:

1. Monthly Report to CEO
2. Clarification on Blood Quantum Issues

Louis LaRose motioned to direct the Administration to instruct Enrollment staff and Committee to follow its policy. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

3. Permission to request BIA for records for WTN Enrollment

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #22-144: Authorizing the Chairperson's Office to take all actions necessary to request the Winnebago BIA to hold all base roll records and probate files. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #22-145: Authorizing the Winnebago Enrollment Department to take all actions necessary to acquire additional records from the BIA. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

4. Resolution: Tribal Enrollment Applicants

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt

resolution #22-146: Tribal Applicants [A3997, A3967, A3963, A3962, A3770, A3930, A3943, A4003]. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain
Motion carried.

5. Relinquishment

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

minutes continued in next issue...

ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE POSTED ON BEHALF OF: WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COURT

ALL LEGAL NOTICES ARE
SIGNED BY:
Tribal Court Judge

LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ22-024
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
S.H. (Born 08/2008)

To: Jasmine Harden, Mother

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11th day of October, 2022 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

Dated this 30th day
of August, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE: 3/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV22-079
The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
DORCEE KEARNES
In Re:
Z.P. (Born 11/2003)
X.C. (Born 10/2005)
SISKA PARKER, Mother

To: SISKA PARKER, MOTHER

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) in Case No. CV22-079 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12TH day of SEPTEMBER, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.
Dated this 15TH day
of AUGUST, 2022.

LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ22-024A
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
S.H. (Born 08/2008)

To: Gregory Walker, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11th day of October, 2022 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

Dated this 30th day of
August, 2022.

LEGAL NOTICE: 1/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ22-024B
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
S.H. (Born 07/2014)

To: Wakaja Harden, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Adjudication concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ22-024B has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 11th day of October, 2022 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

Dated this 30th day of August,
2022.

LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Service

In the Matter of : MOBILE HOME LOCATED AT TRAILER LOT 7, MCKEE SUB-DIVISION IN THE NW ¼ SW ¼ OF SECTION 17, TOWNSHIP 26 NORTH, RANGE 9 EAST OF THE 6TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA, THURSTON COUNTY; CHAD RAVE, AND ANY OTHER POTENTIAL HEIRS

To: CHAD RAVE AND ANY POTENTIAL HEIRS

Pursuant to the Winnebago Tribal Code this notice shall serve as service of process upon three consecutive postings in the Winnebago Indian News. This is the first of three consecutive postings.

You are hereby notified that a petition for eminent domain has been filed regarding the above referenced property.

LEGAL NOTICE: 2/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV19-022

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Anna & Michael Murray
In Re:
G. R. (Born 11/2016
Selena Hahn, Mother
Ricardo Ramirez, FATHER

To: Ricardo Ramirez and All Possible Fathers.
Selena Hahn, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) in Case No. CV19-022 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 12th day of OCTOBER, 2022 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

Dated this 26TH day of August,
2021

LEGAL NOTICE: 1/3

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV22-063
In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Twila Redfeather
In Re:
N.M. (Born 05/2012)
N.M. (Born 03/2015)

To: Nevin Masquat, Father
Niana Masquat, Mother

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) in Case No. CV22-063 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of OCTOBER, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

Dated this 12th day of
September, 2022.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

30-Day Public Comment Period on No Further Action Decision

Pony Express – Winnebago, South LUST Site

Winnebago, Nebraska – August 12, 2022

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 7, in consultation with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, has determined that **no further action** is needed at the Pony Express, Winnebago, South Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) Site, located at 214 Industrial Road (also noted as 1501 Industrial Road South in portions of the administrative record (AR)) in Winnebago, Nebraska.

Petroleum contamination from LUSTs was discovered in the soil and groundwater. Following a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Subtitle I environmental investigation, a risk-based corrective action (RBCA) evaluation showed that no further work was required and the contamination does not pose a risk to public health and the environment. Soil and groundwater contamination remain on/under the site; these contaminant conditions were factored into the RBCA **No Further Action** decision. Future land uses will need to accommodate the conditions noted in the AR.

EPA invites the public to review the AR and provide comments regarding the **No Further Action** decision documents **through at least September 16, 2022**. The AR is available at the following locations during normal business hours:

Thurston County Clerk's Office 106 5 th Street Pender, NE 68047 Phone: 402-385-2343	EPA Region 7 Records Center 11201 Renner Blvd. Lenexa, KS 66219 Toll-free: 1-800-223-0425
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If the AR is not physically accessible (e.g., due to COVID-19), an index and/or electronic copy of the record can be provided upon request by contacting **Douglas E. Drouare** (see contact information below). Send all written comments to: **Douglas E. Drouare**, U.S. EPA Region 7 (LCRD/TTPB), 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, Kansas 66219; phone: (913) 551-7299; email: drouare.douglas@epa.gov.

A public meeting or public hearing is not scheduled at this time. EPA may conduct a public meeting or hearing if the public requests one in writing, with a statement of the substantive issues to be raised at the meeting/hearing.

For further information and/or to join the mailing list, please contact: **Douglas E. Drouare**, U.S. EPA Region 7 (LCRD/TTPB), 11201 Renner Blvd., Lenexa, Kansas 66219; phone: (913) 551-7299; email: drouare.douglas@epa.gov.

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Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) PRC eligible patients, please assist us so we can assist you. Working together and keeping the lines of communication open will ensure your bills are being paid in a timely manner and prevents bills from being sent to collections, the addition of late fees and other charges, and potential legal fees. Timely notification and action will also help ensure your credit rating score is not negatively impacted due to unpaid claims or bills.

Facts to know about PRC Funds:

1. PRC receives yearly funding. It is used from October 1st to September 30th.
2. All PRC patient referrals must be approved, otherwise PRC funding will not be applied to your patient bill.
3. PRC patients must apply for any alternate resources for which you may be eligible (Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, and etc.).
4. PRC funding is a **payer of last resort**. It pays only for costs not paid for by your alternate resources.

DID YOU KNOW?

Questions to ask yourself when you are referred to an outside doctor:

- 1 Did your WCHS/TCUH Provider submit a PRC referral?
- 2 Did you consult with your PRC medical support assistant about your referral?
- 3 Did you provide your insurance card to the doctor's office during your visit?
- 4 Did you inform the doctor's office that you are PRC eligible?

Steps to take when you receive a medical bill in the mail:

- 1 **Call the phone number that is located on your patient bill:**
 - Inform the office that you received a bill in the mail.
 - Provide account number and any other information they request.
 - Inquire if they have your insurance information, if not provide it.
 - Inform them that you are PRC eligible.
- 2 **Bring your bill to the TCUH PRC Department.**
 - Please do not drop your bill off before speaking with the Claims Specialist or PRC Supervisor.
 - Bring your most current updated insurance card, so a copy can be taken and updated in the WCHS TCUH system.



FELIX WHITE VIDEOS ON YOUTUBE

Quote by Felix White, Sr. (1907-1996) given during an interview with Elizabeth Cerra on March 24, 1976. White was Oneida and Ho-Chunk and was born and raised here in Nebraska. As a teenager was sent to the Genoa boarding school. Despite the fact that boarding schools were intended to assimilate natives, White actually picked up speaking Lakota from his classmates while preserving his own knowledge of the Ho-

Chunk and Oneida language while in boarding school. He would go on to be a council member and serve as both a cultural and linguistic teacher as an elder.

Learn about HoChunk culture from Felix White on the Angel De Cora Museum youtube page where we have almost 8 hours of his teachings. Youtube: "The Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center"

"My brother, he's dead and gone now, but he used to have a little phrase he liked to put on a letter that he'd write to me.

'Brother, thank you for your favors and interest in me and corresponding with me. I leave you with this thought: Live today, or as tomorrow comes live it like it is your last.'

This stuck with me every day."

-Felix White Sr.

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