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# WINNEBAGO AND HOCHUNK NATION DELEGATION COLLABORATE ON A HISTORICAL DUGOUT CANOE JOURNEY

Written/Photography by: Jordana R. Bass

Fort Thompson, SD - This past week, a delegation from the Winnebago Tribe and Ho-chunk Nation gathered on the Crow Creek reservation for a historical trip in which they would travel down the Missouri River on a dugout canoe made from cottonwood.

Sunshine Thomas-Bear (Winnebago Tribe Historical Preservation Officer) helped organize the event along with Bill Quackenbush (Ho-Chunk Nation THPO).

Thomas-Bear shared "I'm excited and glad to be here, glad to be welcomed here by our relatives, our history, and why we are doing this." The purpose of the journey is to symbolize when the Ho-chunk left the Crow Creek land due to many tribal members being lost during the years of 1863 through 1865. Where many Ho-Chunks returned to the homelands in Wisconsin, but some stayed in the plains area. They would later find their way and settle in northeast Nebraska, what is now known as the Winnebago reservation.



Tribal Councilman Aric Armell leads the paddling from Dakota City, to Winnebago. Enjoying the beautiful morning.

**BAGO BITS** 

By: Tyler Snake



July 17th Whirling Thunder Wellness program and Winnebago Public School came together to have a basketball camp! Coaches Mark Childers, JJ Davis, Kenny Eddy and Pilar Aldrich taught the youth a few things to prepare them for the upcoming season, Shoutout to the coaches for keeping opportunities for growth in the community!

In this week's issue of the WIN, through the findings of the late David Lee "Tim" Smith, the Winnebago tribe's historian we will revisit the history of Crow Creek, the journey, and the story of our relatives from the Umonhon tribe and their welcoming.

It was June 8th, 1863. When the Ho-chunks landed in Crow Creek, South Dakota. On June 24th, 1863, Winneshiek, who was A Ho-Chunk resistance leader, led his band from Blue Earth MN, and landed in Crow Creek, South Dakota. War chief Little Priest was among the delegation through this era in the Hocak Nisoc Haci history. The land was desolate, there was hardly any grass, and the winds were so strong they would blow dirt into thick clouds everywhere. The temperature was 100 degrees, with the humidity being high. The land was deemed unlivable when they got there due to their lifestyle. The Ho-Chunks were used to living originally in the woodland areas of Wisconsin.

Chief Little Priest had sent three men to

acquire land out of South Dakota and Nebraska. One to the Otos and two to the UmonHon. Days after waiting, one of the men returned. His name was Little Hog. He shared with Chief Little Priest that Young Elk, one of the Umonhons told their agent, Robert Furnas, that I fell off the boat with John Omaha because of overcrowding. Mr. Furnace took me to Sioux City, IA., and got me a ride on the boat. John Omaha stayed with the Umonhons to examine the timbers on the north side of the Omaha Reservation. Later the Omaha chiefs had met with Little Priest, Little Hill, Good Heart, and Little Thunder traveling through the night alongside the banks of the Missouri River. Due to the Ho-chunks living in the Great Lakes of Wisconsin, traveling by canoe made from Birch bark trees wasn't anything new to the warriors.

The dugout canoes were not as light as their old Birch bark canoes, therefore they had to keep the heavier boat in the center of the river where the water was deeper. When the delegation landed near

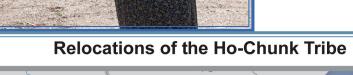
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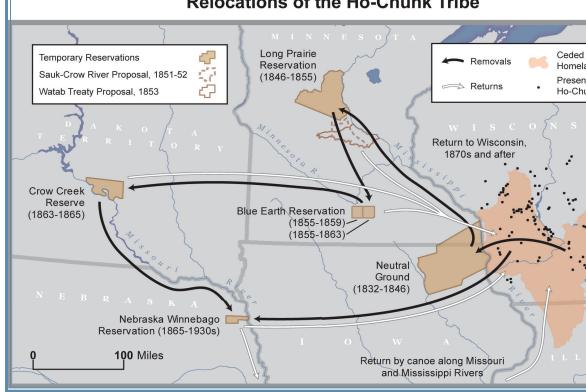


Left: Winnebago Tribe Tribal Historic Preservation officer, and Crow Creek tribal member discuss some of the history of Crow Creek.

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Lots of construction is happening in Winnebago! Little Priest Tribal college's parking lot revamp has begun and is expected to be finished around September 30th, those eating at Wolves Den enter thru the west entrance off Maple Street, other parking is available on the entrance of East Beck Street. St. Augustine Indian Mission school has started demolition of the old school building, a prayer service and final walk through was held to ask for healing and blessings received. Also, a reminder that Highway 77 between Winnebago and Walthill is open to local traffic only, Traffic is detoured to Highway 75 & 94, completion is expected mid-summer 2024! Reminder to exercise caution and pay attention to detour and highway closure signs.





The map above shows the journey from Wisconsin, to Minnesota, to South Dakota, and finally where they settled in northeast Nebraska

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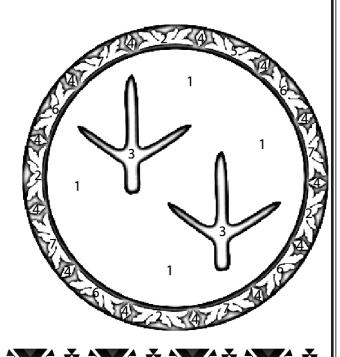
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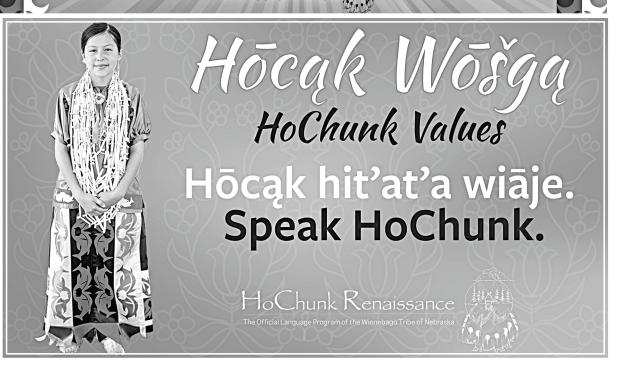
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Traditional / Hōcąk Applique / Fancy / Jingle

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Traditional / Woodland / Fancy / Grass

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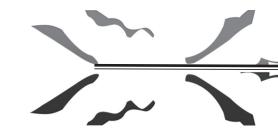
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#### **BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB HOST CULTURE WEEK**

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WINNEBAGO, NE - From July 10, 2023 to July 12th, 2023. The Boys and Girlc Club of the Hocak Nisoc Haci held a Culture Camp for the youth of Winnebago.

Activities were from Monday at 8:00 AM for K-3 and at 1:00 PM for our 4th-8th pathways group.

Hochunk Renaissance played Kasu. Project Launch instructed a

beading class. Tammy Haskell taught a cooking class that taught the kids to make Wojapi. The kids also played Lacrosse (taught by Nick Saunsoci). Eugene Decora jr. taught hoop dancing!

The event is taking place at the Veterans Memorial Park in Winnebago.

The Boys and Girls Club wished to

say, "Huge thank you to all the staff, programs, and individuals who are involved with this year's culture camp. This year we have focus on the Hocak Language, Beading, Clanship, Singing, Dancing, and much more. We are glad that we are able to educate our youth on cultural aspects this week."

The event looked so fun, and we even got to partake in the wojapi!

































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#### Work Scheduled to Begin on US-77, Near Walthill

July 3, 2023 (Norfolk, Neb.) — Weather permitting, work will begin July 10 on US-77 from Walthill to Winnebago, according to the Nebraska Department of Transportation.

Knife River Midwest of Sioux City, Iowa is the contractor for this project. Work will include asphalt overlay and culvert work. US-77 will be closed beginning July 10 through November while two box culverts are replaced. The detour route will be N-94 to US-75.

Traffic will be maintained for the remainder of the work with temporary traffic signals, a pilot vehicle and flaggers. Anticipated completion is mid-summer 2024.

The work is necessary for maintaining the safety and integrity of the transportation asset and preventing further damage.

Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously in and near work zones, to buckle up, and to put phones down.

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# REMINDER

The Winnebago Enrollment Department would like to remind the Winnebago membership to update their addresses for future voting references, please include a physical address.

We would also like to remind the tribal membership of the upcoming Clothing Distribution dates:

August 1, 2023 9:00am—5:00pm

August 2, 2023 9:00am—5:00pm

Blackhawk Community Center Gym

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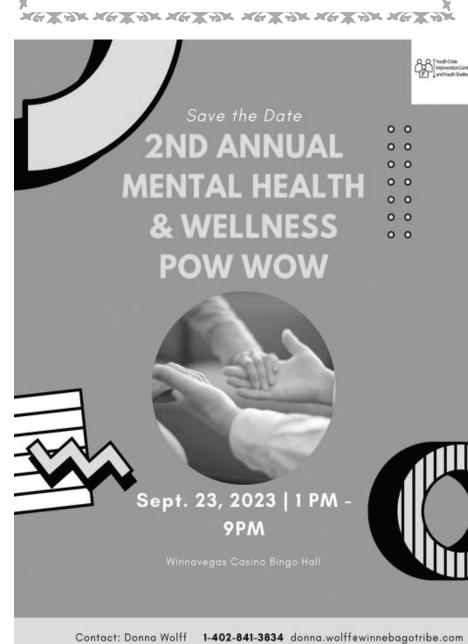
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#### **EDITORIALS**

#### **SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PT. 30, CONTINUED...**

Submitted by: Youth Crisis Intervention Center



Some of the things that parents go through are really awful. That is a fact, and there's nothing wrong with your child seeing your distress; after all, she is learning that life can indeed be hard at times. But to learn resilience, she also needs to see you cope and then gradually recover. That's the real life lesson she learns by watching how you handle things.

#### When things go wrong, you can model resilience by:

- appropriately expressing your anger, hurt, loss;
- · showing that you go to trusted persons (including health professionals) to talk things over and ask for help;
- · showing confidence (sometimes even when you don't feel it) that you're going to handle the problem;
- · showing your pride when you do solve the problem, or make a step in addressing part of it.

If you are pretty good at regaining stability after a bad experience, you only need to let your child see how you do it. If you are depressed or stuck in negative territory, be aware that your child is watching - and learning from - you. Get help so that you can move on; there's nothing wrong with letting your child know: "I'm seeing a counselor, someone who can help me fix what's wrong so I can feel better." A final point; although you want to model resilience, it's the child's resilience we're concerned with here. If things in your life cause you to lose your temper, don't try to fool yourself that giving him a quick hug afterwards makes everything okay. You may feel better, but he's likely to feel hurt and confused by your mixed messages. If you recognize that this a pattern of behavior, you'll probably benefit from getting help to change it; and this is a life lesson in resilience you want your child to copy.

What could make a four-year-old depressed? Why would a 10-year-old become angry all the time? What would lead a 13-year-old After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

to withdraw from social activities? The answer? Lots of things! And some are the same things that hurt adults:

- the loss of a loved one;
- parental separation or divorce;
- · physical (including sexual) abuse of himself or a sibling;
- · witnessing violence or substance abuse at home, or in the neighborhood;
- poverty, and the worry that it brings;
- parental job loss;
- · a serious illness of either the parent or the child.

You know what these things feel like; you know too that it can take some work and some time to get over them. Your child is likely to have the same range of emotional responses as you do, but probably with a good deal more doubt and fear. The fact is that children do not see things just the way adults do and sometimes the parent barely notices what is, for the child, a traumatic experience. Some examples of these:

- being and/or feeling different from other kids;
- difficulty measuring up to expectations;
- parents who may fight a lot, leading the child to fear a divorce even when there's none being considered;
- being excluded or bullied at school;
- being humiliated in front of others;
- frequent moves, especially if the child is the quiet type;
- absence of parent.

Adults need to also remember that their greater experience with life may mean they tend to dismiss as just "a little bump in the road" what is for a child a big deal. If you think back to your own childhood, you can easily understand how adults make light of something that is huge in the eyes of a child - and, the fact is, some things are huge for a person of any age.

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911,

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#### THE GIFT OF FAITH

Submitted by: Pastor Ricky Jacobs

We are no different. You and I are alike. You and I, by nature, are children of wrath. You might be wondering how can I write these words? Or maybe you are thinking - Pastor 'speak for yourself!' The good news is that you and I can be changed. We can have our lives turned around.

First, the reason for what I wrote is based on what God's Sacred Word teaches. Read and reflect on these words that Paul, an apostle - sent by Jesus, to the saints at Ephesus: 'And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience- among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind' [Ephesians 2:1-3 ESV].

Now, look around the world. Would you say that the prince of the power of the air, the Evil One, is at work moving people to disobedience? Would you say that there are in fact many men and women, as well as teen age boys and girls, who are living according to the passions of their flesh? And if this is pointed out to them - how would they respond? Most likely they would respond with anger, with wrath!

And look - seriously look at your own life. Are you living presently according to the passions of your flesh?

What can you do about it? The bad news is that you and I can not do a thing about it on our own; nor can we assist God in redeeming our sinful nature.

However, God did something about it. We turn again to His Sacred Word:

'But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus' [Ephesians 2:4-8 ESV].

God is full of mercy and grace. Jesus, God's only Son, paid through his bloody death for one's trespasses and sins. God's grace and mercy are truly undeserved gifts!

How does one obtain this gift? Paul continues: 'For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast' [Ephesians 2:9 ESV]. You and I have no reason to boast. You and I have no reason in and of ourselves to be proud. Now once one receives this gift through faith one's life does not end then and there. Rather, now the believer in Jesus Christ has been given a reason to live. That reason is:

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them' [Ephesians 2:10 ESV].





#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

minutes continued from last issue...

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL five-signature approving donation of 2. Committees: Credit Committee, **MEETING** 

May 15, 2023

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan **Gregory Bass III** Brian Chamberlain (in at 5:36 p.m.) Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Kenneth Mallory Isaac Smith Aric Armell Louis LaRose

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (leave)

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Ireta Frazier **Thomas Snow** Garan Coons Lynelle Blackhawk Autumn Nieman Harvey Freemont Lauren Buchanan Christina Parker

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Victoria Kitchevan called to order at 5:01 p.m.

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Aric Armell offered the opening prayer.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

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

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

#### **READING OF THE MINUTES:**

1. May 1, 2023 – Regular Tribal Council Meeting

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the May 1, 2023, Regular Tribal Council meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

2. May 8, 2023 -Physical Resources Report

Aric Armell motioned to approve the May 8, 2023, Physical Resources Report meeting minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

#### **RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:**

1. Approve travel to Gila River, AZ, April 30, 2023 to May 4, 2023

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five-signature approving travel to Gila River, AZ from April 30, 2023 to May 4, 2023. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

2. Approve submittal of statement by Olsson regarding the IT/Broadband Project

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the fivesignature approving the submittal of statement by Olsson regarding the IT/ Broadband Project. Rona Stealer seconded.

**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

3. Approve donation of \$500 for Community Round dance put on by the Winnebago Tribal Court and OVC Victim

Advocate's Grant.

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the \$500 for Community Round dance put on by the Winnebago Tribal Court and OVC Victim Advocate's Grant, Louis LaRose seconded.

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

4. Accept resignation of Michael Michaud effective immediately.

Isaac Smith motioned to ratify the five-signature accepting the resignation of Michael Michaud effective immediately. Aric Armell seconded.

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

5. Appoint Vice Chairman Brian Chamberlain as Interim General Manager of WinnaVegas Casino.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ratify the five-signature appointing Vice Chairman Brian Chamberlain as Interim General Manager of WinnaVegas Casino. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

6. Approve the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to cancel and ban any and all trainings at WinnaVegas Casino or any other properties of Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and their entities that Summit Carbon Solutions is hosting.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska to cancel and ban any and all trainings at WinnaVegas Casino or any other properties of Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and their entities that Summit Carbon Solutions is hosting. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

7. Adopt resolution #23-121: Hazardous Fuels Management/ Wildland Firefighting FY23 BIL

Rona Stealer motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #23-121: Hazardous Fuels 3. Carlos Trinidad Promotion Management/Wildland Firefighting FY23 BIL. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

8. Approve appointment of Ray Thomas as Interim General Manager VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain to WinnaVegas Casino and Resort

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving appointment of Ray Thomas as Interim General Manager to WinnaVegas Casino and Resort. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Adopt resolution; Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP)

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #23-122: Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan (TTIP). Rona Stealer seconded.

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

and WHDC Board Vacancies

a. Credit Committee vacancy

Lorelei DeCora motioned to appoint Martina DeCora to the Credit Committee. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

[Brian Chamberlain in at 5:36 p.m.]

b. WHDC Board vacancy - Admin waiting for By-Laws

Brian Chamberlain motioned to table advertising one vacancy of WHDC Board. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

3. Winnebago Tribe Broadband **Connectivity Project Construction** Staging Lease

No action taken on Staging Lease.

4. Adopt resolution: FDPIR Nutrition Education Plan

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #23-123: FDPIR Nutrition Education Plan. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Discussion of new EMS site; Isaac Smith will bring it back at the next meeting.

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

1. Construction Tax waiver discussion - No Action taken.

2. Flandreau Indian School Board vacancy

Aric Armell motioned to advertise the Flandreau Indian School Board vacancy for 30 days. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Brian Chamberlain motioned to authorize communication to take all actions necessary to stream the Carlos Trinidad event up to \$1200.00 from the donation line item. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

Motion carried.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to place on the Treasurer's Report to modify the Tribal Council donation line item. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

4. Roads Discussion

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:43 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

[Brian Chamberlain out at 7:05 p.m.]

Rona Stealer motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:06 p.m. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to schedule a Special Tribal Council meeting with Human Services Leadership. Aric Armell seconded.

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

#### **ADJOURN:**

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING May 17, 2023

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan Brian Chamberlain Rona Stealer Lorelei DeCora Coly Brown Isaac Smith Aric Armell Louis LaRose Kenneth Mallory (in at 9:21 a.m.)

#### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Danelle Smith Michele Mitchell Rabecca DeCora Esther Mercer Lynelle Blackhawk Cecelia Earth Jennifer Berridge Tyresha Wolfe Teresa Littlegeorge Kellie Snow Ireta Frazier Autumn Nieman JR Burge Ed Shoemaker

#### **CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:13 a.m.

#### **OPENING PRAYER:**

Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

#### **APPROVE AGENDA:**

Additions: two items to Executive Session.

Louis LaRose motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

ADOPTION OF 911 ADDRESSES FOR WINNEBGO RESERVATION:

Isaac Smith motioned to adopt resolution #23-124: Adoption of County 911 Addresses as the Official Addressing System on the Winnebago Reservation. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

\*Tom Perez is the Thurston County **Emergency Manager** 

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES



**CLASS III GAMING UPDATE:** Update only.

**CARLISLE REPATRIATION:** Update only.

WINNEBAGO LAND TRANSFER ACT: Update only.

**CHIEF JUDGE CONTRACT RENEWAL:** 

the redline version of Patrick Runge Contract and adopt resolution Chief Judge Runge Contract. Rona Stealer seconded.

**OBJECT:** Isaac Smith, Brian Chamberlain, Coly Brown.

**VOTE:** (2) yes, KM, LLR (5) no, IS, AA, BC, LD, CB (1) abstain, RS Motion failed.

Brian Chamberlain motioned to advertise for a Chief Judge. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to authorize General Counsel to work with the Court Administrator performance evaluation of the Chief Judge. Aric Armell seconded.

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

TRIBAL COMMMENTS ON US ARMY CORP OF ENGINEERS **CONSULTATION POLICY:** 

Sub-Committee: Denise Jensen, will VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain work to put into a MOU.

CRIMINAL METH CODE REVISION **RECOMMENDATIONS:** 

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt resolution #23-125: Amendment of Title 3 Article 8 Controlled Substances Act. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

BREAK: Restart at 11:20 a.m.

STATE RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL EPC/MENTAL HEALTH **COMMITMENT ORDERS UPDATE:** 

• NE - DHHS Lead Attorney Beau Batello

• June 2, 2023 State call

PROPERTY TAX CERTIFICATE **PURCHASE OPTIONS:** No action taken.

PATERNITY DNA TESTING FOR

**ENROLLMENT PURPOSES:** Update.

AIRSPACE – DRONE REGULATION: In progress.

For spraying – put it in the WIN for the members to take pictures & send Lorelei DeCora to the EPD when they see this.

ATV – DIRT BIKE HELMET CODE: In progress.

• Put it in the Cross Deputization Agreement so it can be further enforced by Wildlife & Parks.

 Need to draft Helmet requirement on ATV, Dirt Bikes right away

Isaac Smith motioned to approve adding Consent of Winnebago

Tribe of Nebraska jurisdiction on all permits & licenses issued by the Winnebago Tribe. Aric Armell seconded.

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

JUVENILE CODE REVISIONS -CHILD PLACEMENT PROVISIONS: In progress.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept [Brian Chamberlain out at 12:36 p.m.]

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:54 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

[Aric Armell out at 1:53 p.m.] [Coly Brown out at 2:50 p.m.]

Isaac Smith motioned to come out of Executive Session at 3:19 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to dissolve the Police Review Board effective immediately. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the MOU with WinnaVegas on Water Operator at WinnaVegas. Isaac Smith seconded.

Motion carried.

Isaac Smith motioned to submit a FOIA request for the May 15, 2023, incident including the footage and Police Reports. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve Banishment Proclamation related to methamphetamine. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

ADJOURN:

Rona Stealer motioned to adjourn at 3:23 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA **SPECIAL MEETING -**TRIBAL COUNCIL LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE CASINO REGION

May 23, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Rona Stealer Isaac Smith Coly Brown Louis LaRose

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Brian Chamberlain Aric Armell (leave) Kenneth Mallory Victoria Kitcheyan (leave)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jason Lawrence

Damon Payer

Kellie Snow **Thomas Snow** Ray Thomas Michele Mitchell Teresa Littlegeorge **Esther Mercer** 

Lynelle Blackhawk

**CALL TO ORDER:** Secretary DeCora called to order at 1:19 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** John Snowball offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** 

Law Enforcement (Casino) UPDATE REGARDING LAW

**ENFORCEMENT AT THE CASINO:** presented by John Snowball

Several items were discussed.

**ADJOURN:** 

Isaac Smith motioned to adjourn at 2:20 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA Thomas Snow HHS REGION 7 MEETING WITH Aaron LaPointe TRIBAL COUNCIL

May 25, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT: Victoria Kitcheyan

Lorelei DeCora Brian Chamberlain Kenneth Mallory Louis LaRose Aric Armell (in at 10:46 a.m.) Isaac Smith (in at 11:30 a.m.) Coly Brown (in at 10:21 a.m.)

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Rona Stealer (another meeting)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 

Kit Wagar, Tribal Liasian Region 7 HHS Kitty Amiah, HUD in NE Marissa Thomas, SAMSHA Mirna Harrata , SAMSHA Joe Palm, Regional Director Region 7 HHS Miskoo Petite, Human Services Director WTN Mona Zuffante, Health Director Austin Schanzeback Sara McIntosh Nancy Rios, Reg. Admin & HRISA

**Brandon Stout** Christina Parker Tyresha Wolfe Teresa Littlegeorge

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

Chairwoman Kitchevan called to order at 10:13 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer.

**AGENDA:** OVERVIEW OF HHS IN OUR

Discussion on Priority of needs; Substance detox and treatment.

Discussion on HUD for Meth Mitigation

[Brian Chamberlain out]

Tribal Consultation meeting is June 21 & 22, 2023 in Kansas City.

ADJOURN:

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Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 12:30 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING

May 26, 2023

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitchevan Brian Chamberlain Lorelei DeCora Rona Stealer Kenneth Mallory Louis LaRose Coly Brown Aric Armell

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Cecelia Earth Lance Morgan Isaac Smith (leave) Tania Keller Joy Johnson Kalif Harden-Free

**OTHERS PRESENT:** 

Beth Wewel Sharon Frenchman **Ray Thomas** Mike Means Lynelle Blackhawk Erika Dunn Desiree Kitcheyan Garan Coons Angel Derochie Cheryl Painter Pat Evans Nick Flores Wayne Carroll Teresa Littlegeorge

**CALL TO ORDER:** 

Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** 

Louis LaRose offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:** 

Additions: Budget Modification of Tribal Council Budget, Feenstra Staff Visit, Renaissance Job Description.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Coly Brown seconded.

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

WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:

Presented by Beth Wewel and Sharon Frenchman.

1. Financial Report

2. Revenue Generation Report

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Financial Report as presented. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

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**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:** 

Presented by Thomas Snow.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the Winnebago Gaming Commission Report. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Minutes to continued next issue... Respectfully submitted,

Lorelei Decora, Secretary Winnebago Tribal Council 2023

#### COMMUNITY

#### **SMALL BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT**



Professional of America







Photo and design LLC, owned and operated by Winnebago tribal member Savannah Berlyn Anderson. Her Umonhon Name is Mimite' (She Stands on the Moon Strong), and she is from the Eagle clan. She is also the daughter of Natalie Robinson and Ernest Rizzo Jr. Her paternal Grandparents are Ernest Rice Hill and Martha Stabler. Her maternal grandparents are Dick and Arlene Jump.

Savannah started her own photography business doing senior pictures and then expanded into family and engagement photos, which then took her into doing bigger projects in graphic designing things such as logos, business cards, and invitations.

She was introduced

Savannah Berlyn to the photography world by her father, Ernest, and at the age of eleven he gave her an old SLR camera. After teaching her the basic controls of the camera, her interest sparked, and she developed an eye for photography.

Since then, she has pursued degrees in Associates of Applied Science and Professional Photography, as well as continuing on to earn her bachelor's degree of Graphic Design.

She says her specialty is Senior pictures for graduating high school students and has photographed many youths from Winnebago. She also does graphic design and helps people with their business cards and other things in between to promote their businesses. Some of her highlighted pictures and designs are highlighted on her website.

The advice she gives to anyone wanting to pursue photography career is to "Get your financials in order as well as make sure to take special care in documenting and recording your income from the money your business makes so you can get a loan whenever you need it." Taking it a step further, Savannah has a big announcement to share. She will be opening a studio in 3 Rivers Art Gallery in the Ho-Chunk Centre in Downtown Sioux City, IA.

Savannah also shared a big announcement with us! Be sure to stay on the look out for more information about her grand opening through Facebook and other social media.

For booking inquiries go to: www.savannahberlyn.com

or use your mobile phone to scan the QR code:







#### COMMUNITY MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - FELICIA MASQUAT

Written by: Jocelyn Parker, Summer Youth Employee

Felicia Masquat (Haini Wiragusge Wiga, morning star - Bear clan) is the daughter of Jean Marie Ricehill and Michael Torres. The granddaughter of Melvin Virgil Masquat and Lois LaMere Masquat. Currently, she is the Health Promotion and Educational Director for the Winnebago Public Health Dept. Several programs are a part of that such as health education, Project Launch, and Project Woshkapi.

She is also an alumnus of Little Priest Tribal College, as a nontraditional student with a bachelor's degree in business. After that, she transferred to Wayne State College and received her Business management degree. She is also planning on furthering her education to obtain her master's in public health.

Recently the WIN had the opportunity to visit with her regarding her recent trip to New York

City about a book she will be featured in. She came across the opportunity when a gentleman named rich parsons had the idea to write a book. When she and Parsons first started communicating, she had mentioned to him that she was interested in becoming an author. That sort of opened a door for her. The New York trip was a preliminary peek of what's to come.

Masquat shared that since her childhood she's always been inspired to help people. That's why she decided to become a life coach and to take this opportunity to be an author in this book. One of her main purposes for wanting to write is for her kids Masquat states "Everything I do is for my kids and being an indigenous woman, I want to show people that it doesn't matter what your past was."

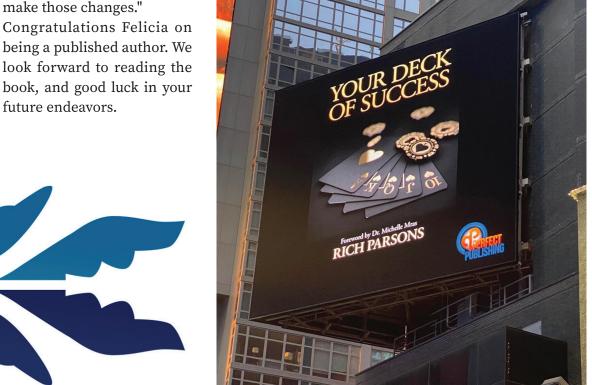
Masquat went into detail saying the book is called your deck of success. The book is being written not only by her but by several other authors. The book is about each of the authors' own past experiences and is being written to hopefully inspire and help others who are going through tough times. The section she's writing focuses more on how to successfully obtain your goal and the things you want to achieve.

Masquat shared some advice expressing "We all have gone through some traumatic experiences, I'm living proof that you can succeed if you decide you want to make those moves, that you want to be healthy whether that's your mind, body, or spirit you can do whatever it is that you want to achieve if you put your mind to it but it's up to you to

Congratulations Felicia on being a published author. We look forward to reading the book, and good luck in your



Above: Michael Snake catching air during one of his tricks.







157th Homecoming Celebration!

#### STOP BY BOOTH #7

#### **Cold Brew Iced Coffee**

Your option for black, caramel, chocolate, hazelnut and vanilla! (Sugar-free options avail.)

#### **Real Fruit Smoothies**

Your option for Blooming Berry, Harvest Greens, Superfruit Açaí and Tropical Sunrise! (Add plant-based energy boost for \$2)

#### Flavored Lemonade

Your option for Blue Raspberry SF, Cherry, Lavender, Passionfruit, Piña Colada, Raspberry, Strawberry and White Peach! (Add plant-based energy boost for \$2)

#### Fruit & Veggie Cups

Try our fruit cups with chamoy & tajin!
Add ranch to your fruit cup!
(Additions \$0.50)

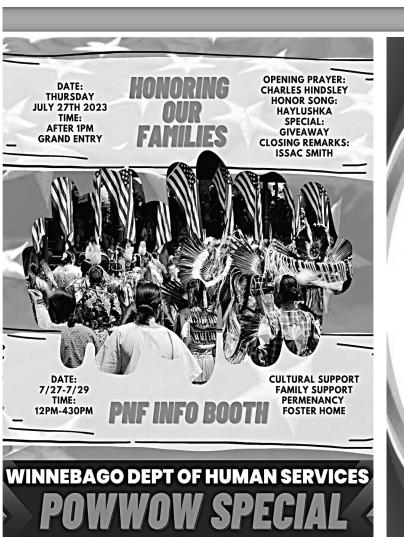
#### Pastries & Cookies

Grab a pastry - cinnatwist, muffins, palmiers, raspberry flips and blueberry or cran-orange scones!



CAFE

We will also have Merch and Tumblers!



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# WCHS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Join us in celebrating five years of WCHS and our CMS Accreditation at Whirling Thunder Wellness Center Gym!

#### **Schedule of Events**

9:00AM - Doors Open 9:45AM - Program Starts 12:00PM - Lunch







Spin the Money Wheel and win up to \$10,000 CASH! Every Saturday in July we'll draw two winners every 30 minutes from 1pm to 5pm.

Each winner will spin the wheel and win \$100 to \$10,000! You could be one of the 18 winners!

