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Bago Bits...



Lynelle Leigh Freemont Blackhawk of Winnebago is hooded for her master of business administration degree at Wayne State College, Dec. 14. Photo by Angie Steffen



Construction has begun on the New Farmers Market building in the HoChunk Village. Area crafters and during the growing season will have a place to sell their personally grown farm produce.



The WinnaVegas Casino shared a day of food, fun, games and prizes with Winnebago Senior Citizens before the big Christmas Holiday.



Winnebago Educare was visited by Mr. & Mrs. Claus during the big Christmas Program and participants were treated to pictures with the biggies.



HCI donated a number of pieces of artwork to the Winnebago Museum recently, more inside this issue.



Regardless of the weather Buzzy & Bitty are still making their mark on the Horseshoe circuit recently winning a championship in Omaha.

Happy New Year from the WIN Staff. Jerome, V.J. & Christina

Winnebago Cheer Team Spread Christmas Cheer



The Winnebago Indians Cheer Squad took time during the last home game to spread their Christmas Joy with players, fans, and onlookers.

New WPS classroom space is under construction on south side of WPS campus



An updated look at the new classrooms currently being built on the south side of the Winnebago Public Schools. Work continues during the cold weather.

Tribal lawsuit challenging state interference will proceed

OMAHA, Neb. – A tribal lawsuit challenging the State of Nebraska's interference with business activity on Native American reservations will proceed, ruled a U.S. District Court Judge on Wednesday.

The State of Nebraska sought to dismiss the case HCI Distribution, Inc. v. State of Nebraska. Attorneys for both sides presented oral arguments Dec. 10 on the State's motion to dismiss the case. U.S. District Court Judge John Garrard rejected that motion, which allows the case to proceed.

"The state's illegal regulation threatens the ability of the Winnebago Tribe and tribes across Indian Country to provide for themselves," said Nicole Ducheneaux, an attorney representing HCI Distribution, Inc. and Rock River Manufacturing, Inc. "The State of Nebraska will be forced to defend its deal with Big Tobacco."

The two companies manufacture

and distribute Native American tobacco products. They are subsidiaries of Ho-Chunk, Inc., the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's award-winning economic development corporation.

Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s companies filed the suit in April 2018, detailing how big tobacco companies are using their financial power to coerce state governments to unlawfully target Native American tribes or lose millions in settlement funds. The Tribe is seeking a judicial determination of these issues despite state and Federal Government efforts to halt the case.

The tobacco trade is crucial to Winnebago and many other tribal economies by providing employment and funding programs for education, social and cultural advancement. The current and long-term damages are expected to be significant. The impacts are currently being studied by an independent economist.

The State of Nebraska's attempts to regulate on-reservation business has resulted in more than 80% loss in revenue in 2018 for the two Ho-Chunk, Inc. subsidiaries. It has also effectively ended the distribution of third-party Native tobacco brands to other sovereign tribal nations and hampered outside sales of tobacco products manufactured on the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

The implications reach far across Indian Country. To date, Nebraska's interference has stifled 54 Native-owned businesses across 12 states, with a minimum \$20 million estimated annual impact to partnering tribe's retail sales from lost access to product. That estimate is based on cost of product and an 8% average retail markup for cigarettes according to the industry analysis "Tobaccconomics: Economic Research Informing Tobacco Control Policy."

Indianz.com... A collection of historic Winnebago paintings has returned home.

Thursday, December 20, 2018

Police Chief: 'Somebody perjured themselves'

Zachary Bear Heels, 29, died after being beaten by police officers

By Kevin Abourezk

OMAHA, Nebraska – Mayor Jean Stothert apologized Tuesday to a relative of a mentally ill Rosebud Lakota man who died last year after being shocked 12 times and struck 13 times by two police officers here.

At a meeting of a mayoral Native advisory committee in city hall, Stothert said she was disappointed in how Omaha police treated Zachary Bear Heels on the morning of June 5, 2017, and about an Omaha jury's decision on December 10 to acquit one of the officers accused of assaulting the mentally ill man.

"I would say I'm sorry this happened," Stothert said.

She was directing her comment to Alfie Goombi, who is a cousin to

Bear Heels' mother Renita Chalepah. Goombi, a Christian minister and citizen of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, had expressed frustration at the jury's verdict and implored Stothert as a mother herself to consider the anguish felt by Chalepah.

Stothert responded, saying she wishes she could change how officers dealt with Bear Heels but she said she also thinks it's important to find ways to ensure officers properly treat every mentally ill person they encounter. And she criticized the jury's decision to acquit Payne of felony second-degree assault and use of deadly weapon to commit a felony.

"That doesn't mean we feel things were handled correctly because we don't," she said.

Stothert and Omaha Police Chief Todd Schmaderer met with members of her Native advisory committee, as well as nearly 10 Native community members and others. Stothert formed the advisory committee following Bear Heels' death last year.

Payne wasn't the only officer charged

following Bear Heels' death. Ryan McClarty, who is accused of punching the Lakota man 13 times in the head, is facing misdemeanor third-degree assault. His jury trial is set to begin January 14 in Douglas County District Court.

Following the encounter last year, Schmaderer fired Payne and McClarty, as well as two female officers involved in the incident, Jennifer Strudl and Makyla Mead.

Only Payne and McClarty were charged. Native activists have called on Strudl and Mead to be held accountable in connection with Bear Heels' death.

Bear Heels was traveling from South Dakota to his home in Oklahoma City when he was kicked off the bus in Omaha for erratic behavior. His relatives have said he had schizophrenia, was bipolar and wasn't taking his medication.

After Payne, Strudl and Mead found him outside the Bucky's convenience

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(Program consists of 14 classes utilizing NAFFA curriculum)



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Contact facilitator: Angie Walker-Outreach Support Assistant
Winnebago Behavioral Health program (402)878-2911

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Women's Turning Point Program 3rd cycle

(Consists of 10 classes utilizing domestic violence curriculum)

Where: Twelve Clans Unity Hospital –Spiritual room

3rd floor

When: Tuesdays

Time: 1:00-2:30 pm

Dates: January 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th; February 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th; March 5th, 12th, 2019

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Jan 9	@ Ellsworth Community College	Iowa Falls, IA	7:30 PM
Jan 14	Buena Vista University	Winnebago, NE	7:30 PM
Jan 16	Iowa Central Community College	Winnebago, NE	7:30 PM
Jan 20	@ Doane University	Crete, NE	2:00 PM
Jan 23	@ North Iowa Area Community College	Mason City, IA	7:30 PM
Jan 26	Southwestern Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Jan 30	@ Des Moines Area Community College	Boone, IA	5:30 PM
Feb 2	Kirkwood Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Feb 5	@ Buena Vista University	Storm Lake, IA	7:30 PM
Feb 9	@ Southwestern Community College	Creston, IA	3:00 PM
Feb 13	North Iowa Area Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Feb 16	Ellsworth Community College	Winnebago, NE	3:00 PM
Feb 20	@ Iowa Central Community College	Fort Dodge, IA	5:30 PM
Feb 27	Des Moines Area Community College	Winnebago, NE	5:30 PM
Mar 2	@ Iowa Lake Community College	Estherville, IA	3:00 PM

Winnebago News

Thoughts about a Friend...

By Lance Morgan



criticized often by people over the issue. It was very hard for me. I had been educated in economics and corporate law, but that system doesn't teach you anything about building a new kind of economic path in a tribal community.

In the end, David gave me some of the best advice I have ever been given. He said quit trying to be a good white man company and be the great Indian company. He explained that Ho-Chunk, Inc. is owned by the tribe, the board of directors are tribal members, and that I as CEO was also a tribal member. We are already tribal and everything we do is based on that mindset and that we wouldn't do it if it were not the right thing to do.

David didn't know it, but he took a weight off me and gave me the mental permission to ignore large parts of my business training that called for efficiency and profit maximization above all else. Since then we do what we think is best and don't worry about what a non-tribal company would do. A non-tribal company would never build the Ho-Chunk Village or build houses throughout our community, sell used cars to fix our credit, start a non-profit, fight for down payment assistance, and countless other small things. His small advice has rippled through out our community.

I told one more story that choked me up a bit. About 20 years ago, David shows up at my office and says he has something for me. He hands me wrapped in tissue paper and protected by cardboard a single eagle feather. I just looked at it and said I don't think I deserve that. He said that I would need it. He was a historian, but he said in the future we will need a lot of people to fight a new kind of battle. I was touched and keep the feather in my home. In fact, I brought it out to write this now as a small reminder. I have received many awards over the years, but none are as meaningful as the simple feather he gave me. People don't think of me that way generally, and therefore, his kind gesture was very meaningful to me.

During and after the ceremony, people told similar stories of his kindness and him going out of his way to help someone or how he had touched their lives in some way. I didn't originally think of the donation ceremony as a tribute to David, but that is what it ended being and it was perfect. In the end, he documented our history, but the legacy he really cared about was his portraits of modern and historical Winnebago people because people make history and are the key to our future and he knew it.

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JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

"A Night like none other"



Pastor Ricky Jacob

in the highest, and on earth peace to men on whom his favor rests."

When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let's go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about."

So they hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby, who was lying in the manger. When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them' [St. Luke 2:1-18 NIV].

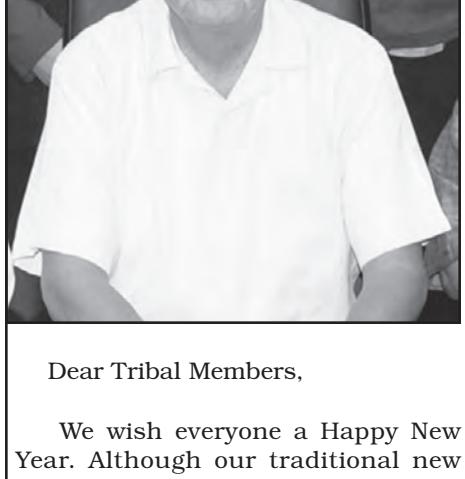
Creator God in His wisdom revealed the birth of His Son first to the shepherds who were minding their own business. God's Spirit moved them to see this baby for themselves. They beheld baby Jesus with their own eyes. Jesus who would be called by John the Baptist 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.' Jesus whose very name means 'God saves.'

Yes, these shepherds would behold Him who would later refer to Himself as the 'Good Shepherd.' The Good Shepherd who would lay down His very life for all people, all of creation, and would save or rescue each and every man, woman and child who place their faith in Him.

These shepherds did much more than behold the baby Jesus. Led by God's Spirit they went and spread this good news concerning all that had been told them concerning this child! You parents, it is your God-given responsibility to share this good news with your family, with your extended family, with your friends and your foes alike!

Yes, this night was a night like none other! Jesus our Savior was born nearly two thousand years ago. He lives now seated at the right hand of God the Father. He lives also in the hearts of all those who, by God's grace, place their faith in Him as Lord and Savior!

Council Speaks...



Dear Tribal Members,

We wish everyone a Happy New Year. Although our traditional new year isn't until later we will use this holiday to reflect on some of the major accomplishments of the Winnebago Tribe in 2018.

• Twelve Clans Unity Hospital opens its doors for the first time ever at a historical ceremony on July 1st, 2018. The Tribal Council set a goal to assume the IHS hospital so that we could offer better healthcare for tribal members. With the hard work of the Tribal Council, Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System executive team and steering committee we met that goal. We have more milestones coming up in the future such as receiving our CMS certification.

• In January we re-established our connection to our southern relatives, The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma. Research was done and at one time we were all the same tribe. They invited our council to their Winter Encampment and gave the Winnebago Tribe a big drum. The drum is being used at Ho-Chunk Renaissance and recently seen it to teach our youth traditional songs. We plan to host our southern relative's at our Last Bear Moon Winter Celebration at Winnavegas in February.

• We look forward to working with them on language & culture as well as economic opportunities.

• The Nebraska Inter-Tribal Coalition is formed. The coalition has representation from the Winnebago Tribe,

Ponca Tribe of Nebraska, Santee Sioux Tribe and Omaha Tribe. Some of the topics we have met about in 2018 were gaming, healthcare, education, law enforcement, ICWA, and politics. We believe we have a stronger voice with the state and federal government on issues that affect our nations.

• We recently had a strategic leadership meeting with the tribal council, HCI executive management, Winnavegas executive management, & The WCHS executive team. This was the first time we all came together to discuss issues facing each entity and issues we face as a tribe. This meeting was announced at the swearing-in ceremony and one of the major reasons I wanted to have this meeting was miscommunication amongst our entities. Although we only had one meeting in 2018, in this next year I believe we can get a lot of issues addressed and also strategize great opportunities that will benefit all.

Other news worthy projects included; Live Streaming Tribal Council Meetings, the formation of the food sovereignty initiative, Get out the "Native" vote, hosting the National Native American Church Convention in Winnebago. The Winnebago Homecoming Celebration was greatly attended. Working on a radio station for Little Priest Tribal College and The Winnebago Tribe. Also, there have been great strides in planning for a new half-way house as well.

One of the biggest news stories for the year is ATF raiding HCI. I firmly believe that our tribal sovereignty will prevail in this dispute. However, we must continue to fight to protect our assets. We will keep our membership informed as the case moves forward.

We would like to thank our tribal membership and our employee's for a great year. I ask that you take a moment to reflect on 2018. This year we had a lot of ups and downs, we also laid to rest a lot of our tribal relatives. So let's not forget them in our prayers and those who our mourning.

One of my many wishes for our tribe is that we KEEP building a better, stronger, and healthier Winnebago Tribe. Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Tribal Chairman,
Frank White

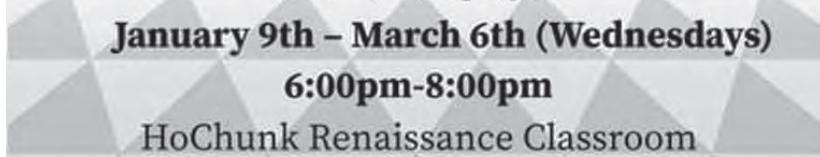
Hoit'e cōn̄ na

A Language Learning Experience

Let's learn HoChunk together.

"Hoit'e Cōn̄ na"(The first language) is a friendly gathering of language learning participants who seek to preserve and revitalize the HoChunk language. As a division under the HoChunk Renaissance program, the experience includes a pathway to HoChunk language learning thru immersion friendly activities, classroom lecture, and interactive engagement.

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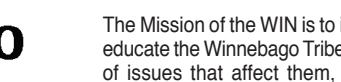
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Around Winnebago

A collection of historic Winnebago paintings has returned home.

During a reception Tuesday, Dec. 18, about two dozen paintings commissioned by the late Tribal historian David Smith were donated to the Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center.

The oil canvas paintings are portraits based on photographs of chiefs and other Tribal leaders at various points throughout history. A stretched, painted hide was also donated as part of the collection.

"David had a dream. He spoke of the future for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. His vision was to create a place where our people could visualize in thought of who we once were and of who are today," said Rella Walker, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. "It's an honor to have these portraits returned to the Museum."

David Smith – called Tim by friends and family – was the longtime historian for the Winnebago Tribe, a founding board member of Ho-Chunk, Inc., and Director of Indian Studies for Little Priest Tribal College.

Ho-Chunk, Inc. purchased the collection a couple of years ago at a time late in David's life. The purchase was made to preserve the collection. At the reception, the works were officially transferred to Angel De Cora Museum and Research Center to be included in their permanent collection.

David's relatives attended the reception and spoke of their gratitude for Lance Morgan and Ho-Chunk, Inc. donating the paintings to the museum in his honor. David's sister, Pat Medina, shared heartfelt words. She told those gathered he would have wanted the paintings returning home at the Angel De Cora Museum where they once were displayed during his tenure.

"The family is honored and thankful to Ho-Chunk, Inc. for the donation of the David Smith Historical Portrait collection to the Angel De Cora Memorial Museum," Pat said. "May Angel De Cora's portrait forever hang upon the walls of this museum that our brother so humbly worked for and cherished."

Also attending and sharing words were brother-in-law Terrance Medina, and Ho-Chunk, Inc. CEO Lance Morgan and board members Kenny Mallory and Roland Warner.

Lance spoke about David's guidance in Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s early days and helping define the meaning of a Tribal company. Lance also recalled the significance of David giving him an eagle feather.

David graduated from Morningside College with a Bachelor's Degree in Indian Studies and went on to obtain

his Master's Degree in Indian Studies at the University of California (UCLA). He was awarded an Honorary Doctorate Degree by the Nebraska Indian Community College for his years of teaching and serving as the Director of Indian Studies. His lifelong career was devoted to research, writing and teaching about the Winnebago Tribe.

In his later years, David worked as the Repatriation Director, returning many ancestors remains back to the Winnebago homeland and also acquired land in Illinois for burial grounds.

Over the years, David had shared many of his writings, books, and stories with family, friends and community members. He was an avid storyteller of the oral history, legends and modern-day stories. He had won several storytelling contests in the Midwest and published books that featured his college students' writings as well as his own.

The donation brings another connection full circle. Ann Marie Bledsoe Downes was president of Little Priest Tribal College when David was on faculty. At that time, he was running the museum and commissioning these paintings. Today, Ann Marie is Executive Vice President of Community Impact & Engagement for Ho-Chunk, Inc. as the company donates the paintings back to the museum.

Museum curator Eben Crawford said the donation is a real blessing.

"This enables people to understand history in a very human way when we can see the faces of great Tribal members," Eben said. "It can really give Winnebago children historical figures they can both be proud of and seek to emulate. This donation of artwork has greatly helped to expand our collection and follows our mission."

David commissioned the works by artist Evelyn Ritter of Peoria, Ill. Over the years, he and Rella, the Historic Preservation Officer, made many trips to Illinois to transport paintings back to Winnebago.

"David always put a lot of thought into the history of the Tribe and was very cautious of who he was going to select to work on various objects pertaining to the Tribe," Rella said.

Angel De Cora Museum staff are in the process of arranging the collection in the museum. They anticipate the portraits will be ready for display in January. All Tribal members and organizations will be invited to an open house showcasing the portraits. Details will be announced closer to the event.

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store, they attempted to put him in a police cruiser. Payne began shocking him after he refused to get into the cruiser and even after he was sitting on the ground, handcuffed, near the back passenger tire of a police cruiser. McCarty, who arrived shortly after the altercation began, started punching Bear Heels after he got a hand free from his cuffs.

A coroner's physician who conducted an autopsy on Bear Heels later concluded his death was attributable to "excited delirium" and not necessarily related to his injuries or shocks.

Following his acquittal, Payne told the media that he plans to seek to get his job back through an arbitrator. If the arbitrator agrees with him, Schmaderer would be forced to rehire Payne.

Schmaderer said he doesn't plan to rehire Payne unless he's forced to do so.

"I'm still maintaining my position that they shouldn't be Omaha police officers," he said.

He said he's confident that he will be able to convince an arbitrator to support his decision to fire the four officers involved in the altercation with Bear Heels.

He said he's hopeful a jury will find McCarty guilty of misdemeanor third-degree assault.

"I think there's a strong case there. I really do," he said.

He said he implemented a two-hour training session on how to deal with Native Americans, required of all officers, following the incident last year.

He said he disagrees with the jury's decision to acquit Payne.

"What occurred there is wrong," Schmaderer said. "I don't have trust in those four officers."

Winnebago activist Frank LaMere, a member of the mayor's Native advisory committee, called on Schmaderer to look into troubling testimony provided by Strudl during Payne's trial.

She told jurors that when she first contacted her supervisor, Sgt. Erik Forehead, after detaining Bear Heels and placing him in the back of her cruiser, that Forehead called the mentally ill man a "fucking retard." During his own testimony, Forehead denied making the statement.

LaMere said he's concerned Forehead's statement, if he indeed said it, suggests racism and indifference on the part of Omaha police. He said he was also concerned to learn that Forehead asked Payne to ride in the ambulance to the hospital with Bear Heels following the incident, a violation of OPD policy.

"We heard some things in there, very troubling, very troubling," he said. "The jury was fooled."

But he thanked Schmaderer for firing the four officers involved in the altercation with Bear Heels and for saying

publicly that he wouldn't rehire them.

"I hope that you stand strong in that regard," LaMere said.

He said the city of Omaha needs to begin reevaluating how it treats those with mental illness and addiction and its homeless population. He said if Native people are being mistreated today, it's likely other vulnerable people will be mistreated tomorrow.

"Native people are the like the miner's canary," he said.

Schmaderer said he plans to investigate Strudl's claim that Forehead called Bear Heels an epithet. He said Strudl never mentioned during her interview with OPD's internal affairs unit after the incident that Forehead had made the statement.

"Somebody perjured themselves in court," he said. "If I find out, there'll be hell to pay for that."

John Pappan, a citizen of the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, said he was "speechless" when he learned of the jury's acquittal of Payne.

He called on Schmaderer to investigate the March 8 shooting in Omaha of a 21-year-old Santee Sioux man, Micah Taylor, by the same officer who served as a lead witness for Payne's defense, Officer Dave Staskiewicz.

But Schmaderer said he had already reviewed footage from Staskiewicz's body camera and from a helicopter that flew above the scene that day and was satisfied with his department's handling of the incident.

"I saw that incident," he said. "There's not a dispute as to what took place there."

Rudi Mitchell, a retired university instructor and citizen of the Omaha Tribe, said the officers who encountered Bear Heels on June 5 last year should have placed him in emergency protective custody.

"I agree with you on that," Schmaderer said.

Stothert said the four officers involved in the Bear Heels incident clearly violated OPD policies.

LaMere said he hopes the city of Omaha and OPD administration will continue to oppose the Omaha police union's efforts to protect officers who violate department policy and criminal laws.

Stothert said she's been at odds with the police union for some time, especially regarding police officers' salaries and benefits.

"I always have a battle with the unions," she said. "It doesn't mean we don't respect them as individuals."

Native Americans are more likely to be killed by law enforcement than any other racial or ethnic group, according to the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice.

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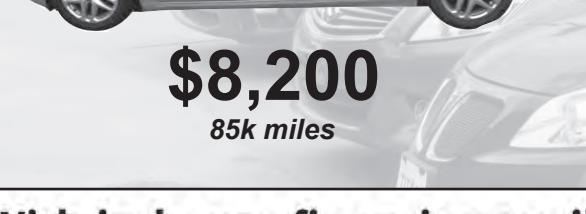
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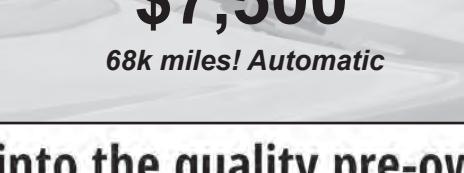
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[Melton out]

WAKE & BURIAL

WCHS Issues

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to table until the next CEO Report meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Melton in]

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CLEO

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #19-32: Winnebago Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Project. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

EDUCARE

APPROVAL TO SEND DONATION LETTER TO WINNAVEGAS

Roland Warner motioned to approve to send donation letter to WinnaVegas requesting a donation of \$5,500.00 for Christmas and Graduation Ceremonies. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO FOOD SOVEREIGNTY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VACANCY

James Snow motioned to appoint Tribal Council Member Coly Brown to the Winnebago Food Sovereignty Committee. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[Melton out for Educare meeting]

[Curtis and Frank out, Coly assumes chair]

CONSTRUCTION

CONTRACT APPROVALS

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Olson Plumbing, Heating, A/C & Trenching for the Thunderway Booster Station Improvements for \$137,620.00. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Curtis and Frank in, Frank resumes chair]

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Nelson Construction LLC for the St. Augustin/Ho-Chunk Water Main in the amount of \$145,353.37. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

Food Distribution Contract – No action taken.

HUMAN SERVICES

TITLE IV-E PLAN – No action taken.

CEO ITEMS

TRIBAL TRANSIT – EPLANATION OF CHARGES – No action taken.

FY19 ORGANIZATION CHART

RAISES

EXECUTIVE SESSION

James Snow motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:42 a.m.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[Melton in at 12:00 p.m.]

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:22 p.m.

James Snow seconded.

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

Motion carried.

THANKSGIVING ADMIN LEAVE – No action taken.

PERSONAL DISCLOSURE AGREEMENT – No action taken.

ADJOURN:

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 12:23 p.m. Melton Frenchman seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Coly Brown, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING November 14, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Frank White

Curtis St. Cyr

Coly Brown

Roland Warner

James Snow

Melton Frenchman

Kenneth Mallory

Louis LaRose

OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer

Lilly Snow

Tatanka Petite

James Price

Sarah Snake

Joy Johnson

Ron Nohr

Randy Teboe

Garan Coons

Tyresha Wolfe

Bill DeCorra

Kenyi Hermira

VJ Wolfleader

Alan Post

Chiara Cournoyer

Cece Earth

Keith Chamberlain

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (travel NIH/CMS/TAG)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Melton Frenchman offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the agenda. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

HUMAN SERVICES: Compensatory Time-off Policy

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Compensatory Time-off Policy as presented. Melton Frenchman seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT:

APPLICANT APPROVAL

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #19-30: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3449, A3451, A3452, A3453, A3458, A3459, A3460, A3461, A3462]. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes(0) no (1) abstain, JS Motion carried.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE DISTRIBUTION – No action taken.

NON-DISCLOSURE AGREEMENTS

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Non-Disclosure Agreements for Teresa Littlegoerge, Ho-chunk, Inc. and Lilly Kearnes. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes, CB, MF, KM, LLR (0) no (3) abstain, CS, RW, JS Motion carried.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

FY 19 AOP PRESENTATION – No action taken.

WFD PROGRAM STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES – Tabled until next CEO Report.

REPATRIATION

NAME CHANGE

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #19-31: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Historic Preservation. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

LOGO

James Snow motioned to approve the LOGOS as presented. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

REVISE WHINNEBAGO HISTORY ON WEBSITE – Tabled until next CEO Report.

WINNEBAGO ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the Rules and Regulations of the Winnebago Athletic Commission. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

[Melton out]

WAKE & BURIAL

WCHS Issues

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to table until the next CEO Report meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Motion carried.

[Melton in]

PLANNING DEPARTMENT

CLEO

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #19-32: Winnebago Conservation Law Enforcement Officer Project. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

EDUCARE

APPROVAL TO SEND DONATION

LETTER TO WINNAVEGAS

Roland Warner motioned to approve to send donation letter to WinnaVegas requesting a donation of \$5,500.00 for Christmas and Graduation Ceremonies. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes(0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

WINNEBAGO FOOD SOVEREIGNTY COMMITTEE

COMMITTEE VACANCY

James Snow motioned to appoint Tribal Council Member Coly Brown to the Winnebago Food Sovereignty Committee. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain

Motion carried.

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[Melton out]

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Coly Brown, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

No action taken.
[Kenneth out]
Resolution for Ernie Sanchez Contract Amendment
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #19-33: Approving Independent Contractor Contract for Ernie Sanchez Law Firm (extending contract until September 30, 2019 for \$4,000.00). Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Kenneth in]

Texas (Brackeen) v. Zinke (Texas Indian Child Welfare Act Case)

Upcoming actions and what the Tribes can do. Discussion, no action taken.

IHS Task Force – Dear Tribal Leader Letter

Information, Discussion, no action taken.

Land Transfer with Iowa Case

Discussion.

ADJOURN:

James Snow motioned to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. Melton Frenchman seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Coly Brown, Secretary

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

Radon Aseanna Overfelt, Air Quality Specialist Environmental Protection Department Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

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Source cited: Medical News Today by Tim Newman

Two Major Projects Slated for 2019 at WinnaVegas Casino Resort

WinnaVegas Casino Resort management is excited to announce two major projects that will enhance customer gaming experience within the casino and provide long-term energy savings to better align with the Winnebago Tribe's overall economic and environmental plan for the casino.

Due to the age of the current HVAC system, WinnaVegas management commissioned Casino Air engineers to evaluate the current air handlers to determine the overall condition of the equipment. Casino Air reported that the existing air handlers and HVAC system that services the casino floor and bingo hall basically needed replaced due to the sheer age of the existing system.

As a result, Casino Air engineers are installing and replacing the existing air handlers, upgrading the bingo HVAC system and incorporating the latest in technology for smoke and odor remediation. The end result will be a casino floor and bingo facility that will be void of tobacco smoke and odor and an HVAC system that will operate at 40% more efficiency. This is one of two major projects slated for completion in early 2019.

"We're very excited about what Casino Air engineers have proposed for our property," said Mayan Beltran, General Manager, "this is the latest in technology for our industry, many of the local casino properties simply mask the smoke odors or pump perfume smells through their air handlers to give patrons the feeling of a cleaner, smoke free environment. That's not the case here, we're not masking the odor, we're ventilating the casino properly to remove the smoke and odor."

A California-based company, Casino Air has been in operation since 1972 and is considered the leading innovator of tobacco smoke and odor abatement technology in the world. Recent casino clients include: Treasure Island Casino

Resort, Las Vegas, NV; Paradise Casino, Yuma, AZ; Isleta Casino Resort, Albuquerque, NM and Treasure Bay Casino, Biloxi, MS to name a few.

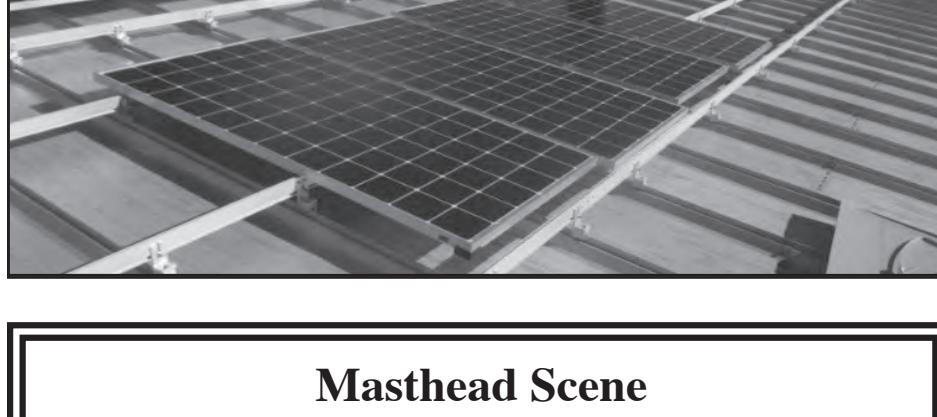
The second project is to align with the Winnebago Tribe's long-term goal and tribal culture to be more energy efficient and environmentally friendly for future generations. WinnaVegas management recently held meetings with Nebraska Renewable Energy Systems to discuss solar power as a possible renewable energy source for the casino.

The Solar Power Project is currently being installed with the completion by the Spring of 2019 and is in conjunction with installations of solar power at other tribal entities. Nebraska Renewable Energy Systems has indicated that as a result of this project, the Winnebago Tribe will save \$2 Million over the next twenty years.

"We need to be better stewards of the earth, it's part of our Native culture" says Beltran, "We're always looking for ways to cut costs and improve profitability for the Tribe, this does both and provides an alternate source that's beneficial to our environment. It sets the tone for future renewable energy opportunities as we consider additional amenities to the entire resort."

Nebraska Renewable Energy Systems is a privately-owned company dedicated to bringing renewable energies to individuals and communities throughout Nebraska. The company focuses on quantifying, designing and installing safe, cost effective and durable renewable energy systems that can be operated by their customers with minimal training and time.

In conjunction with the Solar Power Project, WinnaVegas management has made a commitment since the end of 2017 to replace all the incandescent lighting with LED bulbs to additionally lower energy costs for the entire property.



Masthead Scene

A little updated shot of the new bus barn/classroom at the Winnebago Public Schools. Construction crews are working hard and fast to get the structure enclosed before winter really hits the area.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV18-182

RENT A CENTER
vs.
SCOTT KEARNES

To: SCOTT KEARNES:

You are hereby notified that a Civil Petition, in the amount of \$3,198.40 has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred individual(s) in case no. CV18-182 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 4TH day of FEBRUARY, 2019 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ19-002AB

The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of:
I. B. (Born 2013)
E. B. (Born 2011)

To: AMANDA HARD, Mother
JESSE BIRDNECKLACE, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ19-002AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 26TH day of MARCH, 2019 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.

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VK Motion carried.
11-14-18 GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the 11-14-18 General Counsel Meeting minutes. Curtis St. Cyr seconded. VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, VK Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:
 WINNAVEGAS – SLOT DEPT.: PURCHASE ARUZE LEASE @ \$161,892.00
 Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five signature approving the request from WinnaVegas Slot Department to purchase of the Aruze Lease @ \$161,892.00.

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

WINNAVEGAS – H.R. DEPT.: DEC 2018 TEAM MEMBER THANK YOU CHECK PROPOSAL
 Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five signature request from WinnaVegas – H.R. Department for Dec 2018 Team Member Thank you Check Proposal.

Kenneth Mallory seconded. Discussion. Victoria Kitcheyan withdraws motion.

James Snow motioned to table the ratification until the Treasurer's Report on November 28, 2018.

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

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED CONTRACT APPROVAL – A&D CONTRACTING & REMODELING FLOORING @ LUNA HOUSE \$5050.00.
 James Snow motioned to ratify the five signature approving the recommended contract from Construction Management for approval of A&D Contracting & Remodeling Flooring @ Luna House for \$5050.00. Kenneth Mallory seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 abstain Motion carried.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT RECOMMENDED CONTRACT APPROVAL – A&D CONTRACTING & REMODELING FOOD DISTRIBUTION OFFICE \$13,800.00.
 James Snow motioned to ratify the five signature approving the recommended contract from Construction Management for approval of A&D Contracting & Remodeling Food Distribution Office for \$13,800.00. Kenneth Mallory seconded.
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (2) abstain, RW, CS Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:
TRIBAL FACILITIES – WINTER FIREWOOD PROGRAM APPLICATION
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to ap-

prove the Winter Firewood Program Application.
 Melton Frenchman seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 abstain Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: AGRICULTURAL LEASE BID – ALLOTMENT, WALKING PRIEST
 James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #19-34: Agricultural Lease Bid – Walking Priest.
 Louis LaRose seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 abstain Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #19-19A: AMENDED AGRICULTURAL LEASE BID – ALLOTMENT 295L-A, JOHN PRIEST
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #19-19A: Amended Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 295L-A, John Priest. Louis LaRose seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 abstain Motion carried.

RESOLUTION AGRICULTURAL LEASE BID – ALLOTMENT T60W WINNEBAGO TRIBE
 Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #19-35: Ref: Agricultural Lease bid – Allotment T60W Winnebago Tribe. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 abstain Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:
COMMITTEES:
LITTLE PRIEST TRIBAL COLLEGE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to re-advertise for the Little Priest Tribal College Board of Trustees. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

WINNEBAGO HOUSING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint Maxine Rice to the Winnebago Housing & Development Commission. Roland Warner seconded.
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, KM Motion carried.

ALCOHOL ADVISORY BOARD

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Lloyd Hamilton to the Alcohol Advisory Board. Roland Warner seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

Kenneth Mallory motioned to appoint Daphne Evans to the Enrollment Committee. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.
VOTE: (8) yes (0) no (0) abstain
 Motion carried.

GREAT PLAINS TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING DEC. 14, 2018 @ RAPID CITY, SD.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to ap-

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