



# Winnebago Indian News

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## Annual Easter Egg Hunt was Lit

### Bago Bits...



This lil Thundercat was upset because he didn't get to pet the long haired bunnies, but looks like his dad may have bought him off.



If anyone has any information about who chose to damage these pole vault mats please offer your information to the Winnebago Police Department. Thank You.



Winnebago Female Wrestler Janae Doxey earn an Individual National Championship Award last weekend in Des Moines, Iowa and her team mate Zeria George earned 3rd place as an Individual. Go Big Blue!



Members of area School Boards and Superintendents recently traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with Nebraska Representative Jeff Fortenberry.



Mz Finzen's class last week conducted "molecule" experiments in their classrooms to see how... molecules work.



Choka T took his 8th Grade Brotherhood team to Henrietta, Oklahoma to play in the 'For Love of the Game' basketball tournament last weekend. The boys gained valuable experience and may have gained a few pounds at Braums.



Tricky Mouse & Baby Matt were on hand at the recent Bison Cookoff and Healthy Living event sponsored by the Whirling Thunder Wellness Center.



Dr. Rex, his dental staff, and the Winnebago Health Department were on the ball again this year as they hosted the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for the Winnebago Community the Friday before Easter. The event featured Pony rides, a petting Zoo, over 7,000 eggs and of course our own beloved Easter Bunny Bates. Here are a couple shots from the event; TOP: the pre-teens race throughout LOW field one to hunt for eggs, some that contained tickets for prizes. BOTTOM: the long-haired bunnies were a hit with the kiddies this year who lined up around the building to wait their turn. Thanks Dr. Rex and Crew!

## Little Priest Tribal College Brings Trophies Home from the Student AIHEC conference



Bismark, North Dakota – Imagine the pinnacle of future native leaders coming together to test their skills against each other. Welcome to the American Indian Higher Education Consortium Student Conference. Each year in March, which usually coincides with spring break, Tribal colleges and universities travel to designated hosts cities to compete against each other for four days. Competitions range from knowledge

and language bowls, business bowls, art shows, speech, films, and science presentations. There are also athletic competitions like basketball, volleyball, and archery. Pretty much everything you can think of would be a competition at AIHEC. The main event is the traditional hand game tournament. Every college tries to win this tournament. Little Priest Tribal College won it in 2017, a first for the college. This year, Little Priest lost

to Diné University. However, the 2018 LPTC volleyball team won 2nd place in a field of thirty two teams. Little Priest is also the champions at NBA2K.

Little Priest Tribal College would like to thank all of the coaches, students, and the sponsors for helping them get to this year's AIHEC conference. It's a great event that every tribal college student should experience. More information at [www.littlepriest.edu](http://www.littlepriest.edu)

## Indianz.com... Winnebago Tribe promotes food sovereignty for future generations

'We called it taking care of ourselves'

RegeNERate Native Conference focuses on food sovereignty Lorelei DeCorra moved to Pine Ridge, South Dakota, in 1973.

Back then, life was different on the reservation.

The Lakota people lived on isolated plots of land throughout the sprawling reservation. They didn't have running water or electricity and depended on each other and on their connection to the land, plants and animals.

People knew where their food came from back then, DeCorra said. They killed their own meat and prepared it for meals. They used outdoor meat racks to prepare meat and grew their own crops in large gardens.

And they stored their surplus food in underground dugouts.

"There wasn't any hunger in 1973," said DeCorra, a citizen of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Then the federal government forced the people to leave their own lands and put them in clustered homes, where they didn't have space to grow gardens or to prepare and store their own meat and vegetables.

"That's where the hunger began to develop," she said. "I saw it with my own eyes."



Lorelei DeCorra, a civil rights activist and citizen of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska,

speaks at the RegeNERate Native workshop at the WinneVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, on March 27 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

Today, DeCorra has returned to the Winnebago Reservation and is part of a community effort to reconnect the Winnebago people to the land and the food they eat.

That effort includes giving individual tribal members raised garden members where they can grow vegetables and constructing an outdoors farmers market where producers can sell their vegetables and other products.

And the Winnebago people want to reclaim their tribal lands and return their people to the fields, to grow the crops – the corn, the bean and the squash – that their people grew long before being forced off their lands.

"We want to renew the planting history that our Ho-Chunk people have had for thousands of years," she said.

On Tuesday, the tribe and an agricultural collective known as RegeNERate Nebraska hosted a conference at the WinneVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, that

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## FACTS ABOUT PUBLIC TRANSIT IN NEBRASKA



5.7% of households in Nebraska have no access to a vehicle.



This equates to nearly 105,000 Nebraska residents with no vehicle access.

Individuals in Nebraska who are low income, elderly, and/or disabled are less likely to have access to a vehicle to reach critical services like medical care, education, and employment.



Nebraska public transit had over 6.5 million passenger boardings in 2017.



Nebraskans traveled more than 10 million miles using public transit in 2017.

Public transit trips in rural areas (i.e., populations of less than 50,000) accounted for nearly 30% of total miles traveled in Nebraska using public transit in 2017.



Currently, 84 of Nebraska's 93 counties have some level of public transit available. Only 1% of Nebraskans live in a county where no public transportation options are available.

Most rural transit providers in Nebraska offer door-to-door service, i.e., a mode of service in which passengers call the agency to schedule being picked up and dropped off at their desired destination. Most agencies will travel to nearly any destination in the county. Many also provide scheduled trips from rural areas to metropolitan areas like Lincoln and Omaha.

Nebraskans can visit: [nebraskatransit.com](http://nebraskatransit.com) to find their local transportation provider.



APRIL 8-14, 2018



## Winnebago Health Education

# ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

MAY 9TH, 2018

9:30 AM TO 3:00 PM

LOCATION: WTWC GYMNASIUM

WICD Shared Annual Programs that focus on the following:	Mar 9th 2018
Diabetes * Obesity * Mental Health * Substance Abuse * Tobacco	Location: Whirling Thunder Gymnasium
HIV/STD * Heart Disease Stroke * Cancer * School Health	8:AM to 9:30 AM: Set up Time
Community * Employee/Warrior/Widow * Healthy Relationships	9:30 AM: Blessing Health Fair Starts
Parenting * Injury Prevention Activities * Child & Family Services	10:00 AM: Door Prize Drawings every 15 min. Must be present to win.
Fitness * Suicide * Meth * Gangs * Cyber Bullying* Bullying	12:00 PM: Light Lunch Served
Domestic Violence * Team Building * Youth * Senior Citizens	12:30 PM: Door Prize Drawings every 15 min. Must be present to win.
Life Skills * Cultural * Nutrition * Health * Dental Health * Prevention	2:30 PM: Closing
Intervention Programs * Pregnancy * Eye Care * Law Enforcement *	2:30 PM to 3:00 PM: Clean up by booths
Education * Youth Services * Stress Management *	
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## 152nd WINNEBAGO HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

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 For the  
**152th Annual Homecoming  
 Celebration 2018 for the following:**

# Security Groundskeepers Head Cook

(Your bid needs to include your cost of supplies)

Bids must be submitted by **May 1, 2018**

**SUBMIT BIDS TO TARA HERNANDEZ**

## The Winnebago Tribe has named the first executives for its newly established Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS)



Winnebago, Nebraska - Danelle Smith, a Winnebago Tribal Member, who has served for 14 years as the tribe's general legal counsel, will oversee the WCHS as the Executive Director. For the past 2 and a half years, Smith served on the tribe's Self-governance Steering Committee, which has carried out planning and implementation of the tribe's assumption of the Indian Health Service hospital on its reservation.

Smith said "This is a major step for the Winnebago Tribe and I am honored to be a part of it. We are focused on creating a high quality healthcare system that truly meets the needs of our community. I look forward to the many opportunities ahead."

The tribe has also hired Gary Wabaunsee, an enrolled member of the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, as the hospital administrator for the WCHS. Wabaunsee has almost 40 years of experience in health care management, having retired from the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps at the rank of captain in 1995.

Winnebago Tribal Council member, Victoria Kitcheyan said "Winnebago Tribe's diligence to improving patient care is on track as we welcome aboard the WCHS executive leadership. Ms. Smith and Mr. Wabaunsee bring a wealth of knowledge and experience that will serve the Winnebago tribal hospital well."

The tribe is employing the Indian Self-determination and Education Assistance Act to assume operation of the hospital, which has struggled in recent years under the federal government's management.

The Winnebago Tribe started the self-governance planning process in 2015 to assume operation of the federally operated hospital, after the Centers for Medi-

care and Medicaid Services terminated its certification of the hospital due to deficiencies in patient care. The Tribe is currently in negotiations with the Indian Health Service to enter into agreements necessary for the planned July 1st assumption date.

Smith has served in a broad range of positions, including as a former partner with Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP, a law firm dedicated to the representation of American Indian tribes and organizations throughout the country. She worked on the administrative team for nine years for the Winnebago Tribe's college, first at the Nebraska Indian Community College and later at Little Priest Tribal College, when it was originally chartered by the Tribe in 1996.

Smith also has served on the governing boards for a variety of organizations, including the Ho-Chunk Community Development Corporation, Nebraska Justice Center, Legal Aid of Nebraska and Ho-Chunk Community Development Fund. She is the chairperson of the Indian Law Section of the Nebraska State Bar Association and occasionally teaches business and legal classes at Little Priest Tribal College.

She has served as a member of the Nebraska State Bar Association's Volunteer Lawyers Project Committee and served a four-year term on the Thurston County Board of Supervisors. She is a recipient of the 2017 Outstanding Alumni Award from the Wayne State College School of Business and Technology.

Smith earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from Wayne State College and a law degree from the University of Iowa.

Wabaunsee has served as health director for federal Tribal Health Programs operated under the Indian Self Determination and Education Assistance Act. In addition, he served as CEO at several Indian Health Service locations, including the Schurz Service Unit, Sisseton Service Unit, Fort Yuma Service Unit, Red Lake Service Unit and Crow Service Unit.

He said he is excited to work with Winnebago tribal leaders and tribal health programs and hospital staff. He said his goal is to "provide quality health care service in a compassionate, caring and culturally relevant environment with the focus first and foremost on patient satisfaction."

He earned a bachelor's degree from Northeastern Oklahoma State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, and a Master of Public Health in health administration and planning from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma.

He is from Marana, Arizona, and is married to Deardi Wabaunsee, a retired registered nurse and quality manager. They have two children and five grandchildren.

# HOCHUNK singing

with Māhirukara

Tuesdays in April • 5pm - 7pm  
 at the HoChunk Renaissance classroom/backyard

- Help our youth understand the origin & significance of the drum
- Learn drum etiquette
- Listen & learn to translations & stories of our HoChunk songs.

Supper will be provided!

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 \$50 to Game Stop • \$50 to Scheels • \$50 iTunes gift card



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## Thoughts from Easy Street...

By Lance Morgan



real wealth for the business owners

I think we have two problems that keep this from happening. I learned about business working in my dad's small construction company. He worried out loud a lot and explained how the business worked. Neither of us knew it, but I was learning how to be a businessman from him all the time. We don't have that much in Winnebago. If you come home from your government job and complain about the Tribal Council or some policy at work, then you don't learn much at the dinner table. Our entrepreneurs are often first-generation business owners, which means the next generation should have more opportunity if it were not for the second problem.

The reservation acts as a real impediment to growth of small businesses. Trust land plays a big role. First tribal land is a different jurisdiction and that scares off banks. Trust land also means you can't collateralize any of our own land to get a loan on it if it is in trust. If your house is on trust land, then you can't set up a home equity loan to borrow money to start your business. The whole reservation system makes tribal lands a very tough spot to lend money to people.

We have started a CDFI, community development financial institution, at HCCDC, our non-profit corporation. But our loans are very small and only good for starts ups or as small boosts to a business. Our hope is to figure out ways to not just start up a tribal small business sector, but also create ways to make those small businesses large businesses by getting them access to much needed capital.

If this works, then we will have generations of small business people who can provide for themselves and other families on the reservation. I love the idea of a second or third generation tribal business owner hiring our tribal members and giving them opportunities outside of the tribal government framework. I think it will take time, but it is coming and we will do all we can to put in place a system that helps.

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## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

"When He has tested me"

During the forty days of Lent we have been learning to trust in Creator God even through challenging times. Our text is the book of Job. Throughout most of his book, Job thinks that God is trying to kill him—literally. However Job writes, "When he has tested me, I will come forth as gold." God is after a golden character, a mature Christian faith, a life marked by depth and compassion. So God takes strange and distasteful events, works them together and creates lives of beauty. The secret is understanding how it all works together. There are five ingredients.

1st ingredient is Shock: No one is fully prepared for that time when you get a call that something tragic has happened to your loved one. Or when you're at the doctor's office and he says the "C" word—cancer. When those things happen, it's like jumping into a bitterly cold lake. You can prepare yourself all you want for what it's going to feel like, but when you jump in, immediately the shock to your system takes your breath away.

After Job lost everything, he was in shock.

2nd ingredient is Sorrow: Whatever happened to the God who loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives? In chapter 23, when Job gives voice to his sorrow, he feels as though it's falling on divine deaf ears. Job starts looking for God—but God is nowhere to be found.

If Job is a true and worthy servant of God, why then is God evading him and ignoring him?

3rd ingredient is Struggle: Job says, "Even today my complaint is bitter; his hand is heavy in spite of my groaning" (Job 23:2). Why do we struggle with

God? There are two reasons: #1, we doubt his wisdom. And therefore, #2, we want to be in control. Life is tough. You can let it beat you down and you can get down and stay down the rest of your life.

But if you keep struggling like Job, you learn from your losses, you profit from your pain, and you advance from your adversity.

4th ingredient is Sanctification: Sanctification is God's process of making us more like Jesus. Too often we think that God's plan is to make us happy. I'm sorry to have to break the news to you, but that's not the plan. The plan is to make us holy, to make us more like Jesus. Every problem has a purpose. We are transformed by our troubles.

God specializes in bringing good out of bad.

5th ingredient is Service: God wants to take our greatest pain and turn it into our life's proclamation. He wants to use our mess for a message. He wants to use our tests for a testimony. There's a plan, a divine plan, a plan where all things are working for our good and the Father's glory.

The secret is understanding how it all works together.

I close with words of resurrection hope: "Oh that my words were written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book! Oh that with an iron pen and lead they were engraved in the rock forever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me" [Job 19:23-27 ESV]!

## Discussion with Professor Wilkinson Sparks High Schoolers' Interest in Indian Law

Published: Sept. 26, 2017

Nine students from Winnebago Public School, located on the Winnebago Indian Reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska, visited with Distinguished Professor Charles Wilkinson as part of a trip aimed at preparing them for future leadership roles.

The students, who are members of the Winnebago Public School Student Council, were in Colorado for the United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc. (UNITY) Conference. The goal of the trip was to help determine whether to begin a UNITY chapter in their community, and a quick stop at the University of Colorado Boulder presented additional opportunities for learning.

"As plans were being made, it was decided to make the best of an already great opportunity," said Marian Holstein, vice president of the Winnebago Public School Board, who helped organize the trip.

While researching CU Boulder, Holstein stumbled on Wilkinson's name and "got chills." She knew about Wilkinson's work with the Bears Ears National Monument, and greatly admired his book, Cases and Materials on Federal Indian Law. Additionally, several student council members had expressed interest in becoming lawyers. All of this prompted Holstein to request a visit with Wilkinson so that the

students in attendance could learn more about Indian law, the University of Colorado Law School and pursuing a law degree, and Wilkinson's work with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

In July, the students and teachers on the trip met with Wilkinson for an intimate roundtable discussion at the law school. According to Jeff Johnson, one of the student council advisors who helped plan and supervise the trip, the visit with Wilkinson was a highlight and may even lead to a student or two attending Colorado Law in the future.

"Most of the students could have listened to [Wilkinson] talk for another couple hours," Johnson said. "The group enjoyed the visit and learned more about the history of their own public school and more about Indian law."

Johnson said that he thinks that the visit showed students what kinds of opportunities exist outside of the reservation, provided ideas for their future educational endeavors, and taught them more about their school's history.

Earlier this month, the students presented a report to a joint meeting of tribal council and school board members about what they experienced during their trip. Action will be taken on initiating a UNITY chapter in Winnebago to provide additional community service and leadership opportunities for students.



## Spring Community Clean-up

**Where:** Mercer Street behind BHCC

**When:** April 23-25, 2018  
(Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

**Time:** 8:00a.m.-4:30p.m.

Daily Volunteer Luncheon provided at 12 Noon for the days of April 23-25, 2018 @ BHCC GYMNASIUM

- LITTER PICKUP AREAS been assigned to Departments & Programs.
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## Masthead Scene

The Pony rides are always a big hit at any event but at this year's Easter Egg Hunt the kiddies lined up from the Land of Wellness clear back to the Head Start buses to wait their turn. I don't know if you'll be able to see her but Gaga Ruby Bellanger was standing by to watch and enjoy her grandbabies having fun on the Ponies.

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gathered Native and non-Native farmers, ranchers and agricultural advocates together to discuss regenerative agriculture.

Regenerative agriculture is really just a fancy way of saying agriculture that is focused on practices that preserve natural resources, such as soil, water and plants.

Winnebago Tribe on YouTube: RegeNErate Native Conference @ WinneVegas [Program starts around 46:20] Among the speakers at the conference were Ernest Weston Jr. with the Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation, Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin of the Main Street Project, Zach Ducheneaux with the Intertribal Ag Council and Sacred Seed founder Taylor Keen.

Those speakers discussed a variety of agricultural practices and initiatives they've undertaken to restore Native agricultural practices and encourage Native people to become farmers and ranchers.

The Wo-Xete-Hire Singers and Dancers from the Winnebago Public Schools performed Native American powwow songs and dances before the conference began Tuesday.

Frank White, chairman of the Winnebago Tribe, said his people have struggled with obesity and diabetes in recent years, largely as a result of the food commodities they are given by the federal government and because they lack access to affordable, healthy foods.

He said a few years ago, the tribal council decided to work to reconnect their people to the land and the plants.

"When we take care of ourselves by going out there and planting something, harvesting it, preparing it, cooking it and eating it, then it's only going to help us," he said. "We may not see results this generation, but the next generation will see it."



Frank White, chairman of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, speaks at the RegeNErate Native workshop at the WinneVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, on March 27 2018.

Photo by Kevin Abourezk

Anthony Rogers-Wright of RegeNErate Nebraska said Native Americans need to get involved in helping rewrite the federal farm bill, legislation that is currently being considered by Congress.

"Native Americans right now are actually leading the fight for more sovereignty over food and food production," he said.

He directed people to the Intertribal Agriculture Council, which is working with federal lawmakers to incorporate Native interests into the next farm bill.

Zach Ducheneaux of the Intertribal Agriculture Council said he would like to see a Native coalition formed to help draft legislation that can benefit tribal producers to be incorporated into the farm bill.

He said he would like to see enough Native farmers to start farming operations so that tribes won't need to import food and accept federal commodities.

"I want to see food trucks leaving the reservation instead of bringing goddamn commodities on our reservation," said Ducheneaux, a citizen of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe. "We can do that. Pardon my language, but I'm passionate about this and I don't have any better way to express it because they took my language from me, too."

He said the Federally-Recognized Tribes Extension Program, which funds extension programs on reservations, has succeeded in teaching Native Americans how to get involved in agriculture. He said the Intertribal Agriculture Council is working to get additional funding for the program.

He said the council also supports a study on the financial tools available to Indian farmers, since Indian farmers typically spend 5 to 9 percent more to establish farm operations. He said he would like to see that study focus on credit rates offered to Native farmers compared to rates offered to non-Native farmers.

He said Native Americans have ancient agricultural knowledge they can draw upon as they seek to establish agricultural operations.

"You can get back to some of your traditional agricultural knowledge," he said. "We've got to do a better job of putting our food circle back together."

Ernest Weston Jr. with the Thunder Valley Community Development Corporation near Kyle, South Dakota, spoke about his organization's efforts to establish a 34-acre regenerative community.

He said Thunder Valley has built 21 homes, an apartment complex, a school and retail space. The organization also plans to establish a grocery store on the reservation and build a 2.5-acre demonstration farm that includes a large chicken house, or "poultry palace."

He said the chicken house incorporates regenerative practices, such as the planting of perennial plants and crops, such as hazelnut bushes and buffalo berries, that are fertilized by excrement from the chickens. The hazelnuts also provide an extra revenue source for Thunder Valley.

He said the chicken house is designed to be largely self-sustaining and produces nearly 180 dozen eggs a week. Thunder Valley is working with the USDA to become a certified egg dealer and hopes to begin selling its eggs in convenience stores on the reservation.

He said 98 percent of the food grown on

the reservation is used for livestock and 95 percent of the tribe's 2.7 million acres of farmland is farmed by non-Natives.

He said the Oglala Sioux Tribe is working to educate its youth about agriculture through its tribal college, Oglala Lakota College. And Thunder Valley also hopes to train nine Native farmers who can start similar regenerative agricultural operations as the chicken coop.

"We always had food sovereignty," he said. "We just didn't call it that. We called it taking care of ourselves."

Reginaldo Haslett Marroquin of the Main Street Project talked about his organization's efforts to establish regenerative poultry operations in Minnesota and to train indigenous organizations and tribes in regenerative agricultural practices. The organization helped Thunder Valley establish its chicken house.

"It's not about chickens," he said. "It's about sovereignty, and sovereignty doesn't just happen. It needs to be designed and planned out."

He said the Main Street Project bought a 100-acre farm that it plans to use as a training center for future farmers.

He said a 1.5-acre poultry production unit can produce 4,500 birds a year that can generate \$58,000 a year in gross market value. Those birds can produce 175 dozen eggs a day and \$185,237 per year in gross farm-gate value.

He said a typical chicken house will cost about \$100,000 to \$110,000.

He said the Main Street Project hopes to help tribes re-establish their traditional farming practices.

"All we have to do is start bringing that ancient knowledge, putting it into economically sound designs and taking back what belongs to us," he said.

Taylor Keen, a business instructor at Creighton University and founder of Sacred Seed, talked about his efforts to revive the sacred corn of the Omaha people. He said those efforts began after a friend asked him 12 years ago what he was doing to protect his people's corn from large food and seed corporations like Monsanto.

He said the question sparked his desire to find the original pumpkin seeds of the Omaha people and plant those seeds.

His quest led him across Nebraska, to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and to the Museum of the Fur Trade in Chadron. He said he found a couple packets of Omaha pumpkin seeds at the museum, which had once served as a trading post frequented by tribal people.



Dancers with the Wo-Xete-Hire Singers and Dancers from Winnebago Public Schools perform before the RegeNErate Native workshop at the WinneVegas Casino in Sloan, Iowa, on March 27 2018. Photo by Kevin Abourezk

In visiting the museum, Keen discovered a book written by the former proprietor of the trading post, a man named Oscar Will, who documented the planting practices of the Native people with whom he traded. His research was so detailed that it described the angle of declination of planting so crops could get the maximum amount of sun and how the women would dry the corn.

"The Omahas, we didn't rotate a field except every 10 years so that goes against modern ag practices quite a bit," Keen said.

He said he began planting traditional Cherokee white flour corn in his garden. Keen is a citizen of both the Omaha Tribe and Cherokee Nation. He said he began singing to the corn as it grew in his backyard, abiding by the Omaha people's customs.

"I don't have children but I love my corn. That's for sure," he said.

Keen said he was surprised to see the corn, which he expected to grow into white corn, grow into a variety of colors, including white, red, purple, orange and black.

He said he expects the corn, native to Oklahoma, is adapting to the moisture-rich summers in Nebraska.

He said he has also grown Cherokee beans in his garden.

"As a Cherokee as well, to grow these beautiful beans that sustained us on the Trail of Tears is more than moving," he said.

Later, he began growing Omaha pumpkin squash.

During the first two years, he replanted every seed his plants produced in order to grow his garden. Now, in the fourth year of his efforts, he has enough produce to share with others.

He said he's struggled to protect his garden — especially the red corn — from raccoons. But after a particularly devastating attack by squirrels, he realized that the raccoons avoided corn stalks that had been planted by the squash, and he believes it's because the squash have tiny spikes on them that may be deterring the raccoons.

So the next year he planted the corn near the squash.

His efforts taught him much about his people's traditional planting practices, such as that women were typically the ones who planted the corn. And it has taught him that the traditional plants of his people — thought long lost by some — can be found and revived.

"For me, it's hope," he said. "These things that were once sacred to us and lost can come back to us."

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# Winnebago News

WINNEBAGOTRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 5, 2018

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Frank White  
Coly Brown  
Roland Warner  
James Snow  
Victoria Kitcheyan (in 9:14 a.m.)  
Kenneth Mallory  
Isaac Smith (in 10:00 a.m.)  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Darrel Olson  
Brian Olson  
Alan Post  
Aric Armell  
Garan Coons  
Sharon Frenchman  
Tonia Keller  
Ireta Blackbird  
Keely Purscell  
Crystal White  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
Curtis St. Cyr (sick leave)  
Vincent Bass (sick leave)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman White called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

[Victoria in]  
**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
James Snow motioned to approve the agenda with the addition of drug testing and administrative leave. Roland Warner seconded.

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

**READING OF THE MINUTES:**  
1.FEBRUARY 26, 2018

James Snow motioned to approve the February 26, 2018 Mid-Monthly Meeting Minutes.

Roland Warner seconded.  
**VOTE:**(4) yes (1) no, VK (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS:**  
**FINANCE – STATEMENT OF WORK FOR INTACCT ACCOUNTING SYSTEM FOR WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM:** No action taken.

**RESOLUTION – CERTIFIED TITLE STATUS REPORT REQUESTS JOHN FISHER 147L/DAVID BEAR 153L/CYRUS HILL 366L**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #18-41: Certified Title Status Report Requests John Fisher 147L/David Bear 153L/Cyrus Hill 366L. Coly Brown seconded.

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

**RESOLUTION –NAGPRA – CONSULTATION & DOCUMENTATION GRANT**

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #18-42: NAGPRA – Consultation & Documentation Grant. James Snow seconded.

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

**DARREL OLSON – RIGHT OF WAY:**

No action.

**TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:**  
**VK-CHANDRA WALKER – OPIATES CASE WITH DAVE DOMINA:** No action.

**CB – TERESA LITTLEGEORGE – REQUEST FOR ACADEMY STUDENTS**

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the request to assist the Academy Students/Parents with purchase of clothing and need items for travel with \$250.00 gift cards out of the NNG funds (\$8,500.00). James Snow seconded.

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

[Isaac in]  
**IS – BRIDGE HOME**

Isaac Smith motioned to table the Bridge Home item. James Snow seconded.

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

**VK-KARLA LAPOINTE – LAND EXCHANGE FOR HOMESITE:**

James Snow motioned to table Karla

LaPointe – Land Exchange for Home site.

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

**TRIBAL COUNCIL DRUG TESTING:**  
No action.

**ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE FOR BOYS BASKETBALL STATE GAMES ON MARCH 8TH AND 9TH:** No Action taken.

**ADJOURN:**  
James Snow motioned to adjourn at 10:34 a.m. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 10:34 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
CEO REPORT  
March 14, 2018

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**

Frank White  
Curtis St. Cyr  
Coly Brown  
Roland Warner  
James Snow  
Vincent Bass  
Kenneth Mallory [in at 10:35 a.m.]  
Isaac Smith  
**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
Sharon Frenchman  
Joy Johnson  
Sheila Corbine  
Mayan Beltran  
Alan Post  
Lilly Snow  
Randy Teboe  
John Snowball  
Tiffani Warner  
William DeCorra  
Pat Madsen  
Damon Payer  
**TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:**  
Victoria Kitcheyan [funeral leave]

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Sharon Frenchman offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Solar Grant, Smart Grant, Food Sovereignty, Unrestricted Account, Tribal Beneficiary, and Native Farm Bill. Vincent Bass seconded.

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

**WINNAVEGAS:**  
**RESOLUTION: ESTABLISHMET OF WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA ATHLETIC COMMISSION AND ADOPTION OF RULES FOR ELIMINATION TOURNAMENTS**

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #18-43: Establishment of Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Athletic Commission and Adoption of Rules for Elimination Tournaments. Roland Warner seconded.

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

**ATHLETIC COMMISSION**  
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to appoint Vincent Bass as interim Commissioner. James Snow seconded.

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

**ATHLETIC COMMISSION ADVERTISING**  
Vincent Bass motioned to advertise three (3) vacancies for Athletic Commission.

Curtis St. Cyr seconded.  
**VOTE:** (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

**PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:**  
**RESOLUTION: CTAS GRANT**

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-44: FY18 Consolidated Tribal Assistance Solicitation. James Snow seconded.

**VOTE:** (4) yes, CB, RW, JS, VB (2) no, KM, IS (1) abstain, CS  
Motion carried.

[Roland out]  
**RESOLUTION: SMART GRANT**  
Coly Brown motioned to adopt resolution #18-45: SMART FY19 Adam Walsh implementation Project. James Snow seconded.

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Program updates.

[Isaac out]  
**ENROLLMENT:**  
**RESOLUTION:TRIBAL APPLICANTS**  
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #18-46: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3409, A3410, A3412, A3413, A3414]. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Isaac in]  
**CULTURAL PRESERVATION:**  
**CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION CODE:** Discussion.

**RESOLUTION: WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA'S TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCE PROTECTION AND TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE ACT**

Curtis St. Cyr motioned to adopt resolution #18-47: Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's Tribal Cultural Resource Protection and Tribal Historic Preservation Office Act.

James Snow seconded.  
**VOTE:** (6) yes (0) no (1) abstain, VB  
Motion carried.

[Vincent out]  
**COMMITTEE ITEMS Tabled:**  
**WINNEBAGO HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

James Snow motioned to appoint Coly Brown to the Winnebago Housing and Development Commission. Roland Warner seconded.

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

[Curtis out]  
**TRIBAL TRANSIT BOARD**  
Re-affirm Frank White and Isaac Smith to the Tribal Transit Board.

**BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB**  
James Snow motioned to appoint Roland Warner to the Boys and Girls Club. Coly Brown seconded.

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

**JSP TASK FORCE**  
Coly Brown motioned to appoint Roland Warner to the JSP Task Force. James Snow seconded.

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

**COMMITTEES ADVERTISED – CLOSED MARCH 5, 2018:**  
**ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE:** (1) vacancy, (3) applicants  
Tiffani Warner, Tyren Wolfe, and Thelma Whitewater.

Isaac Smith nominates Tiffani Warner.  
Kenneth Mallory nominates Thelma Whitewater.

Kenneth Mallory moves to cease nominations.  
Roland Warner not voting. Secret Ballot vote (including Chairman).  
Tiffani Warner receives (4) votes  
Thelma Whitewater receives (1) vote.  
Tiffani Warner reappointed to Enrollment Committee by secret ballot vote.

**COMMITTEES ADVERTISED – CLOSE MARCH 16, 2018:**  
Scheduled for the April CEO Report Meeting.

**RADIO STATION COMMITTEE:** One (1) vacancy, One (1) applicant  
**EMERGENCY HOME REPAIR:** One (1) vacancy, One (1) applicant  
**INDIAN CHILD WELFARE ACT:** Four (4) vacancies, Three (3) applicants  
**TRIBAL UTILITY BOARD:** Four (4) vacancies, One (1) applicant  
**RE-ADVORTISE:**  
Pow-wow Committee – Eight (8) vacancies  
Health Advisory board – Two (2) va-

cancies  
Veterans Committee – One (1) vacancy  
Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System Board of Directors – Six (6) vacancies  
Wildlife & Parks Commission – Five (5) vacancies  
Tribal utility Board – Four (4) vacancies

**OTHER ITEMS:**  
National Indian Health Board, Q2 Meeting

James Snow motioned to approve travel for Victoria Kitcheyan to attend the NIHB 2nd Quarterly meeting. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

[Kenneth out]  
**Worker's Compensation Insurance**  
James Snow motioned to renew the Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Isaac Smith seconded.  
**VOTE:** (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

**FARM BILL COALITION**  
James Snow motioned to have CEO prepare and send a letter to join the Farm Bill Coalition. Coly Brown seconded.

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
James Snow motioned to go into Executive Session. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session. Roland Warner seconded.

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

**ADJOURNED:**  
Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
MID-MONTHLY TRIBAL COUNCIL  
MEETING  
March 19, 2018

**TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:**  
Frank White  
Curtis St. Cyr  
James Snow  
Coly Brown  
Vincent Bass  
Isaac Smith  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Kenneth Mallory

**OTHERS PRESENT:**  
LaDonna Holstien  
Monica Flores  
Jon Smith  
James Price  
Aric Armell  
Sharon Frenchman  
Josh Chamberlain  
Tonia Keller  
Garan Coons  
Shelly Bear  
Keith Chamberlain  
Terry Medina  
Duran Blackfish  
Donna Wolff  
Bryson Miller  
Samuel LaRose  
Javan Price  
Tiffani Warner  
Zeke Sharpback  
Cece Earth  
Ruby Ballenger  
Kellen Crossbear  
Benny Eagle  
Jamison Robinson

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## SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 17

Depression is not just a case of "feeling blue" or sad for a time; depression can impact a person's ability to function, maintain relationships and enjoy life for an extended period of time. Depression may also reoccur throughout a person's lifetime, even after successful treatment of earlier episodes. Untreated depression is the leading cause of suicide, which is alarmingly high among AI/ANs.<sup>3</sup> An estimated 90% of individuals who die by suicide have a mental illness, a substance abuse disorder or both.<sup>4</sup> AI/AN communities suffer from higher rates of depression and co-occurring conditions than any other ethnic group.

Socioeconomic status, social support, cultural preferences for care and historical traumas, play a role in depression as well as in the perception of illness and treatment decisions. A Native concept of health traditionally embodies a holistic perspective in which mental health is viewed as a part of the overall health and well-being of the individual. One example to illustrate this point is the Medicine Wheel (Figure 1).



The Medicine Wheel represents balance, harmony and interrelatedness of the physical, the mental, the emotional and the spiritual aspects of life. In contrast, Western mental health approaches typically use a more categorical, segmented and individualistic view of mental and physical health. These disparate health perspectives create incongruity in approaches to health between the mental health care system and the AI/AN clients it intends to serve. In addition, a great disparity exists in accessing mental health care among AI/ANs fueled by cultural insensitivities and barriers to care created by the current mental health system infrastructure for AI/ANs.

If you know of someone struggling with depression and suicidal thoughts, please contact The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-8255 (TALK) or the Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911, or After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

## Public Notice

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP)  
April 02, 2018

This Notice is to inform the public the Winnebago Tribal Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) is available for review at the Winnebago Tribal Chairman's office located in the Blackhawk Community Center. Please see Teresa Littlegeorge to obtain a copy. All comments must be submitted in writing, addressed to the Tribal Chairman's office. Deadline for submitting comments is thirty (30) days from the date of this notice.

CFR § 170.413 Public's role in developing the long-range transportation plan. BIA, FHWA, or the Tribe must solicit public involvement. If there are no Tribal policies regarding public involvement, a Tribe must use the procedures in this section. Public involvement begins at the same time long-range transportation planning begins and covers the range of users, from stakeholders and private citizens to major public and private entities. Public involvement must include either meetings or notices, or both.

(a) For public meetings, BIA, FHWA or the Tribe must:

- (1) Advertise each public meeting in local and Tribal public newspapers at least 15 days before the meeting date. In the absence of local and Tribal public newspapers, BIA, FHWA, or the Tribe may post notices under locally acceptable practices;
- (2) Provide at the meeting copies of the draft LRTP;
- (3) Provide information on funding and the planning process; and
- (4) Provide the public the opportunity to comment, either orally or in writing.

(b) For public notices, BIA, FHWA, or the Tribe must:

- (1) Publish a notice in the local and Tribal public newspapers when the draft LRTP is complete. In the absence of local and Tribal public newspapers, BIA, FHWA, or the Tribe may post notices under locally acceptable practices; and
- (2) State in the notice that the LRTP is available for review, where a copy can be obtained, whom to contact for questions, where comments may be submitted, and the deadline for submitting comments (normally 30 days).

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Abandonment/Consent Hearing  
Case No. CV18-037  
In the Matter of the Adoption of:  
A. X. L-W (DOB 11/2015)  
A. X. L-W (DOB 02/2017)  
TO: VALLENE BELL, Mother  
KYLE ADAMS, Father

You are hereby notified that an Adoption Petition has been filed and a Hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-037 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7th day of JUNE, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

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**Deadline:**

**April 16th**

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-057  
In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
MARY MORRISON  
vs.  
CAMILO LOPEZ JR.  
To: CAMILO LOPEZ JR.,

You are hereby notified that a Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-057 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.  
Dated this 22ND day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-055  
LITTLE PRIEST APARTMENTS, LLC  
vs.  
LOYLEE KENNEDY  
To: LOYLEE KENNEDY:

You are hereby notified that a Small Claims Petition, in the amount of \$1392.50 plus Court costs, has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-055 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ17-044  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
I. R. (DOB 05/2002)  
ROSALIND HAVLISH, Mother  
To: LINO BROTHERS OF ALL, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ17-044 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of JULY, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV03-150  
In the Matter of the Petition of:  
BRIAN KENNEDY  
vs.  
LOYLEE KENNEDY  
To: LOYLEE KENNEDY:

You are hereby notified that a Application to Modify the Divorce Decree has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV03-150 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 7TH day of JUNE, 2018 at the hour of 9:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. JFJ18-009AB  
The People of the Winnebago Tribe  
In the Interest of:  
J. P. (DOB 07/2008)  
M. P. (DOB 08/2007)  
RHIANNON WALKER, Mother  
To: MICHAEL PARKER, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ18-009AB has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 1ST day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing  
Case No. CV18-061  
In the Matter of the Custody Petition of:  
JAMIE SAUL-ZAVALA  
vs.  
FREDERICK MERRICK  
To: FREDERICK MERRICK,  
You are hereby notified that a

Custody petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in case no. CV18-061 has been scheduled will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 3RD day of MAY, 2018 at the hour of 9:30 A.M.  
Dated this 26TH day of FEBRUARY, 2018.

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# Tribal Council Minutes

Caden Brownrigg  
Gloria Eagle  
Andrew Miller  
Cristoffer Whitecasle  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:  
Roland Warner (leave)  
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.  
OPENING PRAYER: Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:  
Curtis St. Cyr motioned to approve the agenda with the additions of Brotherhood is Sacred Basketball Team, Damon Picotte, Pow-wow Committee, and Land Exchange.

James Snow seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
READING OF THE MINUTES:  
MARCH 5, 2018 REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

James Snow motioned to approve the March 5, 2018 Regular Tribal Council Meeting Minutes. Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes, CB, JS, KM, IS (0) no (2) abstain, CS, VK  
Motion carried.

MARCH 14, 2018 CEO REPORT MEETING  
James Snow motioned to approve the March 14, 2018 CEO Report Meeting Minutes.

Curtis St. Cyr seconded.  
VOTE: (6) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES: NONE  
OLD BUSINESS: NONE  
[Vincent in]

NEW BUSINESS:  
ATLAS – RESOLUTION:  
James Snow motioned to refer back to the Advisory Board. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded.

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

BROTHERHOOD IS SACRED  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve matching funds request from the Brotherhood is Sacred Basketball Team for \$2,000.00. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

DAMON PICOTTE: No action taken.  
POW-WOW COMMITTEE  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to appoint five applicants; Tara Hernandez, Christina Parker, Maxine Rice, Rona Stealer, and Qui-Qui St. Cyr to the 2018 Pow-wow Committee.

Kenneth Mallory seconded.  
VOTE: (4) yes, JS, VB, VK, KM  
(1) no, CB (2) abstain, CS, IS  
Motion carried.

LAND EXCHANGE  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #18-48: Karla LaPointe Land Lease. Kenneth Mallory seconded.  
VOTE: (3) yes, CB, VK, KM (0) no (4) abstain, CS, JS, VB, IS  
Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:  
QPR TRAINING:  
Donna Wolff discussion and Training set up with Tribal Council.  
TRAINING/MENTOR PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL EMPLOYEES: Discussion.

WILDLIFE & PARKS:  
James Snow motioned to remove all members of the Wildlife & Parks Commission (already being advertised) Isaac Smith seconded.

VOTE: (6) yes (1) no, CS (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
ADJOURN:  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Vincent Bass seconded.  
VOTE: (7) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING  
March 21, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:  
Frank White  
Curtis St. Cyr  
Coly Brown  
James Snow  
Vincent Bass  
Victoria Kitcheyan  
Kenneth Mallory  
OTHERS PRESENT:  
Sheila Corbine  
Josh Chamberlain  
Dulcie Greene  
Tiffani Warner  
Sharon Frenchman  
Shelly Bear  
Garan Coons  
Tonia Keller  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:  
Roland Warner (leave)  
Isaac Smith (Firstnet meeting)  
CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.  
OPENING PRAYER: Victoria Kitcheyan offered the opening prayer.  
AGENDA:  
GENERAL COUNSEL CONTRACT & RESOLUTION:  
Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #18-49: Approving

General Counsel Contract. Vincent Bass seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (2) abstain  
Motion carried.

MISSOURI RIVER FLOOD LITIGATION: Update only.

OPIOD LITIGATION: Discussion.  
LOG CABIN HOME UPDATE: Discussion.

EPA  
PCR Grant: Discussion  
Air Quality Grant: Discussion

IHS HOSPITAL SELF-GOVERNANCE NEGOTIATIONS: Discussion  
RAMAH NAVAJO CLASS ACTION CASE SETTLEMENT: Update.

CFS STATE CHILD WELFARE CONTRACT: Update  
LAND TRANSFER BILL: Update

ADJOURN:  
James Snow motioned to adjourn at 11:57 a.m. Curtis St. Cyr seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
SPECIAL MEETING WITH BIA –  
LAND TRANSACTIONS  
March 28, 2018

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Frank White  
Coly Brown  
Roland Warner  
James Snow  
Vincent Bass  
Isaac Smith  
Kenneth Mallory  
OTHERS PRESENT:  
Sheila Corbine  
Keith Chamberlain  
Loralie DeCora  
Kelly Snow  
Shelly Bear  
Tonia Keller  
Dulcie Greene  
James Kawahara  
Ruby Bellanger  
Sarah Snake  
Qui-Qui St. Cyr  
Sharon Redhorn  
Gloria Eagle  
Benny Eagle  
Tony Wood  
Leotis Bigbear  
Thelma Whitewater  
Kenny Walker  
Jeff Thomas, Sr.  
Aaron LaPointe  
Jason Lawrence  
Felix White, Jr.  
Frankie Smith  
Anne BigBear  
Tiffani Warner  
Sandra Whitewater  
Garan Coons  
Crystal Ross  
LaDonna Holstien  
Nila Soloman  
Monica Flores  
Ireta Blackbird  
Greg Broulard  
Nikki Soloman  
Trina Soloman  
Lily Snow  
Royce Payer  
Cece Earth  
Wanda Lewis  
Melanie Parker  
Barbara Eagle  
Lance Morgan  
Damon Picotte  
Anna Bess Preston  
Jason Hulit  
Marcella Picotte  
Crystal White  
Esther Warner  
Lea Hunter  
Misty Jefferson  
Avis Rice

TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:  
Victoria Kitcheyan (via phone)  
Curtis St. Cyr (sick leave)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman White called the meeting to order at 10:13 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: James Snow offered the opening prayer.

AGENDA:  
Vincent Bass motioned to add the add Winnebago Land Corporation Items/ Agenda. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded (via phone call).

Roland Warner objected. Chair calls for vote.

VOTE: (3) yes (4) no (0) abstain  
Motion failed.

James Snow motioned to approve the agenda. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (2) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:  
RESOLUTIONS: Agricultural, Business, and Home Site:

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-50: (HOCHUNK FARMS) Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Tribal Land – T2064. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (2) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Victoria experiencing phone problems, left meeting]

Coly Brown motioned to adopt resolution #18-51: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid- Tribal land – T2083. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (1) abstain

Motion carried.

James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #18-52: Ref: Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Land Use – Tribal Land – T904 & T2021. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #18-53: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Tribal Land – T186L. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-54: Ref Agricultural Lease bid -Tribal Land – T360 – 1 & 2. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt resolution #18-55: Ref: Jesus Our Savior Lutheran Ministry Lease. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Victoria reconnects through phone call]

James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #18-56: Ref: WinnaVegas Outdoor Festival Ground Lease – Tribal Land – T2051. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (2) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #18-57: Ref: Ho Chunk Inc. Headquarters – Tribal Land – T2068. Roland Warner seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes (1) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-58: Ref: Ho-Chunk Inc., Economic Development – Tribal Land – T164L-A. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (2) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Kenneth out]

Coly Brown motioned to adopt resolution #18-59: Ref: Louis LaRose Home Site add land – Tribal Land – T2032. James Snow seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (1) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #18-60: Ref: Frank & Elizabeth White Home Site Lease – Tribal Land – T2083. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (2) yes (3) no (1) abstain  
Motion failed.

James Snow motioned to adopt resolution #18-61: Ref: Cancellation of Home Site Lease, Terry Snowball – Tribal Land – T2036. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (1) no (1) abstain  
Motion carried.

MODIFICATIONS: No action taken.

LAND EXCHANGE/LAND SALE:  
James Snow motioned to use Cobell appraisal's for the Land Exchange and Land Sale items. Coly Brown seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (2) abstain  
Motion carried.

[Vincent out]

WINNEBAGO LAND CORPORATION REVIEW FINDINGS: No action taken.

ADJOURN:  
Roland Warner motioned to adjourn at 12:41 p.m. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Chairman White adjourned the meeting at 12:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Coly Brown, Secretary  
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WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
March 30, 2018

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Roland Warner  
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Kenneth Mallory  
Isaac Smith  
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Krystal Grant  
Alan Post  
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Vincent Bass  
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CALL TO ORDER: Secretary Brown called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.  
OPENING PRAYER: James Snow offered the opening prayer.  
AGENDA:  
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VOTE: (4) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
TRIBAL CFO REPORT:  
DRAFT LETTER  
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POW-WOW BUDGET  
Roland Warner motioned to approve the Pow-wow FY 18 Budget. James Snow seconded.

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

LETTER TO VENDORS  
James Snow motioned to draft letter to vendors. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

CFO REPORT  
Roland Warner motioned to approve the Tribal CFO Report. James Snow seconded.

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

WINNAVEGAS REPORT:  
James Snow motioned to approve the WinnaVegas Report. Roland Warner seconded.

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

GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:  
Roland Warner motioned to approve the Gaming Commission Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

WINNEBAGO GAMING DEVELOPMENT REPORT: No show.

NEW BUSINESS:  
FUNDRAISING MATCH REQUEST – Girls Basketball "All West Tournament"

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the request for matching funds for Girls Basketball "All West Tournament" for \$1,163.00. Roland Warner seconded.

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

ADJOURN:  
Kenneth Mallory motioned to adjourn at 10:49 a.m. James Snow seconded.

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

Secretary Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

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## Letter to the Editor...

"Bing, Bam, Boom, Done Deal"

Your Attention: There was a meeting at the BIA to which the council were privileged to attend and some chose not to attend. The council member(s) who did attend have chosen not to devolve the discussion or the outcome of this meeting with the other members who did not attend. Why were the other council members not told what transpired from this meeting when each councilperson is equal in power? No one council member can act without the authority of the other members. Will each member ever learn what happened at that meeting? Or will it be business as usual Motion, seconded, vote. Bang, bang, boom and what ever is a done deal.

People pay attention: Within this last month the tribe has taken backward steps. By giving this contract and its function back to the BIA we essentially said we are too stupid to administer this 638 contract. We do not have a progressive land management entity. This tribe is back to what we've always had and they threw away what we always wanted a land office that was comprehensive and use and maximize profit for the tribe for many years to come and was most importantly ours and relatively independent of the BIA. This is our land and our children's future and they gave it back to the BIA. People please pay attention this is vital for our future.

We ask each tribal member where ever you reside to get a hold of our Constitution and Read for yourselves what the council can and especially what they are supposed to be doing. There is a vast difference between can't do and elected and sworn to do.

Ruby B llanger  
Jeanie Eagle

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