



## Bago Bits...



Last week, ATLAS of Winnebago partnered with Partnership with Native Americans to distribute dry goods, bottled water, small portioned toiletries, and other boxed food items. This will take place once a month, more information can be found on the ATLAS Winnebago Facebook page.



Aaron LaPointe, Isaac Smith, and Will Smith setting up the nets during the 4th Annual Indian Corn Project. Pinagigi to everyone who has offered a helping hand, you can read/learn more about the event in this issue!



Thank you to ATLAS of Winnebago for their continued efforts in distributing all of the bottled water, boxed goods, and other necessities to the community. Your hard work is greatly appreciated by many!



Don't forget to stop by the Ho-Chunk Village Farmers Market in Winnebago, every Wednesday from 1-6 PM. (Located right next to the Dollar General.)



On behalf of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, CONGRATULATIONS to Winnebago tribal member, Carolyn Fiscus, on being 1 of USA TODAY's 10 American women from all 50 states and the District of Columbia as "Women of the Century." (You can find this article on USATODAY.com)



The thunderstorm from Friday, 8/14, had definitely set the bar high for any following storms to come. Winnebago was long overdue for a good storm; we even got a little bit of hail!

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# CARES Act Summary



The quarantine housing project is the biggest project funded by the CARES Act money. Here is a glance from the top of Big Winnebago Lane at Thunderway where the housing units are being built.

**Winonah Leader Charge**  
Garan Coons, Communications Officer

Roland Warner the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Treasurer mentioned, there is an old Ho-Chuck saying, we walk this road together or we hold each other arms and walk together. When one person is down, we all lock arms and move forward together. As Winnebago people we need to help each other especially during a pandemic that brings a lot of uncertainty.

The funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act has been a financial resource to the response to the COVID-19 public health emergency for the community. There have been many questions about the allocation and use of the funds. Listed below explains and clarifies the use of the CARES Act money.

The Government authorized \$8 billion to the tribes but it was not clear how they were going to allocate the funds. The first round of the CARES Act funding was 60% of the initial amount, issuing the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska (WTN) a little over \$6 million. With this amount the WTN prioritized housing, hazard pay, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), and figuring out a way for people to get back to work.

The second round of the CARES Act funding was 40% of the total amount, but there was a new formula used by the Government, which was focused and was based on employment numbers of tribal entities. The WTN received \$14 million the second round which was more than anticipated. This additional funding allowed the WTN to serve the basic needs of the community, including additional funds into healthcare.

In addition to the CARES Act money received by the WTN, WinnaVegas, Ho-Chunk Inc., Little Priest Tribal College, and Winnebago Comprehensive Health Care System continue to be staffed through the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loan, which the WTN was not eligible to receive due to federal guidelines. The continuance of these businesses allowed important work to be done for the community.

The WTN, WinnaVegas, Ho-Chunk Inc. (HCI), and the Twelve Clans Unity Hospital kept programs moving forward, such as the Winnebago Children Clothing

Allowance. The hard work and guidance from Alan Post the Chief Financial Officer, Roland Warner Treasurer, and Esther Mercer CEO, in addition to the Winnebago Tribal Council, WinnaVegas, HCI, Twelve Clans, as a whole found a way to support the youth initiative and made sure the kids received their clothing allowance on and off the reservation. Every child enrolled on and off the reservation received a \$350 clothing card. Cheri Redhorn Tribal Enrollment Director stated, "there have been 906 cards sent out." These type of proactive responses illustrate the close knit community of Winnebago and how the tribe and community take care of each other while facing challenges head on. The funds used for the clothing cards was not part of the CARES Act funding received by the Tribe but through careful spending and prudent spending during this time, the Tribe had the funds to provide for this need to the community. Additionally, the WTN also looked at the infrastructure deficits and housing needs of the community, specifically housing units for individuals who need to quarantine. "The quarantine housing project is the biggest project funded by the CARES Act money. This will benefit the Tribe, not only to slow the spread, when isolation or quarantine is needed," said Alan Post the Chief Financial Officer. Funding for these housing units would meet the short term need of individuals affected by the COVID.

There has been some controversy about the CARES Act funding and its use because some tribes have given their tribal members a per capita stimulus type payment. Billie Kitcheyan the COVID-19 Grant Coordinator stated, "the CARES Act does not allow for per caps. The CARES Act funding can be utilized for economic support through various avenues that suit the community. However, general blanket per cap payments are not allowable. A specific documented need has to be established for each payment. Justifying that each community and/or non-community tribal member has the same economic need would not be a financially responsible use of the CARES Act funding. Further, if the spending is considered unallowable by the Department of Treasury the Tribe would need to pay back those funds to the U.S. government. The Winnebago Tribe

has provided utility assistance in the amount of \$500 for tribal members. The application and utility bills provided justification and documentation demonstrating the economic need of each household."

What did tribal members receive? Post stated "The Tribe has \$ 528,239 in the Housing and Utility Assistance Grant program which was created to meet the requirements of the CARES Act to help the Tribal members during this time. The CARES Act has funded many projects in the community and for Tribal members. There is a planned round 2 of the Housing and Utility Grant Program for the fall and winter when propane bills start showing up. This Council and the Task Force, worked diligently to provide for the needs of Tribal members within the bounds of allowable costs." The council had the foresight to create a taskforce with experts to the table to help save lives in the Winnebago community.

A few of the projects funded by the CARES Act program include:

- The ATLAS program has been generously funded to provide food to the community.
- IT upgrades for the Tribe so proper social distancing protocols can be observed. Also, increasing communication and public awareness.
- Funds provided to the local schools to help them in the fight to slow the virus as well as providing funds to the hospital to purchase equipment.
- Personal Protective Equipment & Sanitation of buildings.
- Quarantine & Isolation Housing.
- Road infrastructure improvements.
- Medical response infrastructures.
- Food security.
- With more projects progress.

Roland Warner the WTN Treasurer stated, "Alan Post's team, the tribal council, and the task force have put their best foot forward to ensure the CARES Act money reached all tribal members on and off the reservation. We did the best to meet the needs of our community. We are happy with the outcome."

The teamwork and proactivity between the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, WinnaVegas, HCI, and Twelve Clans Hospital response to the COVID-19 public health emergency has been monumental.



# ANGEL DECORA MUSEUM

Angel De Cora Museum 402-878-2272  
Thunder Clan Building, 610 East College Drive, Winnebago, NE 68071



## MOVIE NIGHT

Join the staff of the Angel De Cora Museum on Zoom  
to watch the premier of the Tribal History  
Documentary!

★ August 31<sup>st</sup> ★  
6 PM

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Thank you from Chairman Coly Brown



Shown above is the dedication plaque from the honoring ceremony of the Late Frank LaMere, where Hope Street of Siouxland rebranded itself as Frank LaMere's Hope Street of Siouxland.

The Winnebago Tribe would like to say thank you to the Hope Street of Siouxland Organization for a beautiful building name dedication ceremony in honor of the Late Frank LaMere that was held August 4th. "We are honored that this organization would pay tribute to one of our great leaders and activist. His work is still being done throughout Native Country. We want to thank his family and those who attended" said Chairman Coly Brown.

## Tribal Vice-Chairman Statement to the Tribal Membership-Tribal Elections



John Snowball

It has been brought to my attention that the number of votes a voter can cast may be a topic of debate. This is understandable as we have 3 regular seats open and two vacant 1 year seats to fill as well. On May 5th of this year a special tribal council meeting was held on the election code. At 1:45:00 of that meeting I brought up this very issue as it was a concern of mine as well. I pointed out that during the 2019 election voters voted for 3 during the primary and then were allowed to vote for 4 during the

regular. There was lengthy discussion on the matter but no council member made a motion to revise the code that specifically states:  
 "Winnebago Tribal Code Title 5 Article 2  
 5-205 Ballots  
 1. The Tribal Council shall provide the reservation election board with official printed ballots (Exhibit #4). The names of qualified candidates shall appear on the official printed election ballots in alphabetical order. A PERSON MAY VOTE FOR UP TO THREE CANDIDATES. A voter may vote for a person or persons (up to three) not appearing on the published ballot by writing the name of said person or persons legibly on the ballot."  
 Also during the May 5th meeting it was decided that the tribal council will make no changes to the election code or process 3 months prior to a regular election.  
 Please reference the election code that can be found on the tribe's website. Also watch the special May 5th meeting that can be found on the tribes Facebook.  
 Thank you to all the candidates that have stepped forward, the current council, and the past councils. I now know firsthand the tremendous weight of these positions. So I truly appreciate you all.  
 Aho.

## A BIG THANK YOU to those who assisted with the 2020 Clothing Distribution!

Listed below are those who supported the 2020 Clothing Distribution! We appreciate them for all their hard work to support the youth initiative and made sure the kids received a Clothing Allowance Card in the amount of \$350. (906 cards have been sent out!)

*The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
 Tribal Council  
 WinnaVegas  
 Ho-Chunk Inc.  
 Twelve Clans Unity Hospital  
 Finance Office  
 Procurement office  
 Enrollment office*

Hi Tribal members, I am deeply concerned about voter suppression and constitutional violations by multiple tribal council members.

We all know that annually the Winnebago Tribe has three terms on our tribal council that expire and come up for election. Under ordinary circumstances the people would vote for three terms and would elect the winners of the popular vote and be done until the next year when we would elect three more and so on. EXCEPT when a death, resignation or removal occurs. When any of those three things occur Article VI Section 1 of the Winnebago Constitution and bylaws applies. On August 17, 2020 during the mid-month meeting Councilwoman Lorelei Decora gave a through explanation of our constitution, specifically ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE SECTION 1. If an Officer, Councilman, or appointed official shall be removed from office, die or resign; the Tribal Council by a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote shall declare the position vacant and shall appoint by a two thirds (2/3) affirmative vote a qualified individual to fill the position until the next general election at which time the qualified voters shall vote to fill such position for the unexpired term. This means in simplest terms that the people should vote for 5 people. If there are five openings and you only get to vote for three your right to vote for leadership is diminished. This is a clear limitation on your right to choose our leaders. It is voter suppression and it is unconstitutional. Councilwoman DeCora made a motion that the people vote for 5 terms, three regular and 2 unexpired terms per the Winnebago Tribal Constitution and Bylaws. Brian Chamberlain seconded the motion. Lorelei, Brain and Louie Larose all voted for the motion. Thelma Whitewater, Roland Warner, Aric "Dusty" Armell and Karl

Baker voted against the motion. The motion failed. So tribal members, if this travesty stands you will be only allowed to vote for three tribal council members and not five. Do you really want someone else to choose your council members for you? I say no! Eligible voters have the right to choose their leadership as outlined in the constitution and these four members do not want you to do that. Here is my question. Why would they want to diminish your right to select your tribal council members? The special election where Brian and Lorelei got elected gave a glimpse into the future and if people voted for five and in the same percentage as the special election then it is likely that Thelma and Roland and Karl will not be reelected. By limiting the people's voting power to three makes it far more likely Roland, Thelma and Karl will be reelected. They know this and they are purposely violating the constitution to hang onto power. John Snowball was not at the meeting but when I questioned him about how he would have voted he stated that he would have voted against the motion. Coly Brown did not vote. That being said, Chairman Brown can vote if he feels strongly about an issue one way or another, instead his silence speaks volumes. I urge you all to call the council members, go to the tribal building, send emails, join the "go-to" meetings. Talk with your family members, if you want to ask me I will do the best I can to answer your questions. Whatever you do, don't let this slide. Leadership like this, and I use that loosely, is leading us down a slippery slope that we will take us years to recover from. Our tribal council members took an oath to uphold the tribal constitution and they need to honor that oath. The tribal members' right to vote should not be up for a political debate.

*Respectfully,  
 Keely Bassette Purscell*



## 2020 Primary Election Candidates

- Karl Baker**
- Brian Chamberlain**
- Craig A. Cleveland Sr.**
- Lorelei Hope DeCora**
- Waukon Grasty**
- Marian Holstein**
- Victoria Kitcheyan**
- Kenneth Mallory**
- Maunka Morgan**
- Rona Stealer**
- Roland Warner**
- Thelma Whitewater**

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 & OCTOBER 6, 2020

<b>August 24th, 2020</b>	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Primary
<b>September 8th, 2020</b>	Tuesday	PRIMARY ELECTION
<b>September 9th, 2020</b>	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
<b>September 9th, 2020</b>	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>
<b>September 10th, 2020</b>	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
<b>September 18th, 2020</b>	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
<b>September 21st, 2020</b>	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular
<b>October 6th, 2020</b>	Tuesday	REGULAR ELECTION
<b>October 7th, 2020</b>	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members <i>Oath of Office</i>
Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members		
<i>Tribal Council Approved</i> ___April 20, 2020_____		

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



Pastor Ricky Jacob

### "Creator God loves you"

God is love! He is the source of love. Creator God loves you! My question is what is your response to Him?

He wants what is the best for you and so He has written on your heart the ways He wants you to live. No one is without excuse. Creator God has given you the freedom to dishonor Him. Creator God allows you to disobey Him. How do you respond to living your life as He commands?

Creator God has also written down, on stone, His Ten Words of Law. They are often referred to as the Ten Commandments. They were given to Moses on Mt. Sinai. So the Law and the will of God is not only written on one's heart but also has been engraved in stone.

The greatest command is to love God with all one's heart (emotionally), with all one's soul (spiritually), with all one's mind (mentally), and with all one's strength (physically). It is summed up with these words: 'You shall have no other gods.'

Creator God went on to give some words of WARNING; followed by words of GRACE and a promise: 'I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments' [Exodus 20:5-6].

Throughout time Creator God has warned mankind the consequences for those who disobey Him, and who put themselves or anything above Creator God. Creator God warned Adam and Eve. Creator God warned their first son Cain who did not heed God's warning and was the first murderer.

The above words of warning regarded punishment. You might wonder why are the children punished for the sin of the fathers? The consequences of any

disobedience is ultimately punishment. If a parent fails to discipline his or her child that child will grow up to act in defiance of Creator God. The parents will in a way teach their children to hate God and not only will they suffer, but their children will too.

From time-to-time God's wrath came down upon mankind. His actions were out of love and not hatred. The Bible does not say 'That God so hated the world that He sent a world-wide flood or that He hated the world so that He sent down fire and brimstone upon Sodom and Gomorrah! These were righteous acts of punishment and types of WARNING SHOTS for those who follow after them. Obviously it was much too late for the people when the rains began to fall or when fire and brimstone inflamed Sodom!

The Good News is that Creator God loved you so much that He sent His Son to suffer hell on the cross for mankind's hatred toward God. Those who, by the work of His Spirit, place their faith in Jesus reflect the love of God. The fruit of faith, the fruit of being connected through faith to Jesus, is love. God's Spirit guides the Christian believer to love God and to walk in His ways.

Creator God is love. Creator God is the source of love. It is through God's love and the work of the Spirit that one keeps or obeys His commandments.

In closing, the apostle Paul wrote to the saints (believers in Christ) in Rome these words: 'Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.' (Romans 10:4) This is not to say that the Law has no place in our lives. What Paul is saying is that the Law has no place in one's righteousness. You are not more deserving than the person next to you. Your righteousness comes to you through the work of God, from beginning to end. All due to His love!

## On Common Ground

Two weeks ago I reported on a grand new patio and fire pit that was built at the Village Market. It really is a beautiful facility and was finished in time for wasguing corn last week. "Herein lies the rub" (to quote William Shakespeare. A few hours into the first day of corn preparation, I was walking across the pavilion and was startled by a loud pop. The Pennsylvania Blue Stone stacked around the rim of the fire pit had begun to crack, periodically through the day, more and more stone blocks succumbed to the heat of the fire. I guess

you could say, this year's Indian Corn harvest started out with a 'BANG'!

Lest we fall victim to feeling sorry for ourselves, rest assured the repair and return to full function will be done in a timely matter, albeit with a slightly different design. It has been a wonderful sight to see all of the community members who've given of their time and efforts to assure that there will be enough Indian Corn for Memorials and other ceremonial uses.

Aho.  
Stuart Fischer



## In Loving Memory Derrick Craig Goette Jr. WaKa Ja Uk "King of the Birds" October 4, 1977 - July 25, 2020



ter, Jasmine Soung, who he treated as his own. His workmates all loved him. His boss said of him that he was an ever-smiling warm face and presented himself with pride, professionalism, charm, and modesty.

He was eager to help out and go the extra mile with a bright face and sincere interest. He was more importantly an adoring parent, who was often described as a total homebody who just wanted to hang with his boys. He was a great chef who was the center piece of his family and took great pride in his duty to love, protect, and provide for them. He loved God, did devotions with his sons, and kept a Bible by his bedside.

Our loving son will be greatly missed. No parents could be prouder, he always looked to our care, giving us his bed and sleeping on the couch when we would visit and make us delicious meals.

We traveled a lot together and had many adventures. He will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege to know him. We look forward to the day when we will be with him in heaven for all eternity with our Dear Savior.

Our son, brother, father Derrick Craig Goette Jr., 42 years old, went to be with the Lord on July 25, 2020.

He is survived by his three sons Derrick Justin, Jacob, and Jonah; along with his three siblings, Erika, Aaron, and Christina; and his parents, Rev. Derrick Sr. and Karin Goette.

He was a loving, devoted father to his boys, as well as a stepdaugh-

## Hocak Corner

**Homaci**  
(hoh-mah-chee)  
Camping

**Ci hoijas**  
(chee hoy-jahs)  
Tent

**Hogisik**  
(hoh-ghee-seek)  
Fishing



Many Moccasins Dance Troop and their stunning float for an early 2000's Parade in Sioux City, IA.



Elaine Rice, Regina Littlebeaver, and others were photographed while putting together this Ciporoke. Date of photo is currently unknown.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

...cont. from last issue

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Request to approve purchase of semi-truck for roads dept. from transportation funds (TTP) total \$135,051.00 (allowable purchase from these funds)

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature request to approve purchase of semi-truck for roads dept. from transportation funds (TTP) total \$135,051.00 (allowable purchase from these funds). Roland Warner seconded.

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

Adopt Resolution #20-160; FY2020 Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse and Neglect.

Roland Warner motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting #20-160; FY2020 Grants for Coordination of Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Welfare Services to Tribal Families at Risk of Child Abuse and Neglect. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Approve RV proposal from Titan Motors to purchase camper trailers for quarantine housing included in Treasury CARES Act funding round 2 budget.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature to approve RV proposal from Titan Motors to purchase camper trailers for quarantine housing included in Treasury CARES Act funding round 2 budget. Roland Warner seconded.

OBJECT: Thelma Whitewater  
VOTE: (7) yes (1) no, TW (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Approve Budget Mod for BIA and Treasury CARES Act

Roland Warner motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Budget Mod for BIA and Treasury CARES Act. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Approve Quarantine housing projects: Women's Shelter, Veterans Park Campground, by the 12 Plex Project, Thunderway.

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving Quarantine housing projects: Women's Shelter, Veterans Park Campground, by the 12 Plex Project, Thunderway. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

RFP – GENERAL COUNSEL

Thelma Whitewater motioned to table until a later date, due to not receiving the required three (3) proposals. Karl Baker seconded.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

MICHELLE PICOTTE – REQUEST

Requesting assistance for fines owed in the State of Iowa to regain her License in State of Nebraska for the amount of \$1,304.69.

John Snowball motioned to refer her to the Credit Loan Program and to Human Services to utilize those services. Roland Warner seconded.

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

BC - TRIBAL COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETINGS

Brian Chamberlain motioned to reopen the Tribal Council meetings to the public, to be held in the Whirling Thunder Gym effective immediately. Louis LaRose seconded.

VOTE: (2) yes, BC, LLR (6) no, TW, KB, AA, JSB, RW, LD (0) abstain  
Motion failed.

BC – SECRETARIAL ELECTION – TRIBAL ENROLLMENT

Brian Chamberlain motioned to begin the Secretarial Election process with the U.S. Department of Interior as soon as possible. Louis LaRose seconded.

OBJECT: JSB, AA, TW, LD, KB, RW  
VOTE: (2) yes, BC, LLR (6) no, JSB, AA, TW, KB, LD, RW (0) abstain  
Motion failed.

CB – FRIDA CROW-BREUM

Requesting the Tribal Council to review the Minor Trust Fund Distribution policy and make changes.

John Snowball motioned to have the CFO and the CEO review the Minor Trust Fund Distribution Policy and bring back to the Tribal Council table at the next CEO Report. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

TW – LPTC Graduation

Discussion only: Students upset with the decision to be virtual graduation. No action taken.

LD – Motion for Moratorium on Enrollment

Remove #20-114 resolution on the moratorium of Enrollment

Lorelei DeCora motioned to remove the moratorium on Enrollment (Referencing resolution #14-114). John Snowball seconded.

OBJECT: AA, RW

VOTE: (4) yes, JSB, LD, BC, LLR, (4) no, TW, KB, AA, RW (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown votes yes to break the tie.

FINAL VOTE: (5) yes, JSB, LD, BC, LLR, CB (4) no, TW, KB, AA, RW (0) abstain

Motion carried.

ADDED ITEMS:

FY 2020 State Tribal Education Partnership Grants (STEP)

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-162; FY 2020 State Tribal Education Partnership Grants (STEP). Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's Participation in Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-163; Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's Participation in Papio-Missouri River NRD Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Ratify five signature: Adopt resolution #20-161

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #20-161; FY21 Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Aric Armell seconded.

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

2020 Deer Season

Aric Armell Motion to move approve the 2020 Deer Season for just Tribal Members. Roland Warner seconded.

OBJECT: LD

JSB abstaining from vote.

VOTE: (5) yes, TW, AA, RW, KB, BC (2) no, LD, LLR (1), abstain, JSB  
Motion carried.

JSB – Legal Opinion Organization of Tribal Council

John Snowball motioned for a Legal Opinion on a CEO or Equivalent of a Tribally owned entity serving as Tribal Council members and/or also representing a Board or Corporation. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: LLR, LD

VOTE: (5) yes, TW JSB BC AA RW (2) no, LLR LD (1) abstain, KB  
Motion carried.

JSB – Outer vests for Law Enforcement

John Snowball motioned to approve the use of Outer Carrier Vests for Tribal Law Enforcement. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

JSB – Organizational Structure of Law Enforcement

John Snowball motioned to authorize the Chief of Police to work with the Legal Counsel and Planning Department to develop an Organizational Structure for Law Enforcement. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Tribal Member request for assistance  
John Snowball motioned to continue to assist following the CEO recommendations. (Find hotel accommodations for two nights, until WinnaVegas reopens). Louis LaRose seconded.

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

EM Ethical Complaint

Esther Mercer requests Executive Session.

Louis LaRose motioned to go into Executive Session at 7:47 p.m.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 8:08 p.m. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to deem the complaint as Frivolous. Karl Baker seconded.

OBJECT: LD, BC, LLR

VOTE: (5) yes, TW, KB, AA, JSB, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. Roland Warner seconded.

OBJECT: LLR

VOTE: (5) yes, TW, KB, AA, JSB, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
CONCUR:  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

**August 3, 2020 via GoTo meeting**

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Roland Warner  
Thelma Whitewater

Lorelei DeCora  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Brian Chamberlain  
Karl Baker

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Brandon Stout  
Joy Johnson  
Amy LaPointe  
Keri LaPointe  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Esther Mercer  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Erika Dunn

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Brain Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

### AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Karl Baker seconded.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

7-28-20 Mid-Monthly meeting minutes

John Snowball had a correction to the minutes.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the minutes as amended. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approve HR – Employee Handbook addition

Karl Baker motioned to ratify the five-signature approving HR- Employee Handbook addition. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: Roland Warner

VOTE: (7) yes, JSB, KB, TW, LLR, BC, LD, AA (1) no, RW (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Approve COVID-19 Screening, Symptom and Confirmed Diagnosis Policy

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving COVID-19 Screening, Symptom and Confirmed Diagnosis Policy. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Purchase Backhoe for Facilities Dept. – Treasury CARES Act funds

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the purchase of a Backhoe for Facilities Dept. – Treasury CARES Act funds. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Approve Expanded Housing and Utility Assistance (HUA) rules

Louis LaRose motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Expanded Housing and Utility Assistance (HUA) rules. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Approve COVID-19 Health Screening Policy

Lorelei DeCora motioned to ratify the five-signature approving COVID-19 Health Screening Policy. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

Approve Purchase of Capital Outlay Van from grant NE-2020-012-00

John Snowball motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the purchase of Capital Outlay Van from grant NE-2020-012-00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Approvals for: 1. Change opening date to Sept. 8 to follow WPS, 2. Revise yellow policy, 3. Approve code plan, and 4. Approve staggering of staff policy

Roland Warner motioned to ratify the five-signature approving; 1. Change opening date to Sept. 8 to follow WPS, 2. Revise yellow policy, 3. Approve code plan, and 4. Approve staggering of staff policy. Aric Armell seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Planning Consultant RFP

Roland Warner motioned to approve to send out Planning Consultant RFP. Karl Baker seconded.

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

Adopt Resolution FY 2020 FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds Opportunity (TTPSF) Project

Brian Chamberlain motioned to adopt resolution #20-164; FY 2020 FHWA, U.S. Department of Transportation Tribal Transportation Program Safety Funds Opportunity (TTPSF) Project. John Snowball Seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

General Council Selection

Thelma Whitewater motion to hire Heidiman Law Firm as General Counsel. Karl Baker

OBJECT: Louis LaRose, Lorelei DeCora

Brian Chamberlain calls point of order: Motion violates the policy of procurement.

VOTE: (4) yes, KB, TW, AA, RW (3) no, LD, LLR, BC (1) abstain, JSB  
Motion carried.

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Elizabeth Shane – Member request, Discussion.

Louis LaRose motioned to reimburse Elizabeth Shane \$2900.00 for her Education Loan. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

Further discussion.

OBJECT: Lorelei DeCora

VOTE: (2) yes, BC, LLR (4) no, KB, AA, LD, TW (2) abstain, RW, JSB  
Motion failed.

Open meetings - Tabled

Lorelei DeCora would like to open the GoTo meetings for the Tribal member's right to participate in tribal council meetings via GoTo meetings will be tabled until the monthly Land meeting on August 10, 2020 to allow for IT Dept. to give more information.

Recycling program

John Snowball motioned to re-open the recycling program as soon as possible.

Aric Armell seconded.

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

ADJOURN

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
CONCUR:  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MONTHLY LAND MEETING August 10, 2020 via GoTo Meeting

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Roland Warner  
Thelma Whitewater  
Aric Armell  
Louis LaRose  
Lorelei DeCora  
Brian Chamberlain  
Karl Baker

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Ireta Blackbird  
Brandon Stout  
Cecelia Earth  
Erika Dunn  
Garan Coon  
Matt May  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Esther Mercer

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Ireta Blackbird offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda as amended. Roland Warner seconded.

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

LAND SALE:

CAROL SNOW

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-166; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Carol Snow \$100.00. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

TERRY BROWN

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-167: Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests – Terry Brown \$56,006.41. Karl Baker seconded.

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

MERCI EARTH

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-168; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interest – Merci Earth \$4,208.47. Karl Baker seconded.

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

LAND EXCHANGE:

JOHN SMITH & PAULINE EWING

Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-169: Pauline Ewing & John Smith Land Exchange. Aric Armell seconded.

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

KENNY MALLORY

Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #20-170: Kenneth Mallory – Land Exchange. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

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

COMMERCIAL LEASE

COMMUNICATIONS PROGRAM – 2020 L.E.D. SIGN FOR COVID UPDATE

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution #20-171: Commercial Lease: 2020 LED Sign for COVID Update. John Snowball seconded.



# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

ADDED ITEMS:  
Winnebago Land Corporation Board  
– update only, no action taken.  
Land Sales  
VINCENT DECORA

Louis LaRose motioned to adopt resolution 20-172; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests- Vincent DeCora \$4,178,34. Aric Armell seconded.

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

b. NELSON LEVERING, JR.  
Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution 20-173; Authorizing Request for and Approving Withdrawal of ILCA Land Purchase Funds Held in Trust by OST to Purchase On-Reservation Trust or Restricted Interests-Nelson Levering Jr. \$48,521.11. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

D. Smith Discussion: Discussion only.

Info. On Thunderway: Discussion/update on paving roads construction that is taking place at Thunderway.

Heidiman Law Contract:  
Roland Warner motioned to approve the Heidiman Law Contract. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

OBJECT: Brian Chamberlain  
VOTE: (4) yes, AA, KB, TW, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (1) abstain, JSB Motion carried.

LEGAL UPDATE:  
Residential Policy Application Approval, adopt resolution approving the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Residential Land Leasing Policy.

John Snowball motioned to table the items until the Mid-monthly Tribal Council meeting. Aric Armell seconded.

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

ADJOURN:  
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting. Roland Warner seconded.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:08 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
CONCUR:  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING August 12, 2020 via GoTo meeting

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
John Snowball  
Thelma Whitewater  
Roland Warner  
Karl Baker  
Aric Armell  
Brian Chamberlain  
Louis LaRose  
Lorelei DeCora

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer  
Kim Sulsberger  
Cheri Redhorn  
Joi Long  
Joy Johnson  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Brandon Stout  
Tyresha Wolfe  
Cecelia Earth  
Alan Post  
Danelle Smith

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Esther Mercer offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
Aric Armell motioned to approve the

amended agenda. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

CEO ITEMS:  
TRAVEL APPROVALS – Updates, Information only.

HIRING FREEZE MODIFICATION  
John Snowball motioned to approve the modifications to the Hiring Freeze as presented by the CEO. Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

BOARDS AND COMMITTEE  
ENROLLMENT – (1) VACANCY, (2) APPLICANTS

Brian Chamberlain motioned to appoint Tyresha Wolfe to the Enrollment Committee. Louis LaRose seconded.

Roland Warner motioned to appoint Amelia Whitewater Enrollment Committee.

Aric Armell seconded.

Chairman Brown calls for roll call vote:

Tyresha Wolfe (4) LLR, LD, JSB, BC  
Amelia Whitewater (3) AA, KB, RW  
Thelma not Voting.

Tyresha Wolfe appointed to the Enrollment Committee.

ALCOHOL BOARD VACANCIES  
John Snowball motioned to Advertise for the Alcohol Advisory Board for (4) vacancies for 30 days. Aric Armell seconded.

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

ENROLLMENT:  
MINOR TRUST FUND POLICY

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the Minor Trust Fund Application as Amended. Karl Baker seconded.

VOTE: (4) yes, BC, LD, KB, LLR (4) no, JSB, RW, AA, TW (0) abstain

Chairman Brown votes yes to break the tie

FINAL VOTE: (5) yes, BC, LD, KB, LLR, CB (4) no, JSB, RW, AA, TW (0) abstain

Motion carried.

APPLICATION APPROVAL  
Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-174: Tribal Enrollment Applicants [A3565, A3566, A3569, A3570, A3572, A3573, A3576, A3577, A3578, A3579, A3582, A3583, A3584]. Aric Armell seconded.

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

CONDIDITIONAL RELINQUISHMENT  
John Snowball motioned to grant Conditional Relinquishment for Alanah Weital.

Louis LaRose seconded.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:  
APPROVE Winnebago Educare Second Point Entrance/Exit Project.

Roland Warner motioned to approve the Winnebago Educare Second Point Entrance/Exit Project. Louis LaRose seconded.

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

ASSISTANT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JD & ORGANIZATIONAL CHART APPROVAL

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the Assistant Planning and Development Director Position. Brian Chamberlain seconded.

OBJECT: KB

VOTE: (4) yes, LD, JSB, BC, LLR (4) no, AA, TW, KB, RW (0) abstain

Motion carried.

Chairman Brown votes yes.

FINAL VOTE: (5) yes, LD, JSB, BC, LLR (4) no, AA, TW, KB, RW (0) abstain

Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:  
CORRECTION ON MINUTES OF 6-22-20 SPECIAL MEETING – ELIGIBLE VOTERS LIST

John Snowball motioned to make the correction to the June 22, 2020 Special Meeting – Eligible Voters List minutes to read as follows...“Karl Baker is ap-

pointed to fill James Snow’s seat until the next Regular Election.” Thelma Whitewater seconded.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT  
Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-175; FY2020 Federal highways Administration (FWHA) – Winnebago Educare Second Point Entrance/Exit Project.

Aric Armell seconded.

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

HEIDMAN CONTRACT  
Roland Warner motioned to adopt resolution #20-176; Approving Heidman General Counsel Contract. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: BC, LD

VOTE: (4) yes, AA, TW, KB, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (1) abstain, JSB Motion carried.

TRIBAL COUNCIL COMMITTEE AND BOARD VACANCIES

Louis LaRose motioned to appoint Lorelei DeCora to all of Victoria Kitcheyan’s vacant seats and Brian Chamberlain to all of Melton Frenchman’s vacant seats. John Snowball seconded.

VOTE: (3) yes, LD, JSB, LLR (4) no, AA, TW, KB, RW (1) abstain, BC Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to leave the Tribal Council seats on the Committee’s and Boards vacant until the next election. Karl Baker seconded.

OBJECT: LD, BC

VOTE: (3) yes, AA, JSB, KB (3) no, LD, LLR, RW (2) abstain, TW, BC

Chairman Brown votes yes

FINAL VOTE: (4) yes, AA, JSB, KB, CB (3) no, LD, LLR, RW (2) abstain, TW, BC

Motion carried.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION - DISCUSSION  
John Snowball motioned to table the Secretarial Election discussion until the Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting. Aric Armell seconded.

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

ADOPT RESOLUTION – DISSOLUTION OF LAND MANAGEMENT CORP.

Karl Baker motioned to adopt resolution #20-177; Dissolution of the Winnebago Land Management Corporation. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: LLR, BC

Discussion.

VOTE: (5) yes, AA, TW, JSB, KB, RW (3) no, LD, BC, LLR (0) abstain Motion carried.

401K – BOYS & GIRLS CLUB  
Boys & Girls club employees are not employees of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska; they are employees of Boys & Girls Club of America. This is why they are not eligible for 401k or Insurance Benefits through the tribe. Discussion only. No action taken.

25 LAPTOPS FOR BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROGRAM

John Snowball motion to approve Communications/IT Department to purchase 25 laptops to the Boys & Girls Club Program. Roland Warner seconded.

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

ENROLLMENT GUIDELINES  
John Snowball motioned to request a special meeting with Enrollment Committee and Enrollment Department. Aric Armell seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
John Snowball motioned to go into Executive Session with CEO at 12:00 p.m.

Aric Armell seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:25 p.m.

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

John Snowball motioned to declare

CEO Annual Performance Evaluation dated July 17, 2020 invalid due to the evaluation to be conducted by the entire Tribal Council.

Aric Armell seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes, JSB, AA, TW, KB, RW (3) no, LD, LLR, BC (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

ADJOURN:  
Brian Chamberlain motioned to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

VOTE: (5) yes, JSB, LD, LLR, BC, KB (3) no, TW, RW, AA (0) abstain  
Motion carried.

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Executive Assistant*

*Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
CONCUR:  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO Evaluation Meeting August 14, 2020 at 2:30pm via Go To Meeting

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Coly Brown  
Louis LaRose  
Brian Chamberlain  
Lorelei DeCora  
John Snowball  
Roland Warner  
Aric Armell  
Thelma Whitewater

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Esther Mercer  
Brandon Stout

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Brown called the meeting to order at 2:40pm

**OPENING PRAYER:** Lorelei DeCora offered the opening prayer.

**APPROVE AGENDA:**  
John Snowball motioned to approve agenda. Aric Armell seconded.

Object: Brian Chamberlain.

Point of Order: Brain states subordinates cannot evaluate supervisor.

Lorelei states the period for the CEO’s Annual Evaluation is 12/2018 – 12/2019. There are currently only 3 Tribal Council members that were on the Tribal Council in this period, Coly Roland and Louis. So, they should be the only Tribal Council members that can do the CEO’s Annual Evaluation of this period. So, I will not participate in this Annual Evaluation Meeting since I was not on the Tribal Council for the period she is being Evaluated on. But, I will stay in this Meeting as a witness.

Chairman Brown states; he conducted the CEO Esther Mercers evaluation in July of 2020, with compensation and was to bring to the Treasurers Report but due to Deaths in the community, the Meetings were postponed, so he didn’t get it done.

VOTE: (4) yes, TW, AA, RW, JSB (3) no, LD, LLR, BC (0) abstain Motion carried.

John Snowball motioned to request the evaluation be conducted by the Department Heads, who she supervises. Seconded by Aric Armell.

Object: Brian Chamberlain

VOTE: (4) yes, TW, AA, JSB, RW (3) no, LD, LLR, BC (0) abstain Motion carried.

John stated it is a common tool, where subordinates evaluate their supervisor.

ADJOURN:  
John Snowball motioned to adjourn at 3:08 p.m. Seconded by Aric Armell.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 3:08pm.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Thelma Whitewater, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*



Winnebago Public School students and staff lining up floats to get ready for the 1994 Homecoming parade.



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# BAGO NEWS

## Senator Joni Albrecht WEEKLY UPDATE August 17, 2020

“We are adjourned sine die,” that is Latin for “without a day” to reconvene. The 106th Legislative Session came to a close on Thursday, August 13, 2020. In the course of the 106th Session, the Speaker reported that the Legislature passed 258 bills. The Session was packed and, when we reconvened after the COVID-19 interruption, the last 17 days did not miss a beat. We got a lot done and have much more to do. My colleagues and I will be working through the interim on various bills left undone. January begins a new Legislative year and many will be working to bring forward some bills that didn't make it out of committee come back to the floor in new form.

Two Important Bills passed on the Last Day:

On the last day of Session, the Legislature passed two historic and monumental bills. LB1107, that delivers property tax relief that has been a long time coming; and LB814 that bans dismemberment abortions in Nebraska.

As I noted in an earlier newsletter, LB1107 is not all that I had hoped for but did incorporate portions of the former property tax relief bills LB974 and LB1106, along with the business incentives of LB720 and funding for the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC) NEXt project. Within the bill, property tax payers will be eligible for a refundable income tax credit based upon a percentage of the amount of property taxes paid towards school funding. That percentage grows annually to a maximum percentage, dependent upon revenue growth in the State. The bill sets aside future revenue growth for return to taxpayers for property tax relief. The business incentive portion of LB1107 encourages financial investment and good paying job growth in Nebraska. The incentives are performance-based, meaning companies must perform before they are able to realize the benefits of the incentives. Finally, the UNMC project will bring in more than \$1 Billion dollars from federal and other investment before the State makes its contribution.

LB1107 was not all that we had hoped for, but it is a historical start. As I have done from the beginning, I will continue to work for more property tax relief for District 17 and all Nebraska residential, commercial, and agricultural property owners.

On Thursday, August 13, 2020, the Legislature also passed LB814, which prohibits dismemberment abortions from being performed in Nebraska. The Governor held a public signing of LB814 on the Capitol steps on Saturday. I was honored to be among the pro-life Senators standing with the Governor and with Senator Geist, the bill's introducer. There were hundreds of Nebraskans in attendance. The Governor also recognized Julie Schmit-Albin, who has worked tirelessly for the unborn for over 30 years. In fact, on Thursday, the Governor also signed a proclamation designating August 13 as “Julie Schmit-Albin Day” in honor of her hard work that has helped keep Nebraska a pro-life state.

Other Important Bills Passed as well:

There are many bills to mention, but I do want to let you know about a couple I am especially proud to have supported. I was pleased to support LB1008, which was brought on behalf of the Governor and signed into law during the last days of Session. LB1108 provides \$1 million in additional funding to state colleges' Career Scholarship Programs and the Nebraska Department of Corrections Services to establish the Corrections Workforce Development Pathways program, a partnership between Peru State College and NCS. Wayne State College is among the colleges that will be offering the scholarships for students in critical workforce areas needed for Nebraska economic growth.

Additionally, beginning with the tax year 2022, veterans receiving military retirement pay will find 50% of that pay exempted from income tax under Senator Brewer's bill LB 153. We value those who have served our country and want to make sure they will honor us with their continued presence in the State. It was essential that LB153 become law so that Nebraska is competitive with neighboring states. I was especially proud to support this bill.

As you know, I sit on the Natural Resources and Transportation and Telecommunications Committees. Important Committee priority bills that were passed during the last 17 days of Session were LB632 and LB992. There were a number of bills included in each priority bill. LB632 was a Natural Resource Committee priority bill that makes technical clarifications in the section of state law providing for procedures to be used for improvements in rural water districts. LB632 also brings statewide uniformity to plastic bag bans by limiting authority for such bans to be placed in State law. LB632 passed with a 46-0 vote.

LB992 was a priority bill from the Transportation and Telecommunications Committee for the purpose of providing statutory changes recommended by the Rural Broadband Task Force. Increasing broadband service in rural areas remains a priority for me and for the Committee and I was happy to see LB992 pass on Final Reading with a 47-0 vote.

Rural Investment: In addition to what was happening at the Legislature, it is worth noting that the Trump Administration announced that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is investing \$10,556,000 in Cherry-Todd Electric Cooperative to build and improve critical electric infrastructure that will benefit more than 6,000 rural residents and commercial customers in South Dakota and Nebraska. I will be looking further into this investment and will report to you in a later newsletter to what degree District 17 may benefit.

As always, it is of great importance that I hear from my constituents to effectively do my job as your voice in the Legislature. I encourage you to contact me and I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me by phone at 402-471-2716 or by email at jalbrecht@leg.ne.gov

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JOB TITLE	DIVISION	LOCATION
Customer Service Rep	Flatwater Trading	Bellevue, NE
Director of Legal	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue/Winnebago, NE
HRIS Specialist	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Human Resources Generalist II	Ho-Chunk Corporate Services	Bellevue, NE
Project Cost Specialist I	Flatwater Trading	Bellevue, NE
Team Member (2) PT	Pony Express	Emerson, NE
Facilities/Maintenance	Pony Express Corporate	Rosalie, NE
Barista I	Sweet Water I	Sioux City, IA
Asst. Team Manager & Team Member	Pony Express	Sloan, IA
Carpentry Apprentice	BluStone	South Sioux City, NE
Carpentry Apprentice & Journeyman	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Concrete Apprentice & Journeyman	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Construction Estimator	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Laborer	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Lead Finish Carpenter	BluStone	South Sioux City, NE
Team Member (2)	Pony Express	South Sioux City, NE
Food Service Team Supervisor I	Pony Express	South Sioux City, NE
Shop Tech Delivery	HCI Construction	South Sioux City, NE
Food Service Team Member (2)	Heritage Foodtown	Walthill, NE
Team Member	Heritage Foodtown	Walthill, NE
Asst. Team Manager & Team Member	Pony Express	Winnebago, NE
Barista I	Sweet Water Grill II	Winnebago, NE
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**Across**

- Hawagax sgā (Whiteboard)
- Ni,wiwagax, wažakirarac(Marker)
- Wirucgis(Scissors)
- Woikarap jānaga hokewe(Divide)
- Wak'j (backpack)
- Wīgus(Clock)
- Woikarap girus (Subtract)
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- Worac honihe wagax(Dictionary)

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- Wana'j hosto (Computer)
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- Wana'j hosto xete (Smartboard)
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- Wāgax hakiruxara (book)
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- Pā'ų (Sharpen)
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Lots of familiar faces are seen in this photo from a 2002 Walk/Run down main street in Winnebago!



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Winnebago Environmental Department

Kurt Lyons AQS

Sometimes, all I need is the Air that I breathe.....

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Back in 1972 these lyrics were made famous and is as true back then as it is today. The air that we breathe is an ever-present reality for all of us. We need it to live just like we need healthy food, clean water, and a safe place to live. The air we breathe is usually taken for granted by many who, like me, never pay attention to each breath taken all day every day.

At rest, the average adult takes about 12 breaths per minute. That's 17,820 breaths every day, and more if you're active! So, what you breathe is, at least, as important as what you eat and drink. Considering we inhale approximately 14,000 liters of air per day it is something we ought to pay attention to. You wouldn't willingly drink contaminated water for fear of illness. Assuring your air is clean and healthy is just as important.

According to the EPA, indoor air pollutants are often 2 to 5 times higher than outdoor levels, and in some cases, these levels can exceed 100 times that of outdoor pollution. In other words, sometimes the air inside is more harmful than the air outside!

Luckily, Mother Nature gave us some defenses against harmful particles in the air. But things like nose hairs, mucus linings, and lung cilia can only protect you for so long before

being overwhelmed. Continuous exposure to poor air quality often will lead to things like headaches, cold or allergy-like symptoms, asthma, bronchitis, heart or lung disease, and even cancer.

If you already have asthma or trouble breathing then you know all too well what clean air means for your wellbeing. For others who have no problem breathing, being aware of the hazards can probably prevent future health problems for yourself and your family.

Here's what you can do to reduce those risks. First, make sure you are changing those air filters on your heating/cooling system every few months. Open your windows when it's nice out to let in the better outside air. If you smoke, do it outside! Don't add to the indoor pollution by smoking inside too. Clean, dust, and vacuum regularly. Avoid using harsh chemical cleaning products. Vinegar and water is amazing for cleaning! Studies have shown indoor plants can marginally reduce indoor air toxins. There are relatively inexpensive radon test kits. Get one and test your home. A more expensive option that is marginally effective is portable air purifiers. If properly maintained, air purifiers can help reduce air pollutants.

There's no single answer to fixing indoor air quality. It's the combination approach that will give you the best results for you and your family. So take those steps and breathe easy!

growth where the soil is cooler.

The social media chatter about pollination by bees leading to the development of bitter compounds in cucumbers (by moving pollen from wild cucumbers to garden cucumbers) promotes a false understanding of how pollination works. If pollen is moved from a wild cucumber flower to a garden cucumber flower, the genetics for the trait of cucurbitacin production will be within the new seeds formed, not the fruit. The new cucumbers will remain true to the variety planted in taste and texture. It is when seeds are saved from this wild-to-domestic cross that there may be a problem, especially to seed savers and seed companies. The plants grown from these crosses will reflect traits of both parents and, if one parent is a wild cucumber, the cucumbers produced could be extremely bitter. Seed companies are well aware of the potential for crossing with wild types and will take necessary steps to remove wild plants from the surrounding area and isolate crops to ensure seeds are true to type.

More information about cucumber bitterness may be found here:

<https://extension.oregonstate.edu/news/cucumber-bitterness-explained>

<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/yardandgarden/cucumbers-bitter-during-hot-dry-weather>

## Construction Updates in the Winnebago Community

End of August 2020 Construction updates include:

8/17 I & A is onsite completing sidewalk and trail construction in the removal area.

8/28 The precast box culvert is laid and MECC will be completing the poured end.

8/24 Asphalt will be laid in the culvert patch and the Mission Road temporary road.

8/19 Traffic will be split from Matthewson to North of Osborn Street. Southbound traffic will be on the west side and northbound traffic will be on the east side. Work will be active in the middle lane.

Presently Osborne, Waddell and Wilson intersections will remain closed to allow for sidewalk construction to stage in these areas. Wilson & Osborne west can only make a right turn. MECC and the NDOT will monitor the traveling and if the public is obeying this. If the right turn only is not followed, enforcement or complete closure will have to be looked at for these intersections.

8/21-8/28 MECC will begin to control traffic with flagmen when the milling begins. Along with flagging north of Winnebago for an asphalt overlay project.

The walking trail will get a detour during this period that will take travelers a block East up Mission Avenue.



Progress is reflected in the photos shown above from the Main Street construction zone, taken only 2 days apart.

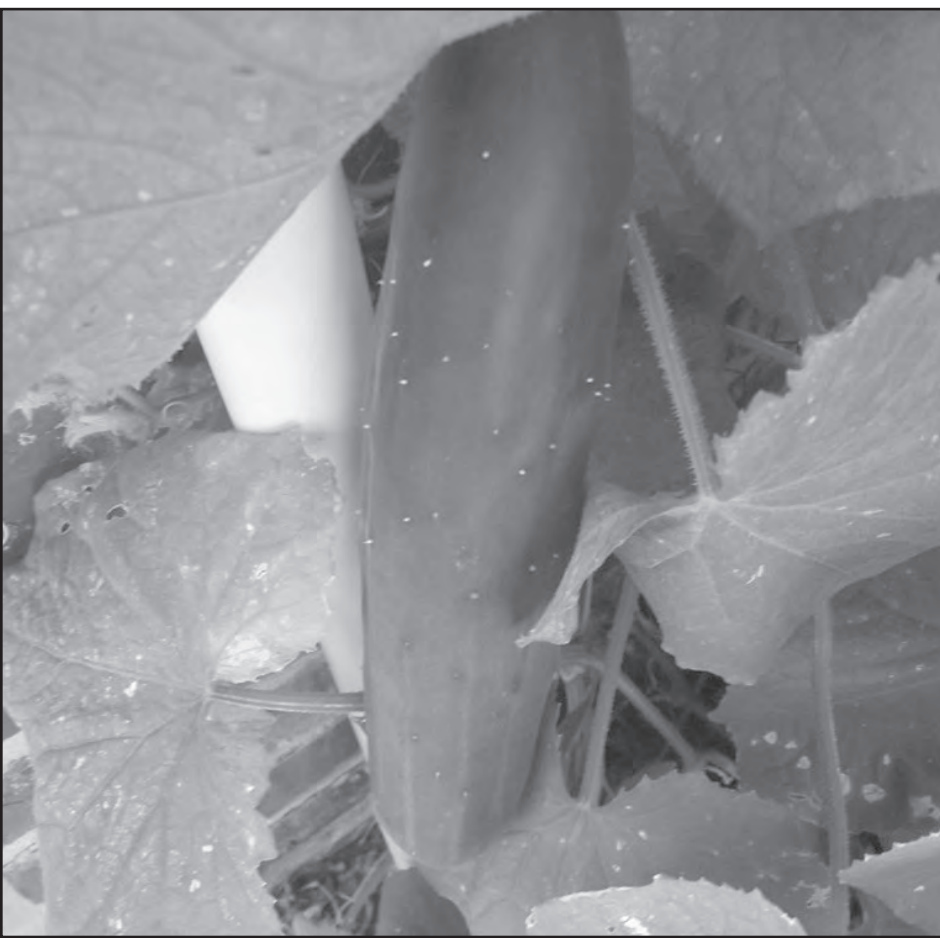
## Garden Update

By Kathleen Cue, Nebraska Extension in Dodge County

### Cucumber Bitterness

The compound that imparts the bitter taste in cucumbers is cucurbitacin. Wild cucumbers have a large amount of cucurbitacin, which discourages feeding by wild animals and insects. Today's hybrids have been bred to have lower amounts of cucurbitacin in the fruit and what cucurbitacin is in the plant is concentrated in the roots, leaves, and stems. In instances where the bitter compound is in cucumbers, it is more prevalent in the stem end than the blossom end. This has to do with coloration, since the compound tends to be in the darker green areas of the skin. This is also why cucumbers are sometimes peeled—to rid the cukes of the bitter taste. Misshapen fruit will also have more cucurbitacin than normal-shaped ones.

The cucumber variety as well as the growing environment will contribute to the development of cucurbitacin in cucumbers. Cool, wet conditions as well as hot, dry weather are major factors. While weather is beyond our control, providing water during dry conditions and mulching plants are the simplest ways to promote less bitterness. Deep, infrequent soakings will hydrate the deepest roots, encouraging



Summer Youth workers Jeffrey and Dubbz Berridge were spotted doing some outside yard work near the St. Augustine's Church in Winnebago.







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