



We have your Powwow Pics!

This Year's Powwow Winners!

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Corn Popping Moon

Saturday, August 3, 2024



Our masthead this issue features two photos taken during the 158th Homecoming Celebration. The first captures the outgoing Junior and Senior Miss Nebraska – Winnebago, Tulie Blackfish and Paris LaPointe, and the newly crowned Miss Winnebago, Virginia Snake-Bumann. The powwow committee decided to award only one crown this year. All three young ladies have and will represent the Winnebago people all across Indian Country, attending other powwows and celebrations during their one-year reign(s). Congratulations to Virginia as she steps forward into 2025 and thank you to both Tulie and Paris for representing the crowns you wore so gracefully. Good luck to all in your future days. The second photo is from one of the flag raisings depicting the flags flying high above the powwow arena. Beautiful! Thank you to all our veterans on yet another successful powwow. The 158th Homecoming Celebration was a good one. We're already looking forward to the 159th to be held in July 2025. See you there!

158th HOMECOMING CELEBRATION HELD



By Brian Chamberlain
Photos by Brian Chamberlain / Tyler Snake / archives

[Winnebago, NE] Veteran's Memorial Park] For 158 years the Hocak Nisoc haci have celebrated and commemorated the return of Chief Little Priest and the Company 'A' Scouts here. 2024 marked the occasion with all the style, respectfulness, pomp and circumstance, and fun that our people and visitors have come to expect. "Our powwow is the highlight of the summer for me and my family. We look forward to it every year." one tribal member who travelled home to attend told the WIN during the weekend's festivities.

Always held during the last full week in July, the celebration this year spanned from Thursday the 25th through Sunday the 28th, with the Veteran's (Warrior's) Kettle held on the Wednesday evening prior. As is traditionally done every year, the Winnebago Veteran's Association takes hold of the grounds on that day, offering prayers and a traditional meal to all veterans and spectators to begin the four-day event. This year the Veteran's Association asked one of our Tribal Council leaders, Aric [Dusty] Armell to speak during the kettle inauguration. Armell, a veteran who served with both the U.S. Army and Marine Corps, spoke to the crowd fulfilling the duty

asked of him and all veterans during this respectful time.

Flag raising for the powwow began promptly at 6:00 AM on the morning of Thursday, July 25th for the first day. The call was made to all vets to come out to the grounds to help raise the flags of our veterans, both past and present. That morning brought numerous brave men and women out to Veteran's Park, located just to the East of the town of Winnebago. One tribal member who attended flag raising told the WIN, "Flag raising is one of my favorite things about [our

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Bago Bits
By: Tyler Snake



The Winnebago Youth Crisis Intervention Center and Youth Shelter (YCIC) has collaborated with the Northeast NE Suicide Prevention coalition, Winnebago Health Department, Ho-Chunk Inc., and the Transportation Department. The listed programs were able to sponsor 89 seats for community members to go see "Inside out 2" at the Promenade Cinema located in Sioux City, IA. Bus rides and popcorn/drink vouchers were available! Pinagigi to the programs for making this Family event happen. Check-out YCIC's Facebook page and inside the WIN for more upcoming events!



Reminder that the Ho-Chunk Village Farmers market is still happening every Friday: 10am to 5pm till October 25th! 13 left for the season. Those looking to become a vendor can email tsharpback@hochunkcdfi.org for more information on applying. Stop by for the raffles, fresh produce, arts and crafts, baked goods, lunch/dinner sales, regalia/quilts/ beadwork and more! Support our local businesses owners!

COUNCIL HOSTS RAYBOULD



By Brian Chamberlain
Photos by Brian Chamberlain / archives

[Winnebago, NE] On Friday, July 26th, 2024, members of the Winnebago Tribal Council hosted Nebraska Senator Jane Raybould of Lincoln. Council members present for the meeting held a brief luncheon with the Senator and her family inside the Veteran's Building located at Veteran's Memorial Park. "It was important for the Council to take some time with the esteemed Senator who helped shepherd our bill through the Unicameral during this past legislative session." Winnebago Tribal Council Chairwoman, Victoria Kitcheyan told the WIN following their meeting here.

Senator Raybould represents her district in Lincoln, but was the lead proponent of LB1288, a bill much needed by the Winnebago tribe and all tribal people across the State. Despite not being from our district,

Raybould was able to gather the political support needed to introduce the bill and see it through each of the hurdles during the law-making process within the Nebraska Unicameral. The WIN covered that entire process in previous issues. See CONTINUING COVERAGE.

The Senator also addressed the crowd following the grand entry on Friday afternoon. Expressing her appreciation for the tribe and its members, then continuing with comments about her ongoing support for causes important to all tribes within the State, she was well received by the large gathering of tribal people that day who recognized the importance of the work she continues to drive forward.

Winnebago tribal member and General Counsel for the Tribe, Danelle Smith, was also present during the meeting and accompanied the Chairwoman and the Senator throughout their visit. Smith commented

about the importance of keeping the Tribe in the loop throughout the entire process for LB1288, as this work was performed over the many months it took to create this law. Smith was also CEO of the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) when the bill was first proposed several years ago. Garnering the Governor's signature this year after many unsuccessful attempts prior took tenacity and patience which eventually paid off.

Raybould was accompanied by members of her own family, and they also stayed to enjoy watching the day's events – even sharing a few rounds in the arena. The Senator was presented with a star quilt and a Winnebago basket by the Winnebago Tribal Council in appreciation of her support for our people. Thank you, Senator for your leadership and thank you to all those in Lincoln who helped support a bill that impacts all tribal people in Nebraska.

COMMUNITY

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powwow]. To see all the flags of those brave soldiers flying high above the dance arena is just amazing, and beautiful.”

The powwow set to honor all our veterans has also been a traditional place for our people to hold and take part in certain ceremonies, like feathering of women and girls, bringing folks out of mourning, and even naming of children. This year's event hosted some of those doings, and it also held on for some honoring events produced by members of the tribe.

Thursday's first grand entry sets the tone for the remainder of the weekend. This year immediately after the ceremonies began for Thursday evening's session, the powwow was started with a showcase of two traditional dances, the Swan Dance for our women dancers and the Fish Dance for our men. This year's head dancers were Winnebago's own Dillon Bearskin, a veteran himself, and Christina Parker, a returning head dancer. The WIN interviewed both in the last issue. The people quite enjoyed watching both the dances because they feature some of the more traditional parts of the celebration.

Later that same evening, the powwow got off to a raucous and heated kick with an epic 'Iron Woman' contest, hosted by Virginia Snake-Bumann and her family. "I loved it!" exclaimed a spectator. The whole contest energized the crowd as numerous adult women danced and 'scrubbed' for that

special which lasted for more than twenty straight minutes. Cheers and applause erupted as the competition extended all the dancers to their physical limits. The day's heat came to bear on the participants, but most held out for as long as they could until finally the winner emerged. Covering the dancers, the WIN knew those Iron Women could have probably gone even longer! Snake-Bumann would later go on to win the crown as the 24-25 Winnebago Princess. That crown was awarded to just one selectee this year.

The remainder of the weekend also had its highlights and specialties. The WIN was on hand for the flag raisings, and for all the action up to the final song sang on Sunday evening. If you missed any of it the Big Voice Radio has archived the LIVE STREAM broadcasts on their YouTube channel, under "The Big Voice Radio." Go check them out. We have included some of our favorite photo selections in this issue. There are even more images on our social media pages (Facebook and Instagram).

Congratulations to all the weekend's winners. Thank you to all our veterans. We could not have this incredible celebration without you all. Thank you all for coming. We hope to see you all next year for the 159th Homecoming Celebration to be held on July 24th through July 27th, 2025.

WINN-A-VEGAS DONATES TO WVA



By Brian Chamberlain
Photo by Brian Chamberlain

[Winnebago, NE \ Veteran's Memorial Park] WinnaVegas Casino / Resort has donated \$5,000.00 to the Winnebago Veteran's Association. Following the flag raising ceremony held on Friday morning, casino General Manager, Tom Teesdale proudly announced their support for the WVA by presenting them with a check in that grand amount. Commander for the WVA, Gordon Rave, was on hand to accept the donation. [photographed] "We want to thank [WinnaVegas] for all their support." Rave stated upon hearing the announcement. He happily continued, "[t]he Vets need a lot of things, and this will help." Casino management also stated their pleasure in assisting the WVA in the ways they can because they understand the importance of the WVA in Winnebago and to the Hocak people.

Good job, WinnaVegas! Keep up the great work!

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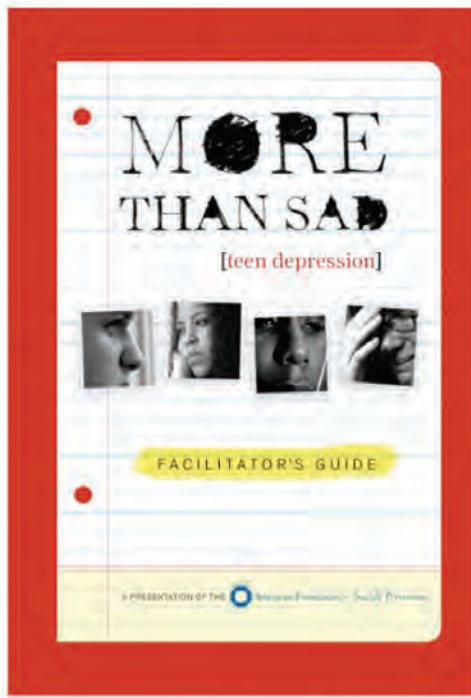
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Letter to the Editor

Happy Retirement



On July 31, Al Martyn retired from Little Priest Tribal College. Thank you for your service to our college. We wish you the very best in your retirement. Al will continue to teach as a Professor Emeritus for the college.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

“For we walk by faith, not by sight”

It was brought to my attention that Jeanie Eagle was commissioned to design and make a banner for the Winnebago Reformed Church. Jeanie undertook this project out of the goodness of her heart using her God-given abilities. The banner displayed the following words from Paul's second letter to the saints at Corinth: "For we walk by faith, not by sight" [2nd Corinthians 5:7 KJV]

Paul uses the words 'walk by' to mean 'the way in which one lives one's life.' Put another way, the way one conducts himself or herself. His or her life should not go against his/her Creator. A redeemed child of God obeys the ways of Creator God as written down in His Sacred Scriptures.

One becomes a redeemed child of God through the Sacred washing of Holy Baptism. That is when one is adopted into God's family. To receive the blessings of life and salvation that are offered in this Sacred event one needs the gift of faith. Therefore these four words 'we walk by faith' are loaded with meaning.

Please note who gives these gifts. Creator God gives the gifts. The gift of adoption as well as the gift of faith. Believers are passive while Creator God, His Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit all have a role in the life of God's children.

You might recall a story about the time that the disciples were all locked in a room, living in fear, when the risen Jesus entered and appeared to the ten. Jesus' first words were 'Peace (Shalom) be with you.' Jesus went on to bless them in this way: 'He

breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone his sins, they are forgiven, if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven" [John 20:22-23 NIV].

There was one disciple who was not with the other ten that Sunday evening. His name was Thomas. When Thomas heard that Jesus had risen from the dead he did not believe. 'He said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it" [John 20:25b NIV].

A week later Jesus disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Once again Jesus appeared and his first words were: "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed" [John 20:26-29].

You and I have not witnessed the birth, the life, the suffering and death, nor the resurrected Jesus. However, in spite of not being eye witnesses we could be blessed with faith. Through such faith we have peace with our Creator. Through such faith it is apparent that we have been inspired by the Spirit of God. And finally, through such faith we live our lives walking according to the will of God. Yes, by the grace and work of God 'we walk by faith, not by sight.'

SUICIDE IN INDIAN COUNTRY PART 52

Is suicide imitated?

Possibly. It may be that a person who is already suicidal might imitate the suicide of a famous person, but even so it is rare. In the 1980's there was a lot of talk about a teenage suicide "epidemic", and about "cluster" and "copy-cat" suicides. There was more talk than action, however. People tend to be very disturbed by a few highly visible suicides. For a few days they talk about how terrible teenage suicide is, but then return to their previous unconcern.

From 1980 to 1985 there was a great deal of publicity about teenage "clusters" and "copy-cat" suicides. In that five year period, about 200 young people died in so-called "clusters". During the same period about 11,000 teenagers killed themselves quietly and independently without verbal or other concern. Two national organizations were formed to combat teenage suicide, but they had a brief life and now exist only in name.

Is it possible to make suicide attractive, glamorous, and romantic to teenagers?

No. Some people believe that a teenage suicide should be virtually ignored. They often hold high positions and have advanced degrees so people assume they are right. These people say friends of a suicide should not be allowed to attend their funeral or honor them in any way. They say there should be no trees planted or memorials to them in yearbooks as is done for other teenagers who die.

This cruel advice is cloaked as concern for other teenagers. It resembles the old punishments of burial outside of cemeteries, trashing the reputation of the suicide, and banning and shunning the family. Out of forty million young people in North America 6,000 kill themselves each year. Common sense shows they are not like lemmings running off a cliff.

Do religious beliefs and taboos prevent suicide?

Yes. Catholics kill themselves least frequently, followed by Jews and Protestants. This does not necessarily result from a belief in life after death. Belief in punishment after death may deter some, but a desire for reunion with a dead loved one may be motive for suicide in other cases.

In one study, however, Catholics killed themselves less than others only when they were the majority of citizens in a community. In general though, a taboo is an unhealthy form of suicide prevention, and takes a heavy toll in damage to families where suicides occur. Historically, the heaviest taboo on suicide was placed by the Catholic Church, but Jews and Protestants were not far behind.

Do most religions give full funeral rites to suicides?

Yes. The major organized religions now realize that suicide is not caused by sin or the devil. They give compassionate and loving burial to people who die by suicide and care deeply for their survivors. Some religious groups still think suicide is a sin, but not an unforgivable one.

There are still some religious groups who treat suicides and their survivors in a harsh and punitive manner; fortunately, they are becoming smaller in number. Actually, suicide was not declared a sin until four hundred years after birth of Jesus. Generally, organized religion recognizes that making suicide a sin hundreds of years ago was a misguided attempt at suicide prevention.

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 1-800-273-8255 (TALK), Winnebago Behavioral Health 1-402-878-2911, After Hours Crisis # 1-712-259-3263.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-130

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
FIONA LOVE SOAP
to FIONA LOVE LONETREE

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-130 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of AUGUST, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-129

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
FLORENCE ASHLEY SOAP
to FLORENCE ASHLEY LONETREE

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-129 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 22ND day of AUGUST, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

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Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-110

In the Matter of the
Guardianship Petition of:
Laura Buchanan
In Re:
A.H (Born 06/2011)

TO: STEPHANIE HARLAN, MOTHER
ALL POSSIBLE FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV24-110 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 19TH day of August, 2024 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV24-124

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
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to ROSE MARIE GRANT

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV24-124 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 8TH day of AUGUST, 2024 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

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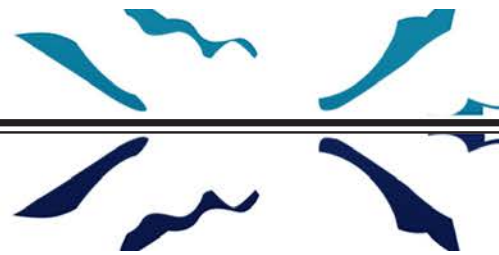
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WINNEBAGO POWWOW 2024



Jr. Boys grand entry



Winnebago Harvest Jr. Princess



Princesses in grand entry



Head Dancers



Two-steppers



Grand Entry Women



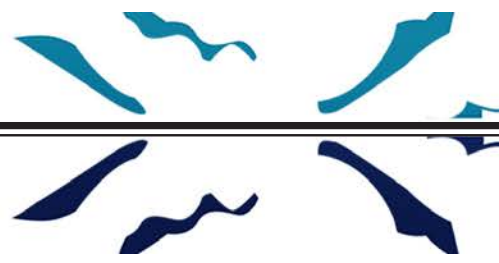
Snake Dancers



Woodland Men Dancers



WINNEBAGO POWWOW 2024



Junior Girls Fancy Shawl



Traditional Dancer, Charles Hindsley



Women's Southern Cloth/Buckskin Dancers



Men's Fancy Dancers



Evening Grand Entry



New Breed Singers



MMIW Dancer



Southern Cloth Dancer

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Question of the Issue:

Tell us about your highlights from the 158th. What are they?

Garan: With all the running around that our communications team did this year. I didn't get a chance to really soak up the powwow energy. I made it a point to stop and dance three intertribals with my son and daughter. It was pretty hot, but the drums sounded amazing, and the grass felt good. That re-energized my soul and I got back to work!

My main highlight was I thought our team did a great job! From the WIN coverage to the Big Voice Live Stream to our WTN Webmaster serving as Head Lady. Our Multi-Media Coordinator, Kevin Ebert helped out greatly and was asked to carry in a flag as a combat veteran. Good job to all of Winnebago and the crews who had a hand in this year's celebration. Please thank the I.T. Department for helping us with connectivity so we could live stream for the elders, the veterans, and those who couldn't make it back to the powwow. Thanks fellas!!!

Brian: The standout experiences from the oldest powwow in North America celebrating the return of Chief Little Priest & the Company A Scouts were: a) Flag raising every morning, b) the Iron Woman contest on Thursday evening – talk about some good dancing! c) the traditional dances for the groupings and of course the Snake Dance. d) the Jaaji burger from stand #2! O! M! G!! & e) Seeing our people happy, dancing and singing all weekend. Can't wait for the 159th!

Tyler: A favorite moment of the 158th, had to be eating in the air conditioned RV.. it was very humid haha. Other than that, watching the iron woman competition!! My calves were on fire just watching lol. Taking pictures over the days is the main favorite! It's fun capturing memories/moments. (the boba lemonade changed my life)

Kevin: **must've got snagged**

Christina: Just to have the honor to lead in the dancers was truly a high-light. Seeing family and friends I haven't seen in a few years! It was nice how everyone looked out for each other, I truly felt the love! Despite the heat, I think everyone enjoyed themselves.

Bethani: My highlights from the 158th Annual Homecoming Celebration would have to be overseeing the livestream production for the powwow. I think it is awesome that we have the capability to provide a home-felt experience to the people who are unable to attend in-person. It is prob my favorite livestream production of the year! I also enjoyed being able to take a break and visit my family, as they had a stand at the powwow this year. I got to eat a Jaji Burger, which was fireeeeeee!!! Oh, and my auntie even had REDBULL at her stand, so I gotta include that. :) Mostly, I enjoyed watching all the dance categories and seeing all the beautiful regalia.



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WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL

PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 & OCTOBER 8, 2024

May 6, 2024	Monday	Draft of Eligible Voters List Posted
June 10, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Monday	Update & Approve Eligible Voters List Nominate Election Board
June 10, 2024	Monday	Post Eligible Voters List-Five (5) Days to Challenge
June 14, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Challenges to Eligible Voters List
June 28, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Friday	Challenges to Eligible Voters List Approved Election Board Officially Appointed
June 28, 2024	Friday	Post Final Eligible Voters List & Tribal Election Code
July 1, 2024	Monday	First Day of Notice of Intent
August 2, 2024	Friday	Last Day of Notice of Intent
August 5, 2024	Monday	List of Candidates Posted
August 5, 2024	Monday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Primary
August 23, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
August 26, 2024	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Primary
September 3, 2024	Tuesday	PRIMARY ELECTION
September 4, 2024	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
September 4, 2024 <i>Special Tribal Council Meeting</i>	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
September 5, 2024	Thursday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services-Regular
September 20, 2024	Friday	Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests
September 24, 2024	Tuesday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out-Regular <i>(WTN closed on 9/23/24 due to Tribal holiday)</i>
October 8, 2024	Tuesday	REGULAR ELECTION
October 9, 2024	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members Oath of Office Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members



2024 WINNEBAGO POWWOW WINNERS

JUNIOR GIRLS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE

1st Place: LETTIE HULIT • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: ROSELLA WALKER • NEKOOSA, WI
 3rd Place: ZAILEY GRANT • SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE
 4th Place: CARLENA BASS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: DALISE BLACKFISH • WINNEBAGO, NE

JUNIOR GIRLS TRADITIONAL COMBINED

1st Place: MICKAYLA BEAR ROBE • MISSION, SD
 2nd Place: MIKAYLA HOWARD • BLOOMFIELD, NM
 3rd Place: KIALI THOMPSON • HORTON, KS
 4th Place: CAROLYN PARKER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: EMMA ROBERTS • TAMA, IA

JUNIOR GIRLS JINGLE

1st Place: WIGMUKE PRIMEAUX • RAPID CITY, SD
 2nd Place: NYAH PONKILLA • SAPULPA, OK
 3rd Place: PAYTON MILLER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: RYLEIGH ROMERO • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: CAMBREE MEDICINE BIRD • LOWER BRULE, SD

JUNIOR GIRLS FANCY SHAWL

1st Place: SELENA KAQUATOSH • KESHENA, WI
 2nd Place: AUBRIELLE WHITE EYES • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: WAKIYA DOLEZAL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: MARISOL TAMAYO • OMAHA, NE
 5th Place: LYDIA SHERIDAN • PRAIRIE DU SAC, WI

JUNIOR BOYS WOODLAND

1st Place: WAMBLI DOLEZAL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: LONDON WILLIAMS • NEOPIT, WI
 3rd Place: EJ MILLER • BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
 4th Place: ORION CERVANTES • SHAWNEE, OK
 5th Place: SEAN BEAR • WINNEBAGO, NE

JUNIOR BOYS TRADITIONAL

1st Place: KYSEN HAMILTON • MACY, NE
 2nd Place: ANSLEY GRIFFIN III • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: ANDREWJAY IRONSHHELL • SIOUX CITY, IA

JUNIOR BOYS GRASS

1st Place: SIKIMOIHKITOPI WAGNER • STARR SCHOOL, MT
 2nd Place: KEON LYONS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: ASHTON LYONS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: KLAY LOVEJOY • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: HELUSHKA PRIMEAUX • RAPID CITY, SD

JUNIOR BOYS FANCY

1st Place: DEACON MILLER • WALTHILL, NE
 2nd Place: BRAXTON VARGAS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: MARLIN CLEVELAND • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: JEFFREY BERRIDGE • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: BLAKE MCCAULEY • MACY, NE

TEEN GIRLS APPLIQUE

1st Place: CALY WOLFLEADER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: DACIA WARRINGTON • SAVAGE, MN
 3rd Place: JULIA PETTIBONE • HAYWARD, WI
 4th Place: SENECA PYAWASIT • LAC FLAMBEAU, WI
 5th Place: AVA PETTIBONE • HAYWARD, WI

TEEN GIRLS TRADITIONAL

1st Place: NOKIE TRUJILLO • DUCHSENE, UT
 2nd Place: JUSTINA ELKRIVER • MAYETTA, KS
 3rd Place: PARIS LAPOINTE • BRAINERD, MN
 4th Place: TATUM BURGESS • CACHE, OK
 5th Place: MACI HAYES • MACY, NE

TEEN GIRLS JINGLE

1st Place: NAOMI IKE • OMAHA, NE
 2nd Place: LOURDES DUPPRIS • EAGLE BUTTE, SD
 3rd Place: LILY GRANT • BLOOMFIELD, SD
 4th Place: JOCELYN PARKER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: TAEALYN REDBOY, LAWRENCE, KS

TEEN GIRLS FANCY SHAWL

1st Place: TALIA ROBERTSON • SISSETON, SD
 2nd Place: MIMI COONS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: KARIS MILLER • MAYETTA, KS
 4th Place: EMBER-SKY PRIMEAUX • SAPULPA, OK
 5th Place: PAULA CLOUD • LAKE DELTON, WI

TEEN BOYS WOODLAND

1st Place: MISU DOLEZAL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: PAYTON ROBERTS PELKEY • LAWRENCE, KS
 3rd Place: FRANCIS DELABREAU • NEOPIT, WI

TEEN BOYS TRADITIONAL

1st Place: ODIE TRUJILLO • DUCHESNE, UT
 2nd Place: ELIAS LEONARD • BARABOO, WI
 3rd Place: AVANDER GALVIN • MACY, NE
 4th Place: AISON FUNMAKER • WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
 5th Place: CHAZ VARGAS • WALTHILL, NE

TEEN BOYS GRASS

1st Place: OMANI CLAIRMONT • MARSHALL, IA
 2nd Place: LEVI CLEVELAND • EAU CLAIRE, WI
 3rd Place: AIDEN DALE • MACY, NE
 4th Place: RYLAN PARKER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: HAYDEN HOCKLEY • EL DORADO, KS

TEENS BOYS FANCY

1st Place: PERSHING KAQUATOSH • KESHENA, WI
 2nd Place: KANE SHERIDAN • MACY, NE
 3rd Place: PATRICK BURTT • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: CADIN PAINTER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: JADEN PAINTER • WINNEBAGO, NE

JR WOMENS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE

1st Place: BRITTANY PELKEY • LAWRENCE, KS
 2nd Place: CALISTA STUMBLINGBEAR • BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI
 3rd Place: KAIRA WOLFE • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: SHAUNDIIN LONG • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: TIA LONETREE-GRAY • AVONDALE, AZ

JR WOMENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: TASHINA REDHAWK • MISSION, SD
 2nd Place: SOPHIE TIGER • CACHE, OK
 3rd Place: FAITH GOOD STRIKER • PEYTON, CO
 4th Place: MORGAN THOMAS • MAYETTA, KS
 5th Place: KATHRYN KIDD • DUCHESNE, UT

JR WOMENS SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: BLAKE CUNNINGHAM • PAWHUSKA, OK
 2nd Place: ASKIW ROAN • PIGEON LAKE, AL
 3rd Place: NAOMI NEVAQUAYA • APACHE, OK
 4th Place: AMAYA CLARK • WALTHILL, NE
 5th Place: TAVEY SHERIDAN • SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NE

JR WOMENS JINGLE

1st Place: ASJHA TVETER • PEYTON, CO
 2nd Place: JAZLEA ARCORN • ROSEBUD, SD
 3rd Place: REBEKAH NEVAQUAYA • APACHE, OK
 4th Place: MADELINE CLEVELAND • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: LORRAINA THOMPSON • SHAWANO, WI

JR WOMENS FANCY SHAWL

1st Place: OKETWSHA ROBERTS • ATWOOD, OK
 2nd Place: SHANDIIN JACK • BARABOO, WI
 3rd Place: ALICIA SCHOLFIELD • MAYETTA, KS
 4th Place: ZEARA KAPAYOU • MONTOUR, IA
 5th Place: LEAH GOSSARD • LINCOLN, NE

JR MENS WOODLAND

1st Place: DJ SCOTT • TOMAH, WI
 2nd Place: CORDELL FUNMAKER • MADISON, WI
 3rd Place: DOUG THOMAS • TAMA, IA
 4th Place: KYLE SINE • SAPULPA, OK
 5th Place: AKICITA IRVING • MAYETTA, KS

JR MENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: THERON OLNEY • FLAGSTAFF, AZ
 2nd Place: ELIJAH LEONARD • BARABOO, WI
 3rd Place: RICK PARKER • WALTHILL, NE
 3rd Place: JAMES MORRIS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: SHANE FUNMAKER • REEDSBURG, WI

JR MENS SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

1st Place: ROSS VICTORS • WICHITA, KS

JR MENS GRASS

1st Place: TYRIN LASLEY • TAMA, IA
 2nd Place: HOCOKAN TWO EAGLE • ROSEBUD, SD
 3rd Place: WAMBDI CLAIRMONT • LAWRENCE, KS
 4th Place: NAHCS WAHWASSUCK • MAYETTA, KS
 5th Place: DARRELL BLACKBIRD III • MACY, NE

JR MENS FANCY

1st Place: CANKU ONE STAR • ROSEBUD, SD
 2nd Place: DANIEL SCHOLFIELD • MAYETTA, KS
 3rd Place: DASAN SCHOLFIELD • MAYETTA, KS
 4th Place: PRESTON OLNEY • FLAGSTAFF, AZ
 5th Place: DYAMI BERRIDGE • WINNEBAGO, NE

SR WOMENS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE

1st Place: ANDREA SNOWBALL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: SEMIA SNOWBALL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: AUTUMN WHITE • BLACK RIVER, WI
 4th Place: ANNE THUNDERCLOUD • TOMAH, WI
 5th Place: TIFFANI WARNER • WINNEBAGO, NE

SR WOMENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: MARIA GARCIA • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: DELLA SPOTTED TAIL • ROSEBUD, SD
 3rd Place: DANIELLE DECOTEAU • PEEVER, SD
 4th Place: ALISON SAUNSOCCI • WALTHILL, NE
 5th Place: NAOMI PETERS • WAUSAU, WI

SR WOMENS SOUTHERN BUCKSKIN/CLOTH

1st Place: BRIDGET MORRIS • WALTHILL, NE
 2nd Place: MYCHAL GRANT • BLOOMFIELD, NM
 3rd Place: LATONDA MORRIS • MACY, NE
 4th Place: JANET SAUPITTY • CACHE, OK
 5th Place: SNOW WING WAGNER • STARR SCHOOL, MT

SR WOMENS JINGLE

1st Place: KIMBERLY BIG BEAR • GARRISON, MN
 2nd Place: TANKSI CLAIRMONT • MARSHALL, IA
 3rd Place: RACHEL ESPINO • BROOKLYN PARK, MN
 4th Place: ASHLEY LEE • SISSETON, SD

SR WOMENS FANCY SHAWL

1st Place: JOSETTE SCHOLFIELD • MAYETTA, KS
 2nd Place: MARLO LANGDEAU • LOWER BRULE, SD
 3rd Place: ASHLEE JACOBSEN • PERKINS, OK

SR MENS WOODLAND

1st Place: DARREL DELABREAU • NEOPIT, WI
 2nd Place: VJ WOLFLEADER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: PAUL SYRETTE • PORTAGE, MI
 4th Place: JAIME CERVANTES • SHAWNEE, OK
 5th Place: JOSH ZUNKER • SCHOFIELD, WI

SR MENS NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: GEORGE GREEN • MINNEAPOLIS, MN
 2nd Place: LES PAINTER • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: HOONCHPENASHEGA CLEVELAND • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: QUINCE BASS • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: SAMUEL GRANT • WALTHILL, NE

SR MENS SOUTHERN STRAIGHT

1st Place: ERWIN MORRIS • WALTHILL, NE
 2nd Place: MARSHALL FUNMAKER • AVONDALE, AZ
 3rd Place: SKKYLER SNOWBALL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 4th Place: HERMAN PARKER • MACY, NE
 5th Place: SHUDE VICTORS • WICHITA, KS

SR MENS GRASS

1st Place: HAGA CLEVELAND • WINNEBAGO, NE
 2nd Place: ADRIAN PRIMEAUX • RAPID CITY, SD
 3rd Place: GUY FOX • FARGO, ND
 4th Place: JOHN SNOWBALL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 5th Place: ISREAL HARLAN • WALTHILL, NE

SR MENS FANCY

1st Place: DOUGLAS SCHOLFIELD • MAYETTA, KS
 2nd Place: SHORTY CRAWFORD • FARGO, ND
 3rd Place: AMOS LITTLECROW • RED ROCK, OK
 4th Place: MARCUS GARDNER • ETHETE, WY

GOLDEN AGE WOMENS HOCHUNK APPLIQUE

1st Place: VICKIE HINDSLEY • WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
 2nd Place: CHERYL FUNMAKER • WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
 3rd Place: GRACE SNOWBALL-EARTH • WINNEBAGO, NE

GOLDEN AGE WOMENS NORTHERN & SOUTHERN TRADITIONAL

1st Place: MARY-LOU DUCHARME • BROKENHEAD, MB
 2nd Place: TERRY GRANT • BLOOMFIELD, NM
 3rd Place: RHONDA KAMPESKA • WAUBAY, SD
 4th Place: NADINE MCKEE • LACROSSE, WI

GOLDEN AGE WOMENS FANCY SHAWL

1st Place: ALICE GOVER • PERKINS, OK
 2nd Place: CODI HIGH ELK • DUPREE, SD

GOLDEN AGE WOMENS JINGLE

1st Place: JENNY WILKIE • WAHPETON, ND
 2nd Place: THELMA WHITEWATER • WINNEBAGO, NE

GOLDEN AGE MEN WOODLAND

1st Place: KEN FUNMAKER • WISCONSIN DELLS, WI
 2nd Place: DENNIS YOUNGBEAR • MONTOUR, IA

GOLDEN AGE MENS NORTHERN & SOUTHERN COMBINED

1st Place: PATRICK MOORE • GUTHERIE, OK
 2nd Place: CHARLES HINDSLEY • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: WILLIAM GILBERT • FLANDREAU, SD
 4th Place: DENNIS YOUNGBEAR • MONTOUR, IA
 5th Place: BRIAN ROBERTSON • SISSETON, SD

GOLDEN AGE MENS GRASS

1st Place: TODD IKE • OMAHA, NE
 2nd Place: KENNARD PARKER • MACY, NE
 3rd Place: SIDNEY KEAHNA • TAMA, IA

GOLDEN AGE MEN FANCY

1st Place: THORPE SINE • GLENPOOL, OK
 2nd Place: PETE SNOWBALL • WINNEBAGO, NE
 3rd Place: MIKE SCHEIBLHOFER • OMAHA, NE

DRUM CONTEST WINNERS:

INVITED ONLY SINGING CONTEST:

1st Place: MOTOWN
 2nd Place: SMOKEY TOWN
 3rd Place: WHITETAIL BOYZ
 4th Place: HAY CREEK
 5th Place: YOUNG BEAR

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Con't. from last issue...

Enrollment 638 Contract have not received the full allocation and the BIA has not responded.

Eugene DeCora motioned to authorize Tribal Administration to work with Legal to follow-up. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

2024 Annual Homecoming Pow-Wow Budget

Eugene DeCora will bring the Budget back after the Pow-Wow Committee meets next week. No action.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to go into Executive Session. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 10:43 a.m.

IS – in at 11:00 a.m.
TL – out at 12:30 p.m.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 2:14 p.m.

Isaac Smith motioned to adjourn. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the Meeting at 2:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora
Tribal Council Secretary*

Thurston County do not have jurisdiction on the Winnebago Reservation to pursue vehicles onto the Reservation down to our river bottom roads. This is regarding a Dakota County Deputy pursuing a vehicle onto the reservation last week & claiming he has jurisdiction because Dakota County is on the federal task force. District One, BIA-OJS is investigating this pursuit.

US Attorney Update – Susan Lehr, US Attorney & Lecia Wright, Assistant US Attorney. Provided an update on Federal Convictions since their last Update. US Attorney's Office out of Omaha is working on a collaboration with the Winnebago Public School for education.

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

In Executive Session.

Isaac Smith motioned to come out of Executive Session. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

Fire Department Update – presented by Volunteer Fire Chief Isaac Smith

The Winnebago Volunteer Fire Department has not received the 638 Funds for the Volunteer Fire Department they use for maintenance & servicing the Fire vehicles of \$5,000.00 per year, since 2022.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to request the Treasurer, CFO, Grants & Contracts Specialist to research how the Winnebago Volunteer Fire Department can access the \$5,000.00 per year from the Winnebago Tribe's 638 funds since 2022. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:27 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary*

Aric Armell motioned to adopt Resolution #24-154 Declaration of State of Emergency for the Winnebago Reservation Flooding. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the Meeting at 2:03 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING July 1, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:
Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – in at 9:45 a.m.

Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora Sr.

Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell – in at 9:20 a.m.

Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:
Tyresha Romero
Lynelle Blackhawk

Christina Parker
Brandon Stout
Garan Coons
Cecelia Earth

Kellie Snow
Esther Mercer
Jasmine Lammer
Barbara Pretends Eagle

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:18 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Eugene DeCora Sr.

AGENDA:
Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan thanked our team that worked together to prevent flooding at our WinnaVegas Casino Resort.

READING OF THE MINUTES:
AA – in at 9:20 a.m.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the June 17, 2024 Mid-Monthly Meeting Minutes. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve the June 20, 2024 General Counsel Meeting Minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the June 21, 2024 CEO Report Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve the June 24, 2024 Law Enforcement, Fire Department & U.S. Attorney Updates Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the June 24, 2024 Special Emergency Meeting on Flooding Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve the June 24, 2024 Special Emergency Meeting on Flooding Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the June 24, 2024 Special Emergency Meeting on Flooding Meeting Minutes. Coly Brown seconded.

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

RATIFY THE FIVE SIGNATURES:
NEW BUSINESS:
Credit Committee By-Laws & Forms Update

Aric Armell motioned to refer the Credit Committee to the General Counsel to assist with updating the Credit Committee By-Laws and Forms. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

OLD BUSINESS:
TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:
EXECUTIVE SESSION: Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 9:25 a.m.

IS – in at 9:45 a.m.

Coly Brown motioned to come out of Executive Session. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 10:59 a.m.

ADJOURN:
Coly Brown motioned to Adjourn. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT July 1, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:
Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith

Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora Sr.
Coly Brown

Kenneth Mallory – in at 2:20 p.m.

Aric Armell
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:
Mike Means
Petra Nielsen

Tom Teesdale
Ray Thomas
Christian Rogers
Christina Parker

Mark Aldrich
Angel Derochie
Barbara Pretends Eagle
Cecelia Earth

Garan Coons
Beth Wewel
David Edwards
Kiva Harden

Nakia Mallory
Jasmine Lammers
Lance Morgan
Tanya Baker

Tyresha Romero
Terri Lee Medina
Billie Kitcheyan

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting to Order at 1:02 p.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Aric Armell

AGENDA: Add: 1) IT Camera Placement Map; 2) Procurement Policy Revision Below \$3,000.00; 3) Executive Session; 4) Pyro Technicians for the July 3, 2024 Winnebago Fire Works Display.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

WCHS – presented by Beth Wewel & David Edwards

Working on bonding for their finances. Will follow-up with the General Counsel.

IS – out RS - out

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the May 2024 WCHS Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Winnebago Gaming Commission – presented by Nakia Mallory

Gaming Commission is updating their Quickbooks. Will send an updated

Aric Armell motioned to accept the May 2024 Winnebago Gaming Commission Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

RS - back

War Horse – presented by Lance Morgan and Angel Derochie

HCI brought the 2024 29% non-gaming dividend to the Winnebago Tribe of 2.4 million.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to accept the May 2024 War Horse Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Lorelei DeCora expressed appreciation to HCI for the 2024 non-gaming dividend.

IS - back

WinnaVegas Casino – presented by Tom Teesdale and Mike Means

Discussion on the aging water & sewer systems and they are currently at capacity. Discussion on the hotel structural issues. Estimated repairs & updates is \$395,561.00. There will be further discussion with the Tribal Council on these issues.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the May 2024 WinnaVegas Casino Financial Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Break

Winnebago Gaming Development Corporation, Iron Horse/Native Start Casinos – presented by Sharon Chamberlain

Aric Armell motioned for the WGDC to work with WinnaVegas on the template for their monthly financial report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to accept the WGDC April 2024 Financial Report. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to waive the monthly lease fee of \$2,685/month for the Native Star on a temporary basis until renewal in September 2024. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Break

CFO Report – presented by Jasmine Lammers

Winnebago Indian News Ad Rate Policy

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the new Winnebago Indian News Ad Rate Policy. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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

Data Center Policy
Eugene DeCora motioned to table the Data Center Policy until the next General Counsel Meeting. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Travel and Expense Reimbursement Policy. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve adding an exception to the Payroll Advance Policy: An exception to the Payroll Advance Policy to allow an additional advance during the week of Pow-wow 2024 and 6 months of employment to 1 month. Eligibility is requested by COB

7-22-24 and Docusign approved by 12 p.m. Tuesday 7-23-24. The advance will be available on Wednesday 7-24-24. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Procurement Policy Revision Below \$3,000.00

Lorelei DeCora motioned there should be no conflict of interest when the programs are getting services like food in their staff development. Aric Armell seconded.

OBJECT: ED, RS

VOTE: (2) yes, LD, AA (6) no, RS, TL, KM, CB, IS, ED (0) abstain
Motion failed.

Exact amount of the HCI 29% of the Non-Gaming Dividend is \$2,488,991.00.

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

Fiber Optic Project. The CFO has met with them a few times about a Business Plan
Aric Armell motioned to accept the May 2024 CFO Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

2024 Annual Homecoming Pow-wow Budget

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the 158 Annual Chief Little Priest Return of the Omaha Scouts Pow-Wow Budget of \$279,500.00. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to go into Executive Session. Aric Armell seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 4:40 p.m.

LD – out 4:41 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.

Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 5:32 p.m.

Aric Armell motioned to approve \$100 stipend for the Pyr0-Techs, July 3, 2024 Community Fire Works Display, for insurance purposes from Tribal Council Donations. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.

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*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary,
Winnebago Tribal Council
Concur:*

*Victoria Kitcheyan,
Tribal Chairwoman,
Winnebago Tribal Council*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA MEET AND GREET WITH THE WINNEBAGO RECOVERY PROGRAM July 2, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer – in at 9:08 a.m.
Eugene DeCora Sr. – Absent
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell – in at 9:13 a.m.
Teresa Littlegeorge – PTO

OTHERS:

Victor Behrig
Dr. Mona Zuffante
Amanda Stevens

Scott Alrich
Kevin Ebert
David Edwards
Nate Big Fire

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:06 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Vice-Chairman Isaac Smith

AGENDA: Meet and Greet With the Winnebago Recovery PrograS

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

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

RS – in at 9:08 a.m.

Victor Gehrig, Winnebago Recovery Program Director

The Haft-Way House is a 10 bed unit.

Discussion

AA – in at 9:13 a.m.

Isaac Smith motioned to set up follow-up on the Winnebago Recovery Program on Monday, August 5, 2024 in the Regular Tribal Council meeting. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Isaac Smith motioned to go into Executive Session. Aric Armell seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 10:19 a.m.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 11:43 a.m.

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn.

Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora, Secretary,
Winnebago Tribal Council*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT July 8, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan – PTO
Isaac Smith – PTO
Lorelei DeCora
Rona Stealer
Eugene DeCora Sr.
Coly Brown
Kenneth Mallory
Aric Armell – Absent
Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Lynelle Blackhawk
Cecelia Earth
Esther Mercer
Ireta Frazier
Autumn Nieman
Julie Smithart
Brittany Thomas
Fannie LaTray
Robin Armell
Kevin Ebert
Jasmine Lammers
Ron Nohr
James Price
Kate Curl

CALL TO ORDER: Tribal Council Secretary Lorelei DeCora Called the Meeting To Order at 9:05 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Coly Brown

AGENDA: Add: FY 2025 Winnebago Tribe ICDBG Infrastructure Grant; Add: Winnebago Tribe FY 2025 EPA General Assistance Program Grant; Add Executive Session.

Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Land Management – presented by Fannie LaTray

South Thunderway Subdivision

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-160 approve the South of Thunderway Subdivision containing 31 Lots for additional housing on the Winnebago Reservation for the Winnebago enrolled members. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to rescind the motion that approved the Acorn Contract for the Land Use Plan. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Olsson Proposal of \$85,000.00 for the Land Use Plan. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Emergency Management – presented by Julie Smithart.

August 20-22, 2024 Public Information Officer training scheduled and no one has signed up for it yet. FEMA is providing the training. Is there going to be a

charge for the food since the Winnebago Tribe is responsible for the food during the training? Garan and Julie came up with the recommended list of who should be in the training. Julie is continuing to work on the Hazard Mitigation Plan with the contractor. They will schedule a meet & greet with the Tribal Council for a future date. Emergency Management, Julie was denied access to the Casino Land by Woodbury County when she attempted to enter in a Winnebago Tribe Logo-marked vehicle during the threatened flooding. A letter from the Winnebago Tribe should be sent to Woodbury County, our Emergency Management must be granted access onto our Casino lands when there is threatened flooding to act in an Emergency Management Capacity. Julie has completed Salamander Training to make IDs during an emergency.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the June 2024 Emergency Management Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Physical Resources Report – presented by Ireta Frazier & Autumn Nieman

Tribal Housing. Councilwoman DeCora asked if Tribal Housing obtains a baseline test on meth before a tenant moves in and is there random meth testing ongoing in the Tribal Housing Units? Ireta explained the cost of meth baseline testing and random meth testing is very expensive. Councilwoman DeCora requested for the public safety these meth tests at baseline and randomly are a public health measure and the Policy needs to be written on this and the funding located for the testing.

Eugene DeCora motioned to accept the Physical Resources June 2024 Report. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Break

Native Star Building Maintenance – presented by Ireta Frazier, James Price & Ron Nohr

On 7/3/24 the roof leaked over the Casino due to a solar panel pipes blown apart. On 6/17/24 had a clogged floor drain. Morning-side Plumbing found a collapsed pipe under the floor that leads to the grease trap. Zach will camera that area. In the Kitchen there was a freezer building up ice and broke a pipe. 2 HVAC units had to be replaced above the laundromat. Toilets are leaking.

Christiansen Construction built the building over 40 years ago. Ron says while these smaller separate repairs are expensive, the actual building is structurally sound. Physical Resources will do a scope of work & a budget for these repairs and bring it back to the Tribal Council.

Three Parks/Playgrounds

There is \$870,000.00 available. HCI Bid 1.2 million (the lowest bid), so are short \$300,000.00 to \$400,000.00. There will be a meeting on Wednesday to get the project within budget.

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt Resolution #24-161 approve the FY 2025 Winnebago Tribe ICDBG Infrastructure Grant of \$1,641,060,00 from HUD ICDBG Single Purpose Infrastructure for the South Thunderway Development. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Resolution #24-162, approve the Winnebago Tribe FY 2025 EPA General Assistance Program grant of \$133,592.00 with proposed work plan for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Environmental Program Department. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to go into Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

In Executive Session at 10:47 a.m.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to come out of Executive Session. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 10:57 a.m.
Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Tribal Council Secretary Lorelei DeCora adjourned the meeting at 10:58 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Lorelei DeCora,
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary*

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT July 10, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL:

Victoria Kitcheyan
Isaac Smith – in at 10:33 a.m.

Lorelei DeCora -out at 2:40 p.m.

Rona Stealer

Eugene DeCora Sr.

Coly Brown – out at 9:25 a.m.

Kenneth Mallory – in at 9:05 a.m.

Aric Armell – in at 9:14 a.m.

Teresa Littlegeorge

OTHERS:

Brittany Thomas

Michelle LeMere

Kevin Ebert

Kellie Snow

Esias Roberts

Patrice Bass

Esther Mercer

Lewis St. Cyr

Tyresha Romero

Brandon Stout

Kiana Lewis

Willy Bass

Amy LaPointe

Janelle DeCora

Terri Lee Medina

Ireta Frazier

Cecelia Earth

Billie Kitcheyan

Garan Coons

Kathy LaRose

Corrine Gilpin

Cela Payer

Emily Smith

Summer Snow

Elaine Rice Decorah

Gabriel Aldrich

Caprice Snow

Jacob Walker

Maria Scott

Pernell Blackfish Jr.

Darian Rave

John Rave

Craig Cleveland Jr.

My Soul Earth Kearnes

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called the Meeting To Order at 9:04 a.m.

PRAYER: Offered by Eugene DeCora

AGENDA: Add under 4. C. Resolution #24-161A Amendment; add under 6.b. 2024 Annual Homecoming Pow-wow Budget; add MMIR Pow-wow.

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

CEO Report – presented by Esther Mercer

Discussion on Child Support Arrearages. Other discussion.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to accept the June 2024 CEO Report. Aric Armell seconded.

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

CAO Report – presented by Lynelle Blackhawk

Ho-Chunk Giving Program Discussion. Two Tribal Council priorities for the Ho-Chunk Giving Program is the Veterans Park Renovation and a Splash Pad in the community. There will be another survey to get more input on priorities from the Tribal employees.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to accept the June 2024 CAO Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Break

Camera Surveillance Policy
Worked on by CFO, Information Technology and Finance.

Discussion

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Camera Surveillance Policy as presented. Eugene DeCora seconded.

OBJECT: KM, LD

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

Ho-Chunk Youth Council Board Applicants

Eugene DeCora motioned to appoint Camden Cleveland to the Ho-Chunk Youth Council Board. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Discussion

Rona Stealer motioned to nominate Lula DeCora for appointment to the Ho-Chunk Youth Council Board. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

OBJECT: LD

VOTE: (4) yes, KM, TL, RS, AA (1) no (1) abstain, ED Motion carried.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to appoint Anna Berridge to the Ho-Chunk Youth Council Board. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to keep advertising for 2 Ho-Chunk Youth Council vacancies. Kenneth Mallory seconded.

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

Boys & Girls Club of Hocak Nisoc Haci MOU

Kenneth Mallory motioned to adopt Resolution #24-163, approve the Boys & Girls Club of Hocak Nisoc Haci Memorandum of Agreement

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

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