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Local Winnebago Sons are going to State!

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Deer Pawing Moon



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IN HONOR OF Neola Walker

Our masthead for this issue features the icon representing the Wolf Clan / Sukjak Hiki-karac. The Wolf Clan held various functions related to social welfare, administering public health, and safety. The Wolf Clan was also called upon to still the winds and served as soldiers in combat. Clan members may have served as scouts for the tribe. The Wolf Clan is one of the eight Earth clans. The wolf's cry is associated with music, as represented by the drum and gourd. Families within the Wolf clan include: Brown, Buchanan, Free, French, Greyhair, Lewis, Logan, Rave, Sun, Tebo (Teboe), Thomas, White, and Wolfe (Wolf). Our thanks to the HoChunk Renaissance Department for providing their guidance with the information shared here.

GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE

VOTE '24 it matters

By Brian Chamberlain / Garan Coons  
Graphic by Christina Parker

[Winnebago, NE] The national elections are just around the corner and the time is upon us all to go to the polls so we can exercise our rights to vote. Election Day is Tuesday, November 5th, 2024. This is the day when the American people will select a new President of the United States. But there are also several other electoral decisions to be made. "Honor our veterans and those who fought for our right to vote by getting to the polls on Election Day." Lorelei Decora, Tribal Council member, said in a recent meeting.

Presidential elections are considered to be the lead event for all elections, and this time around the stakes could not be higher. Earlier this year, President Joe Biden patriotically chose not to seek re-election this Fall. Although he could have served another term constitutionally. Instead, Biden abdicated his post in a rare display of humility in modern day politics. One voter told the WIN, "[ ] his decision was a shocking moment for us all. But I understand his choice and respect [the President] even more because of it." The move setting up Vice-President, Kamala Harris, to gain the nomination of the Democratic Party at their National Convention held in Chicago, Illinois late this past Summer.

Locally, tribal leadership has been pushing for voter turnout here in Winnebago. Tribal Council members met several times to discuss how best to create outreach for our membership and how to get them to go vote come November 5th. Garan Coons, Communication Officer for the Tribe said, "This matter is extremely important. Not only to the organization, but also to the people of Winnebago. We'll do what we can to help educate the membership when they go vote that day."

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GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION APPROVED

Winnebago Tribal Members  
GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION PAYMENT  
\$500 PAYMENT ADULTS 18+  
MUST BE 18 BY OCTOBER 19 TO GET ADULT PAYMENT  
\$150 MINORS INTO TRUST ACCOUNT  
ADULT TRIBAL MEMBERS  
WILL NEED TO APPLY ELECTRONICALLY  
FOR THIS PAYMENT BY NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>.  
SCAN CODE [QR CODE] TO APPLY  
\* Minors don't need to apply it will be deposited electronically to their minor trust account.  
Select ACH deposit or Check  
ACH distribution on November 26<sup>th</sup> - Deposited into bank account  
In-person check distribution on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> and Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> at BHCC Gym.  
CHECKS NOT CASHED BY 12/31/2024 WILL NOT BE REISSUED.  
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By Brian Chamberlain / Garan Coons  
Photos: archive

CONTINUING COVERAGE  
[Winnebago, NE] As reported in our 10/12/2024 issue, the Winnebago Tribal Council approved the payment of a General Welfare Exclusion Payment for our Winnebago tribal membership. The payment of Five-Hundred dollars (\$500) was approved for all enrolled tribal member adults with the distribution information still pending at that time. Minors were approved for One-Hundred Fifty dollars (\$150) to be added to their trust accounts. "We must work to ensure that all our people are included in the bounty of

our tribal operations. This is one way we can do that." Tribal Council Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan said following the passage of the measure.

Details on distribution are included below as some administrative pathways must be recognized following the approval. The word needs to be shared not only about the approval, but the distributions' information is important and must reach the membership quickly, as deadlines are soon approaching. WTN CFO, Jasmine Lammers, advised the Council that the parameters of the payment will have some important stipulations, and the membership must be armed with that

information to avoid confusion. In summary, that information remains:

- Must have been enrolled by October 9th, 2024.
- Adult members must apply by November 15th, 2024 - NO EXCEPTIONS!
- Minors do not need to apply. Their funds will be automatically deposited into their individual trust account(s).
- Adults filing electronically with banking information may be eligible for ACH disbursement paid on November 26th, 2024.

Nışoc Niḡešana  
Bago Bits  
By: Tyler Snake



The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System held a Breast Cancer Awareness Walk on October 17th. The goal of the event was to share knowledge about early detection, which saves lives. Attendees supported the cause by wearing pink and walking a mile. Screenings for breast and lung cancer are still available at Twelve Clans Unity Hospital. Other incentives included food, gift cards and T-shirts. (Photo by Kevin Ebert)



Winnebago Indians Varsity football team played against rival team Omaha Nation Chiefs on October 17th. The final score was 48-14. Continuing undefeated going 8-0, next up are the playoffs. WTN Communications livestream Crew were streaming the game with commentary. For those wanting to watch past/future livestreams visit The Big Voice Radio on YouTube. #GoBigBlue (Photos by Kevin Ebert)



October 18th the Boys & Girls Club of the Hocak Nisoc Haci worked with local departments for a Zombie Party! Youth were kept entertained with a zombie walk, pumpkin painting, a bouncy house, cake walks and more. Shoutout to WTN Human Services, Wildlife & Parks, Winnebago Public Health Dept and HoChunk Inc for collaborating on the event for the Community.

# COMMUNITY

**...Cont. from front page GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE...**

Here in Nebraska, we will also be voting for both U.S. Senate seats. Incumbent Senators Deb Fischer and Pete Ricketts are both on the ballot. Fischer is in the normal term of the seat, but Ricketts was filling the seat vacated by the untimely resignation of Ben Sasse. Fischer faces a challenge from Independent candidate, Dan Osborne. Democratic nominee, Preston Love, Jr., of Omaha faces Ricketts. Both Senate seats are hotly contested and will be filled by the voters, along with the normal re-election efforts of all three U.S. House of Representatives posts. Local House 3rd District incumbent, Adrian Smith, is also seeking re-election.

There are also a number of ballot initiatives to be decided upon as well as local elections that have choices to be made. Women's Healthcare rights are on the ballot twice, as are workers rights, and even whether public tax dollars should be used for private schools. Nebraska Democratic Party Chair, Jane Kleeb, visited the constituency of Winnebago recently telling the WIN the perspective of her party. Kleeb was elected Chair of the State Party in 2016. Speaking alongside long-time Democratic Party official, Cynthia LaMere, the duo led discussions on voter registration dates and notices, as well as their party's position on the matters identified on this year's ballot. "Lift your tribal voices so that we can be

heard." LaMere told the WIN during a recent interview.

LaMere was also a delegate to the National Convention held in Chicago. She had the unique distinction of not only introducing the State of Nebraska, but also chose to eloquently identify the Native tribes of our State in her speech. Chairwoman Kitcheyan stated following the world-wide broadcast, "It was an incredible moment for our tribe and all Indian people. Our voices matter and are being heard."

Voter registration in Nebraska is still open as of press time, and early voting has also begun. Voter resources can be found online at [www.sos.nebraska.gov](http://www.sos.nebraska.gov) or you may call the Thurston County Clerk in Pender, NE for more information. Internet search engines will also help provide guidance to the resources you're seeking.

It is extremely important for all our people to be registered to vote, so please make sure you are registered to vote. Also, Nebraska law now requires a photo ID to vote in person. State issued IDs, Driver's Licenses, and Tribal IDs are valid at all polling places. We repeat, TRIBAL IDs (with photo) ARE VALID forms of identification. So, get out and vote on November 5th, Winnebago. Our native vote matters and our voices must be heard. GET REGISTERED! GO VOTE!

**...Cont. from front page GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION APPROVED...**

For those without banking information or a bank account, paper checks will be distributed on December 4th & 5th, 2024 in Winnebago, NE at the WTWC Gymnasium. Timelines for those days' distributions will be provided later. Times for Seniors/Elders and check cashing services, if possible, are also pending as of print time.

**ALL CHECKS MUST BE CASHED BY 12/31/24 CLOSE OF BUSINESS DAY. ABSOLUTELY NO CHECKS WILL BE REISSUED AFTER THAT DATE.**

For clarity: you may spend your funds when and how you wish. However, the source of the funds for this General Welfare Exclusion payment dictates that all funds claimed by you and paid to you must have cleared through the payment bank account held by the Tribe prior to the close of calendar year 2024. Any checks not 'cashed' will become void and no other check will be issued.

So, make sure you get your money moved out of the Tribe's bank BEFORE 12/31/2024

close of business, or you will lose out. Do not sit on your check. Do not hold onto it. Cash it immediately. Again, you may spend your disbursement as you wish, when you wish, but the funds distributed to you must leave the Tribe's bank account before the 2024 deadline.

For further information please contact the Winnebago Tribe's Administrative department. Their phone number is (402) 878-2272 or email them at: [admin@winnebagotribe.com](mailto:admin@winnebagotribe.com)

The Winnebago Tribe's administration will be announcing important pieces of information regarding paper check distribution dates, Senior/Elder hours, as soon as possible. The Winnebago Indian News will continue to provide coverage and bring those details to you when they are approved for release. Please watch ours (Winnebago Indian-News on Facebook) and the Tribe's (Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska) social media for quicker details. Full details will be printed in the WIN, time-allowing.

## SAVE THE DATE!

# Veteran's Day Powwow

## November 9, 2024

Meal at Noon • Grand Entry at 1pm

THE WINNEBAGO PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# OCTOBER 31ST 2024

CATEGORIES:  
FUNNIEST  
SCARIEST  
MOST CREATIVE  
BEST FAMILY

COSTUME CONTEST



AGES:  
Tiny tots - 0 to 6  
Juniors - 7 to 12  
Teen - 13 to 17  
Adults - 18 to 54  
Senior - 55 & UP

CASH PRIZES

M. C. - Silas Cleveland  
Host Drum - Haylushka  
A. D. - Lloyd Hamilton

JOIN US IF YOU DARE

You're invited

5:00 pm - Dinner

6:30 pm - Grand

Entry

# MASQUERADE POWWOW

Whirling Thunder Wellness Center Gymnasium  
Winnebago, America

FREE ENTRANCE

## Hōcāk Hoit'e

Zombie	ke t'ē nī
Witch	hitōke cīgisiċ hamināk
Vampire	wa'í racgá
Spider	wikíri hókere
Skeleton	ró horók hūšérek
Mummy	wāksík t'é haicákire
Jack-o-lantern	wicawā šúc hataža

HoChunk Renaissance  
Language Preservation Program



The Winnebago Environmental Protection Dept.

# Fall Community Clean-up

When: Tuesday, October 29, 2024  
& Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Located on Mercer Street

Volunteer Luncheon will be served at the E.P.D Office Building at 903 Mission road.

For information, contact James Neff at 402-922-0442

If you have any household hazardous Waste products, please drop them off at Citizen's Convenience Center 5800 28th Street, Sioux City, IA on November 12 from 9:00am - 6:00pm

HoChunk Renaissance  
Language Preservation Program

# HOCHUNK HALLOWEEN BINGO

Whirling Thunder  
Wellness Gym

OCTOBER 30TH

5 P.M.- 7:30 P.M.

ADULT COSTUME CONTEST:  
SCARIEST - \$50 & GIFT BASKET  
MOST CREATIVE - \$50 & GIFT BASKET  
FUNNIEST - \$50 & GIFT BASKET

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HOT'E GA

GHOST  
WANAĠI

BLACK CAT  
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# Wāgax hūk ra wāgax hokik'una

Letter to the Editor

## The American Indian Higher Education Consortium Elects New Executive Committee

By: Kathy Aplan, Communication & PR Associate

Palm Springs, CA – October 8th, 2024 – The American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) met in Palm Springs, California this week for their annual fall board meeting and elected a new executive committee that will spearhead board activities for the organization.

Elected to the AIHEC executive committee are: Elmer Guy, President of the Navajo Technical University as committee chairman, Leander McDonald, President of the United Tribes Technical College as vice-chairman, Dawn Frank, President of Oglala Lakota College as a secretary, Manoj Patil, President of Little Priest Tribal College as treasurer, and Eva Flying, President of Chief Dull Knife College as member-at-large.

“While all the Tribal College and University (TCU) presidents are members of our board, the commitment of those serving on our executive committee will be more demanding as we will rely on their ambitious and visionary outlook for all out TCUs,” said Ahniwake Rose, AIHEC President & CEO, “Those represented in this new executive committee is a great mix of seasoned and new leadership that will not only help us in maintaining our history and culture but also utilize new ways to do so. I am excited to collaborate with this new executive committee as we continue our Advocacy efforts for our TCUs.”

AIHEC’s fall board meeting will continue until noon tomorrow. The board will meet again in February 2025 during the Annual AIHEC Legislative Summit in Washington, D.C.



American Indian Higher Education Consortium Executive Committee: Treasurer – Manoj Patil, President of the Little Priest Tribal College, Vice-Chairman – Leander McDonald, President of the United Tribes Technical College, Chairman – Elmer Guy, President of the Navajo Technical University, Secretary – Dawn Frank, President of the Oglala Lakota College, and Member-at-large – Eva Flying, President of Chief Dull Knife College.

## JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH



By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

### “Remember the Sabbath Day”

If keeping the First Commandment ‘You shall have no other gods’ is fearing, loving, and trusting in God with you heart; and keeping the Second Commandment ‘You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God in vain’ is fearing, loving, and trusting in God with your lips; then keeping the Third Commandment ‘Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy’ is fearing, loving, and trusting in God with your ears.

Dr. Martin Luther teaches that the Third Commandment is a gift of time given by God first for rest and refreshment after a week of work and secondly, and most importantly for hearing and learning God’s Word.

The Third Commandment pairs labor with leisure, vocation with vacation, and responsibility with recreation. God wants us to work hard and play hard. Before we focus on working hard, let us first focus on playing hard.

Keeping the Third Commandment first means resting from our God-given vocations to take a vacation with the Word of God, giving it quality time to “pass from the ear to the heart, from the heart to lip, and from the lips to the life.”

We turn to chapter two, verse one and following as we give quality time to God and His Sacred Word:

‘My son, if you accept my words and treasure my commands inside you, in order to pay attention to wisdom with your ear and reach out with your heart for understanding-- if you search for it like money and hunt for it as [if it were] hidden treasure-- then you will understand the fear of YAHWEH and find the knowledge of God, because YAHWEH gives wisdom; from his mouth [come] knowledge and understanding’ [Proverbs 2:1-6 (Steinmann translation)].

‘He stores up sound judgment for upright people; [he is] a shield for those who walk in integrity, to protect [those who walk on] paths of justice. He guards the way of his godly ones. Then you will understand righteousness, justice, and uprightness-- every good pathway, because wisdom will come into your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul’ [Proverbs 2:1-10 (Steinmann translation)].

Each Sunday God invites you and your family to send your ear - or to listen to Him as you gather in one of His houses of worship. As Jesus often said: “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

## In Loving Memory...



### Sr. M. Frances Betz

Sr. M. Frances Betz, OSB passed away Tuesday, October 22, 2024, at Immaculata Monastery in Norfolk.

Elizabeth Betz was born the oldest of four girls on November 12, 1934, at home on the farm near Lauingen, Germany, to Josef and Rosina Metzger Betz. While yet a teenager, her vocation became clear to her while on a retreat in St. Ottilien. She later attended the Mission School in Tutzing and entered the Missionary Benedictine Sisters on September 15, 1953.

While still a postulant, she was transferred to the Norfolk, Nebraska community where she continued her religious formation and her studies in education. Sr. Frances made first profession on January 13, 1956, and final profession in 1959.

Sr. Frances found great satisfaction and joy in her teaching career, be that at St. Leonard’s in Madison, Nebraska, Assumption Academy and Norfolk Catholic High School, and St. Augustine Mission School in Winnebago. She embraced her teaching ministry with full energy and commitment, desiring to help

the children to become their best before God.

In May 1983 she was called to serve in parish ministry in Jackson, Kentucky. This, however, was a prelude to her next teaching assignment. In 1989 she traveled to South Africa where she taught Zulu girls in a secondary school. This was especially challenging and dangerous during the time of Apartheid.

In 2000 Sr. Frances returned to the Norfolk Priory and was again assigned to St. Augustine School in Winnebago, where she loved the children and the children loved her. In 2017 she retired and returned to the priory house in Norfolk. During her senior years she visited the elderly, tended her garden and helped in the community.

Sr. Frances found great fulfillment in her life dedicated to Christ in her community and ministry. It was in prayer that Sr. Frances integrated every challenge and every joy. One sister said, “No matter what the day brought her, Sr. Frances lived it as fully as possible in generous and loving service to Christ.”

Sr. Frances surrendered all to Christ on October 22, 2024.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Service

CASE NO. CV24-112

In the matter of WINNEBAGO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTHCARE SYSTEM V. MOHAMED HUMAD, M.D., M.B.A.

To: MOHAMED HUMAD, M.D., M.B.A., Respondent

You are hereby notified that the Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System has filed a Civil Petition to Establish Debt against you in the Winnebago Tribal Court to recover an unpaid debt in the amount of \$120,000, plus interest, and all costs and reasonable attorneys’ fees incurred in recovering such debt. You must file an answer to the Civil Petition to Establish Debt within thirty-one (31) days from the date of this publication or entry of a default judgment against you may be rendered, accordingly.

Pursuant to Section 2-306 of the Winnebago Tribal Code, this notice shall serve as service of process upon posting in the Winnebago Indian News.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. JFJ25-002

The People of the Winnebago Tribe

In the Interest of:

A.L.W. (Born 11/2006)

To: BOBBI MEDINA, Mother  
ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ25-002 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 13th day of November, 2024 at the hour of 2:30 P.M.

### LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing

Case No. CV24-148

In the Matter of the  
Divorce Petition of:

LESTER SHERIDAN

vs

LYLA SHERIDAN

To: LYLA SHERIDAN

You are hereby notified that a Divorce petition has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Case No. CV24-148 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 28TH day of OCTOBER, 2024 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

The next issue of the WINNEBAGO INDIAN NEWS will be published on November 9, 2024. DEADLINE for this issue will be November 5, 2024.



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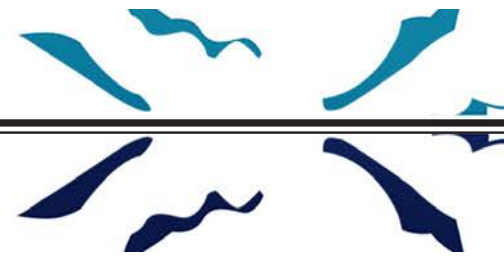
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GET OUT THE NATIVE VOTE!

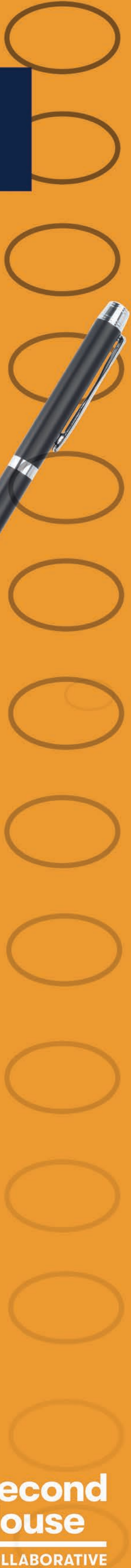


# Protect our freedoms.

## Vote to support Nebraska families this election.

Put people before politics this election to build a state where Nebraskans from all walks of life can thrive by voting on ballot initiatives.

- AGAINST** #434
- REPEAL** #435
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COMMUNITY

**Empowering Our Community: The Path to Tribal Sovereignty through Right of Way Consent for Fiber Optic Expansion**

# Jājap



## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

In an era where connectivity is essential, Jājap proudly stands as the telecommunications department of our Tribe, dedicated to fostering a robust and reliable Internet Service Provider (ISP) for our community. With a clear mission to enhance digital access and empower our members, Jājap has embarked on an ambitious journey to bridge the digital divide that affects many Native communities. Thanks to generous funding, we have successfully launched this initiative, marking a significant step forward in our commitment to improving the quality of life for all.

A major milestone in our journey has been our funding agency's completion and approval of the environmental review. This achievement not only reflects our dedication to responsible development but also sets the stage for the next crucial benchmark: securing the right-of-way consent from landowners along the proposed route. This step is not merely a legal formality; it is a pivotal moment in our collective effort to enhance our sovereignty, create job opportunities, and build a brighter future for everyone on the reservation.

As we move forward, we urge community members to engage in this process, recognizing that their consent is vital to our success. Together, we can pave the way for a connected future that honors our heritage while embracing the opportunities that technology brings.

**The path to the right-of-way consent!**  
We understand that securing right-of-way consent requires clear communication and mutual understanding. That's why we are reaching out directly to our tribal members to explain the benefits of this project and address any concerns. We will be mass-mailing all owners of the land the fiber will be running through. With the mail would be a letter of consent for you to sign and mail back and a legal description of you and where the fiber would be laid in the ground.

The fiber optic network we are building will be the backbone of Jājap Telecommunications. It will connect homes, schools, healthcare facilities, and businesses, ensuring that our community is no longer left behind in the digital divide. But beyond the technical aspects, this

project is about more than just faster internet speeds—it's about empowerment.

Our team is here to answer your questions and provide all the information you need to make an informed decision. This is not just a government initiative; it's a community-driven effort that requires the participation and support of every tribal member.

no longer left behind in the digital divide. But beyond the technical aspects, this project is about more than just faster internet speeds—it's about empowerment.

**A Steppingstone to Economic Independence**

Establishing Jājap Telecommunications is a monumental step toward economic independence. By owning and controlling our digital infrastructure, we are laying the foundation for a wide range of new opportunities on the reservation. This project will bring jobs in construction, IT, customer service, and management. It would also create pathways for our youth to pursue careers in technology and entrepreneurship.

Moreover, Jājap Telecommunications means that profits generated from internet services will stay within our community, supporting other essential services and projects. It's a sustainable model that aligns with our values of self-determination and long-term prosperity.

**Conclusion**

The fiber optic project and the establishment of Jājap Telecommunications represent a turning point in our history. By coming together and granting right-of-way consent, we are taking control of our future. This is more than just a technological upgrade; it's a declaration of our sovereignty and a commitment to creating a thriving, connected community.

We encourage all tribal members to engage with us in this process, ask questions, and be part of this transformative journey. If you know any landowners, please contact them about getting the consent form signed and mailed back to help push the project along, we are at the point where it's a community effort to spread the word, and together we can build a future where our reservation is not just connected but empowered.



## You need a photo ID to vote.

Bring your photo ID with you when you vote in person. Or provide your Nebraska driver's license/state ID or a photocopy of the ID when you vote by mail.

**A variety of acceptable and readily attainable IDs\* may be used for voting purposes, including:**

- ✓ Nebraska driver's license/state ID
- ✓ U.S. Passport, military ID, tribal ID
- ✓ Hospital, assisted-living facility, nursing home record
- ✓ Nebraska political subdivision ID (state, county, city, school, etc.)
- ✓ Nebraska college or university ID

\*ID must include name and photo

A message from the Nebraska Secretary of State.

For more information on Voter ID, visit

**VoterID.Nebraska.gov**

## Winnebago Indian News Ad Rate Update

### New "Legacy" Rates

Full Page Color	\$525
Full Page B/W	\$475
1/2 Page Color	\$300
1/2 Page B/W	\$250
1/4 Page Either	\$175
Personal Ad	\$50
Public Interest	\$50

"Other specialty rates apply."

**Effective 9/1/2024**



# OCTOBER 2024

**Important Dates**

**TUES, 1ST, OCT - CERTIFICATIONS ONLY**

**TUES, 8TH, OCT - CLOSED/TRIBAL ELECTIONS**

**MON, 14TH, OCT - CLOSED/HOLIDAY**

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# HAKWE

## Question of the Issue:

*Which sports rivalry match ups live on for you?*

**Garan:** Well, if you know me, I am a fan of football. In high school the biggest rivalry was against the Omaha Nation Chiefs. We did pretty good in football against them but not so much in basketball. Also, when I was in high school, the Tennessee Titans NFL team started their franchise in 1997. I was a fan since day 1 because I didn't want to jump on any bandwagon. We almost got a super bowl win with Jeff Fisher but came up inches short. Anytime they play down in Kansas City I try to go. I was there when the Titans upset the Chiefs in a playoff game in January 2018. When the Titans were down 21-3 at half-time, the ol lady said dang I will go wait in the car because this game is over at halftime. Well, they came back to win 22-21! Go Titans!!! \* Fun fact Bud Adams (died in 2013) the owner of Titans was an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation. [Editor's Note: Chiefs Kingdom!]

**Brian:** Winnebago had many in my day and since. The ones that come to mind are those that had the crowds rockin' and loud as (\$%^&)! Bago Girls BBall when they played Walthill my Senior year was epic. With seconds left, the whole place was expecting Bink to get the ball to win the game. But little did they know young Nettie Bass was left all alone right under the basket and she MONEY'D (sank) the shot, sealing the win. Absolute pandemonium in that gym! Blu-jay fans were gobsmacked and many left crying! ;-p ... good times ... good times. #GOBIGBLUE

**Tyler:** ummmmm... I just hope everyone has fun!

**Kevin:** \*\*crickets\*\*

**Christina:** \*crickets\* unless it's a Bago basketball game!

**Bethani:** A sports rivalry that lives on for me is one that exists within my family. My late Choka, Ihler Redhorn aka Shorty, was a loyal Minnesota Vikings fan & my mom, Nicole Redhorn, has always been a loyal Green Bay Packers fan since I can remember! My Brothers Bradley & Bronson picked up on this as well. Bradley takes after my Choka with his Vikings and Bronson takes after my mom with their Packers. I'm the odd ball who is a loyal fan of neither, so I just laugh when their teams play each other. "I hope they have fun!"

## Concert Review:

*Dad takes son and daughter to \$uicideboy\$ concert in Lincoln at the Pinnacle Bank Arena*

Warning, what I am about to tell will get you mad, disappointed, and angry. I would advise that you don't read the following review as it could change the way you think about concerts. Last chance to stop reading, you might even get so worked up that you might write a letter to the editor.

Well, if you made it past that statement buckle up as I will review my experience of \$uicideboy\$ concert. I will try to answer a few of the following questions you might already have, like who the heck are \$uicideboy\$? Why even write about them? I hope to answer these at the end of the article.

It was held on Friday evening, a two-hour road trip to Lincoln, NE at the Pinnacle Bank Arena. I love going to the Pinnacle Bank Arena aka PBA, reminds me of Winnebago playing state basketball and I took my oldest son to his very first concert at the PBA when he was 12 years old. He is now 17 and a senior in high school. He mentioned this concert back in July. I didn't think much of it except I never heard of the group. I asked him was it a band or just rappers? He played me a sample of a song that he liked, and I didn't understand one word but thought they sounded like white guys trying to mimic Bone Thugs and Harmony. I have been a fan of Bone Thugs since back in my high school days, they had a unique delivery and fast rhymes but as I age, I noticed my taste in music delivery has changed. For example, when I was in high school I was listening to songs with titles like "Murder was the case", "Natural Born Killaz", "Mo Murder" and "Hail Mary". Now that I am 43 and a father, I cringe at the thought of being really into those songs. Crazy huh? I tried to warn you to stop reading.

So, a day before the concert when my son asked me to go to the concert I was like "eh". I didn't like their name, I worked the whole day and I didn't know any of their songs. In fact, I hate suicide, so I didn't want to give money or my time to a group who flaunted suicide in everyone's face. I eventually decided to go and the reason I went will be revealed at the end of this article. I asked my other kids to go, my 17-year-old daughter said, "heck ya!" and we jumped in the van with no tickets in hand. After stopping at Raising Canes for dinner we made it to PBA a little after 8:30 PM. I personally didn't want to sit through the opening acts. We walked up to the box office and got some decent tickets purchased. We caught the end of the co-headliner Denzel Curry who was pretty good. He got the place jumping. After his final song they took a 10-minute intermission so they could prep the stage and crew for the headliners.

Finally, a little after 9 PM, Suicideboys started their show to a packed arena of over 13,000 attendees. The place erupted! They rapped over a backdrop of a huge LED screen, thousands of moving lights, and huge blasts of pyrotechnics. It was pretty impressive. They played most of their catalog of music and performance time on stage was 90 minutes.

My honest review, they were not the most talented rappers I ever heard, and the music production wasn't of the highest quality. Their DJ was a guy that had the moniker "DJ CrystalMeth", weird huh? Here

are some other observations, remember the mosh pit? They now call it a hurricane, where all the people run in a circle in the middle of the floor. If you get in the way you get blown over. One of the main observations I made was I wondered when the S word would be promoted. When would I hear the depression and go kill yourself songs. It never happened, I am here to tell you that I judged a book by the title, and I was totally wrong. In fact, by the end of the concert I was filled with hope and a sense of family. Right before the very last song, which in my concert experience is the most famous song they play, they stopped the music and they both come out and just talk. They open up their hearts and told the crowd "I hear a lot of people that come up to us and say that our music saved their life, well we are here to tell that you actually saved us". What is impressive is that they filled up the arena by just being themselves. They didn't have hits on the charts, they didn't hit it mainstream, they are known as a group that goes against the grain.

This made me think of human nature. We seem to gravitate towards conflict, drama, and being rebellious. Think of Elvis Presley, he was banned from TV for wiggling his hips. This got people talking about him. Think of when the rapper's had beef like 2pac vs. Biggie, JaRule vs. 50 cent, and Drake vs. Kendrick Lamar. Have you ever been on social media to follow some drama? We are all guilty of it. Think of the Superbowl, there is a team against another team. There is conflict. This started to make me think of my kids, if I banned them from listening to a group named \$uicideboy\$ more than likely they going to listen to them anyways or it would push them to. I remember my parents finding a Metallica CD and said don't listen to that as it is devil worshipping music. Don't tell anyone but I still listened to them.

Ultimately, I think we should listen to our kids. They might turn us onto something that looks bad but is actually good. Are \$uicideboy\$ a group I would recommend to other parents to have their kids listen to? Probably not. However, their message to the fans is impactful. During their talk they mentioned that they had it all including money, fans, and could party every night. They said even then they were missing something and that was family. They hit rock bottom, got help and they vowed to help anyone that was thinking about Suicide. At the beginning of this article, I said to stop reading that you would get mad. I was trying to create drama and conflict so that your rebellious side would finish the article. Maybe it worked or maybe it didn't.

Overall, this concert made me think a lot. How I shouldn't judge a group by their name, how drama, conflict and going against the grain impacts my life, and how I can be a better person by offering to help just by listening. We never know what people are going through and the words we say could save a life. One of the most memorable parts of the concert wasn't sung or delivered by rapping. They simply said, "Suicide is a permanent solution to a temporary problem, and temporary problems never last forever". Through love and getting help we can prevent suicide.

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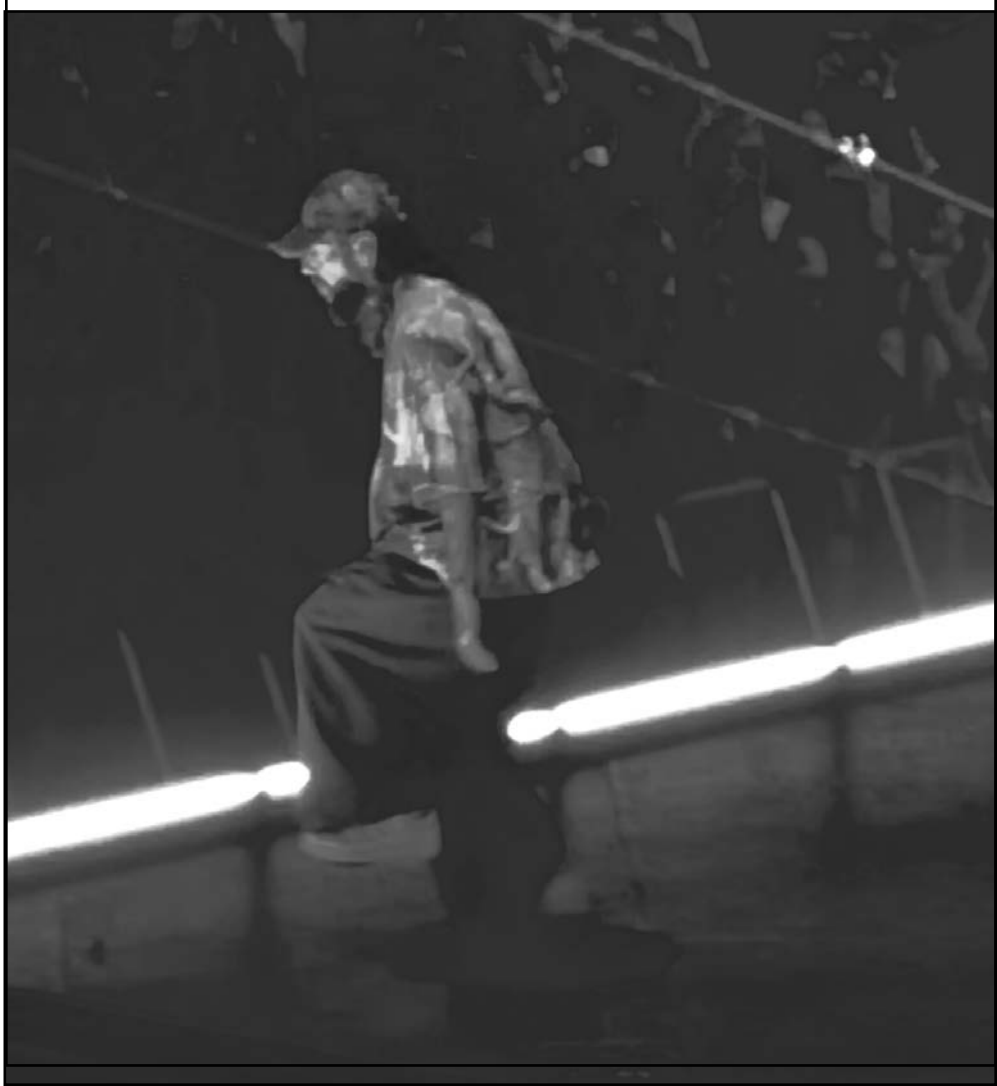
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## TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

IT Building and Personnel Costs. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

Coly Brown motioned to Ratify the Five Signature, October 4, 2024, Approve the Revised CEO Job Description. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

NEW BUSINESS:  
Neola Walker 2024 Christmas Lighting Contest Solicitation – presented by Brian Chamberlain, Winnebago Indian News.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the 2024 Neola Walker Christmas Lighting Contest Solicitation Request as presented. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned for the Tribal Council to donate and sponsor the First Place 2024 Neola Walker Christmas Lighting Contest at \$1,300.00 out of Tribal Council Donations. Eugene DeCora seconded.

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

LD - out  
OLD BUSINESS:  
Winnebago Tribe Jajap Telecommunications Right of Way – presented by Brandon Stout

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt Amended Resolution #24-186A, Approve the Winnebago Tribe Jajap Telecommunications Right of Way. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

LD – back  
TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:  
General Welfare Exclusion Payment Before Christmas 2024 – presented by Lorelei DeCora, Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary.

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve a General Welfare Exclusion Payment Before Christmas 2024 of \$500.00 for all adult Tribal members and \$150.00 for each minor into the Minors Trust Accounts. The payment will come out of the Winnebago Tribe's ARPA Funds. Aric Armell seconded.

Discussion.  
Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan Called for the Question.

OBJECT; ED  
VOTE: (5) yes, LD, KM, CB, AA, IS (2) no, ED, TL (1) abstain, RS Motion carried.

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

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

In Executive Session at 10:09 a.m.  
Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Out of Executive Session at 11:27 a.m.  
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lorelei DeCora,  
Winnebago Tribal Council Secretary

James Sun III  
Coleson Aldrich  
Malcom Bear  
Kenzie Harden  
Eli Painter  
Ashton Lyons  
Marian Holstein  
Safron Snowball  
Carole Thomas  
Jerason St. Cyr  
Tara Hernandez  
Keon Lyons  
Alyssa Wolfe  
Mark Aldrich  
Mable Quagon  
Joseph Littlegeorge  
Norma Stealer  
Samantha Jones  
Keely Purcell  
Anna Berridge  
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Danelle Smith  
Joi Long  
Liz Bayer  
Karl Baker  
Misty Gomez  
Jonathan Grant  
Mary Kelsey  
Kiana Lewis  
Mona Buffalocalf  
Anthony Bassette  
Michell Armell  
Audrey Wolfe  
Deidre Redhorn  
Ladonna Holstein  
Sarah Snake  
Lance Morgan  
Elizabeth Smith  
Ricky Jacobs  
Angie Walker  
Olivia Walker  
Crystal Snowball  
Brandon Stout  
Cece Earth  
Stephanie Smith  
Salena Snake  
Candace Payer  
Craig Cleveland, Jr.  
Mary Merrick  
Brian Chamberlain  
Kenny Blackhawk  
Maxine Rice  
Roxanne Hunger  
John Snowball  
Caden Cleveland  
Garan Coons  
Anita LaRose  
Camran LaRose Rave  
Hunter Walker  
Bernadette White Twin  
Shar Fogleman  
Gordan Rave  
Bethani Redhorn  
Tammy Littlewalker  
Thomas Snowball  
Charli Earth  
David Russell  
Cela Payer  
Katherine LaRose  
James Price, Sr.  
John Blackhawk  
Tom Teesdale  
Chotche Wolfe  
Shatecia Thomas  
Barbara Pretends Eagle  
Taylor Bass  
Anthony Earth  
Corrine Gilpin  
Linda Free  
Janelle DeCora  
Melanie Parker  
Alaysius Snowball  
Louis LaTray  
Tyresha Romero  
Lynelle Blackhawk

Welcome Song: Many Arrows Drum Group  
Presentation of Flags: Winnebago Veterans

Prayer – Dual Language Students  
Call to order: Victoria Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.  
Swearing in of newly elected officers:  
Judge Zendajas Swears in newly elected Tribal Council members: Isaac Smith, Teresa Littlegeorge, and Rona Stealer.

Appointment of Officers/Oath of Office:  
Judge Zendajas opens floor for nominations for the Chairperson.  
Chairperson:  
Lorelei DeCora nominated Victoria Kitcheyan as Chairwoman.

Kenneth Mallory motioned to cease nominations.  
Victoria Kitcheyan announced as Chairwoman by acclamation.  
Judge Zendajas turns the meeting over to Chairwoman Kitcheyan.

Vice – Chairperson:  
Chairwoman Kitcheyan opens the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman.

Aric Armell motioned to nominate Isaac Smith.  
Kenneth Mallory motioned to nominate Eugene DeCora.

Isaac Smith motioned to cease nominations.  
Ballot vote: Isaac Smith = 6, Eugene DeCora = 2

Isaac Smith announced as Vice – Chairman.

Treasurer:  
Chairwoman Kitcheyan opens the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

Kenneth Mallory nominates Rona Stealer.  
Aric Armell nominates Lorelei DeCora.  
Eugene DeCora motions to cease nominations.

Ballot vote: Lorelei DeCora = 4, Rona Stealer = 5

Rona Stealer announced as Treasurer.  
Secretary:  
Aric Armell nominates Teresa Littlegeorge.

Eugene DeCora motioned to cease nominations.  
Teresa Littlegeorge announced as Secretary by acclamation.

Oath of Office for appointed Officers:  
Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan  
Vice-Chairman Isaac Smith  
Treasurer Rona Stealer  
Secretary Teresa Littlegeorge

Honor Song: Many Arrows Drum Group – Greywolf Song

Tribal Enrollment Applicants of Ballot Adoption:

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #25-01: Tribal Enrollment Applicants (A4062, A4063, A4424, A4428, A4430, A4454, A4458, A4470, A4473, A4474, A4485, A4504) Aric Armell seconded.

Honorary Gift: Blanket presented to Anita LaRose and family of the late James “Louie” LaRose, to honor his many years of service for the people of the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

Closing remarks: Chairwoman Kitcheyan opened the floor for the newly elected council members for remarks.

Retreat of Flags: Many Arrows Drum Group and Winnebago Veterans.

Adjourn:  
Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 11:06 a.m. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

### WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA CEO REPORT MEETING October 10, 2024

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith (in at 9:14 a.m.)  
Rona Stealer  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lorelei DeCora  
Eugene DeCora, Sr. (out at 9:32 a.m.)  
Coly Brown  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell (in at 9:22 a.m.)

#### OTHERS PRESENT:

Anna Berridge  
Lynelle Blackhawk  
Barb Pretends Eagle  
Brittany Thomas  
Willy Bass  
Kim Salsburger  
Tara Hernandez  
Kiana Lewis  
Terri Lee Medina  
David Edwards  
Cecelia Earth  
Anna Bess Preston  
Tyresha Romero  
Ramona Sheridan  
Misty Jefferson  
Billie Kitcheyan  
Garan Coons  
Kevin Ebert  
Amy LaPointe  
Deidre Redhorn

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Kitcheyan called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Coly Brown offered the opening prayer.

#### APPROVE AGENDA:

Added items: GEW Payment timeline, Authorized Tribal Officials resolution Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

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

[Isaac in at 9:14 a.m.]

#### ADMINISTRATION:

CEO/CAO Report - Presented by Lynelle Blackhawk

[Aric in at 9:22 a.m.]

[Lorelei out at 9:30 a.m. to 9:31 a.m.]

[Eugene out at 9:32 a.m. for Boys & Girls club meeting.]

Aric Armell motioned to accept the CEO/CAO Report. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Holiday Employee Appreciation

Event – presented by Lynelle Blackhawk, Garan Coons, and Tara Hernandez.

December 23, 2024 at WinnaVegas

Isaac Smith motioned to approve the Holiday Employee Appreciation Event. Aric Armell seconded.

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

General Welfare Exclusion payment Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the General Welfare Exclusion payment timeline as presented by the CFO. Aric Armell seconded.

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

Resolution: Authorized Tribal Officials Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #25-02: Authorized Tribal Officials. Coly Brown seconded.

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

BREAK  
BOARD AND COMMITTEE:  
WCHS By-Laws – presented by David Edwards

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the WCHS By-Laws with change to B.

“two (2) members shall be WCHS patients who are members of the Winnebago Tribe with experience in health care, public health, business or related field, not a member of the Winnebago Tribal Council. Lorelei DeCora seconded.

[Isaac out at 10:38 a.m.]

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

IRB (Institutional Review Board) Applicant

Lorelei DeCora motioned to appoint Misty Jefferson the Institutional Review Board (IRB). Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Hemp Commission Re-advertisement Aric Armell motioned to re-advertise one vacancy for the Hemp Commission open until filled. Coly Brown seconded.

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

Discussion on Hemp Commission – Willy Bass

[Isaac in]  
A Special meeting with the Hemp Commission to be scheduled.

[Lorelei out 10:51 a.m., in 10:56 a.m.]  
[Kenneth out 10:55 a.m.]

ENROLLMENT:  
Tribal Enrollment Applicants

Rona Stealer motioned to adopt resolution #25-03: Tribal Enrollment Applicants (A4481, A4487, A4488, A4525, A4549, A4550). Teresa Littlegeorge seconded.

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

Blood Quantum Correction Lorelei DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-04: Blood Quantum Correction (#383-U04306, #383-U04307, and #383-U05899). Rona Stealer seconded.

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

FOOD DISTRIBUTION: Presented by Tatanka Petite.

New Position – Part Time Issuance Clerk

Update to Org Chart Aric Armell motioned to approve the Org Chart and New position: Issuance Clerk (part time) for Food Distribution. Isaac Smith seconded.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 11:03 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 11:24 a.m. Rona Stealer seconded.

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

ADJOURN:  
Rona Stealer motioned to adjourn. Aric Armell seconded.

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

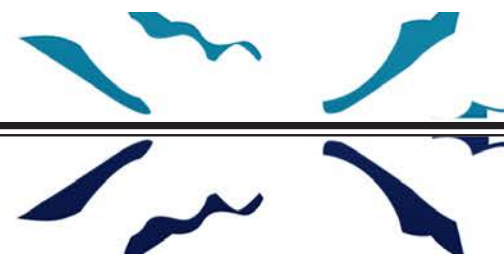
Chairwoman Kitcheyan Adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council





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### We Are Partnering With Tribal Nations and Native Communities

Donald Trump challenged Tribal land rights and desecrated sacred lands

**Vice President Kamala Harris and Governor Tim Walz will safeguard and strengthen the bonds between our nations, uphold our trust and treaty obligations, honor Tribal sovereignty, and ensure Tribal self-determination.** They have made it a priority to improve health, education, and safety across Indian Country through enhancing the nation-nation relationship and partnering with Tribal Nations. Throughout her career, Vice President Harris has prioritized the well-being of Native women, children, and families, and throughout his career, Governor Walz has affirmed the right to self-governance and self-determination of the Minnesota Tribal Nations.

#### Vice President Harris and Governor Walz Have Taken Unprecedented Steps to Advance Tribal Sovereignty and Self-determination.

**Vice President Harris and President Biden reinstated the White House Council on Native American Affairs**, reinstated the Tribal Nations Summit, and appointed a historic number of Native Americans—including Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, U.S. Treasurer Marilynn Malerba, and over 80 appointees serving across the Biden- Harris Administration.

**Vice President Harris and President Biden ushered in the next era of Tribal self-determination** by signing an executive order affirming that Tribal governments must be treated as permanent, equal, and vital parts of America's overlapping system of government. This enables Tribal Nations to have greater autonomy over how they invest federal funding.

**In Minnesota, Governor Walz signed legislation that codified government-to-government relations**, and is the first governor in state history to visit all eleven Tribal Nations in Minnesota. He serves alongside Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, currently the country's highest-ranking Native woman elected to executive office.

#### Vice President Harris is Working to Protect Tribal Lands and Water.

**Vice President Harris and President Biden have created, restored, or expanded 10 National Monuments** and signed more than 190 co-stewardship agreements. As a Senator, Kamala Harris championed the San Gabriel National Monument expansion, and this year celebrated the protection of an additional 106,000 acres.

Vice President Harris helped to advance settlements of Indian water rights claims and made placing land into trust easier, helping to right the wrongs of past federal policies.

The Biden-Harris Administration restored protections to Arctic waters and the Bering Sea, the Tongass National Forest, and the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in support of conserving 30 percent of America's lands and waters by 2030.

#### Trump Actively Undermined Tribal Sovereignty Across the Country.

**Trump never convened a White House Tribal Nations Conference**, nor did he reestablish the Obama-Biden Administration's White House Council on Native American Affairs.

**Trump ignored Tribal recommendations and took the unprecedented step of removing 85% of land from the first Tribally sponsored national monument protecting Bears Ears.**

**Trump reduced the amount of land placed into trust by the Interior Department** from 560,000 acres to 75,000 acres.

**Trump made it harder for Tribes to regain ancestral lands** and even sought to disestablish the Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe's reservation.

#### Vice President Harris Has Helped Deliver Historic Tribal Investments.

**Vice President Harris cast the tie-breaking vote that led to the single largest Tribal investment in history—\$32 billion—to help Tribal economies devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Vice President Harris and President Biden made the largest investment ever in Tribal infrastructure** through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law—\$13 billion—directly to Tribal communities for high-speed internet, roads, bridges, clean water, and improved sanitation.

**The Biden-Harris Administration invested more than \$720 million specifically to support climate resilience**, including drought mitigation, home electrification, clean energy development, and Tribal community-driven relocation efforts.

**Vice President Harris and President Harris invested \$3.5 billion in and implemented a predictable funding method for the Indian Health Service (IHS).**

**Proposed the largest-ever investment in Tribal housing**, including more than a billion dollars to support new housing and community development projects.

#### Trump Pushed Aside Tribal Nations.

**Trump excluded many Tribal businesses from applying for the first round of the Paycheck Protection Program emergency relief funds.** He favored well-connected big businesses.

**Trump issued a rule to limit the power of states and Tribes** to review the harmful effects of pipelines, dams, and other projects on Tribal lands.

**Trump proposed cuts to IHS funding** and tried to cancel funding for the CDC's health and wellness initiative.

#### Vice President Harris and Governor Walz Will Help Native-owned and Other Small Businesses Start, Innovate, and Expand. They:

**Will provide a dramatic 10-fold expansion of tax relief** for starting a small business by increasing the startup expense deduction from \$5,000 to \$50,000.

**Will make it easier for small businesses to operate and expand** by cutting unnecessary red tape, making it easier for small businesses to file taxes, and reducing barriers to getting occupational licenses across states.

**Will help existing small businesses grow**, by providing low-and no-interest loans to small businesses that want to expand, boost access to venture capital, and support innovation hubs and business incubators.

**Have set a goal of 25 million new business applications in their first term**, which would generate over 10 million more business applications than Trump saw during his term.

#### Vice President Harris and Governor Walz Strongly Supports Native Children and Women.

**The Biden-Harris Administration successfully defended the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in the U.S. Supreme Court.** The law establishes minimum standards for the removal of Native American children from their families, as well as a preference for Native American children to be placed with extended family members or in Native foster homes. Vice President Harris knows the Indian Child Welfare Act well. As San Francisco's District Attorney and California's Attorney General, she used it to protect the rights of Native children.

**Vice President Harris is standing up the Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative**, a comprehensive effort to recognize the troubled legacy of federal Indian boarding school policies and work with Tribal Nations to ensure victims of this legacy have redress.

**Vice President Harris helped establish a Missing and Murdered Unit within the Department of the Interior** focused on analyzing and solving missing and murdered cases involving American Indians and Alaska Natives.

**Vice President Harris helped reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) in 2022** which includes expanded criminal jurisdiction for Tribal courts to prosecute non-Native perpetrators of sexual assault, child abuse, stalking, and sex trafficking.

**Under Vice President Harris and President Biden, the Department of Justice successfully defended the constitutionality of the Indian Child Welfare Act**, a vital statute that protects Indian children, families and communities.

**Under Governor Walz's leadership, Minnesota launched a first-of-its-kind Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Office** to tackle the epidemic of cases in Native American communities.

#### Vice President Harris is a Strong Advocate for Cultural and Language Revitalization.

**Under Vice President Harris and President Biden, the Department of the Interior created a systematic and streamlined process for returning human remains**, collaborating on programming, resource development, and policy.

**Some 40 federal agencies of the Biden-Harris Administration are revitalizing Native languages**, collaborating on programming, resource development, and policy.

**The Biden-Harris Administration released a first-of-kind guidance for federal agencies to better recognize, respect, and include Indigenous Knowledge in federal research, policy, and decision-making.**

**Vice President Harris helped enact the first-ever proclamation of Indigenous Peoples' Day.**

**In Minnesota, Governor Walz protects Native children's inherent right to their culture, language, and Tribal identities** by investing in Native Language Revitalization Grants and expanding the Minnesota Indian Teacher Training Program.

#### Under Trump, Native People Endured Constant Attacks.

**Trump destroyed Indigenous sacred sites and burial grounds**, including Monument Hill in Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument, to construct his U.S.-Mexico border wall.

**Trump repeatedly attempted to cut funding for Native education programs**, including by slashing funding for the Bureau of Indian Education facilities.

**Trump refused to reauthorize VAWA and repeatedly proposed cutting Tribal public safety and victim services budgets.**

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