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## Wake hikiruxe wi Raccoon Mating Moon

Saturday, March 1, 2025



IN HONOR OF  
Neola Walker

Featured on our masthead for this fourth issue of 2025 is the icon representing our Water Spirit Clan / Wakjexi Hikikarac. The Water Spirit Clan holds many important responsibilities for the tribe, including those being related to the passage of streams, rivers, and water. A primary function of theirs was to handle all water issues in our sacred ceremonies. Water Spirit clan members ensured the protection of the tribe's water supply overall. Water Spirit clan members were also oftentimes the physicians for the people, using herbs, sacred water, and other ceremonies to bring healing. They are depicted in artwork usually in possession of a beaded bag used for carrying their sacred and personal items. The Water Spirit Clan is one of the eight Earth clans. Its friendship clan is the Buffalo Clan / Cexji hikikarac. Families belonging to the Water Spirit Clan include: Bassette, Earth, Redhorn, and Smith. Our gratitude to the HoChunk Renaissance Department for their assistance in providing this information.

## WINNEBAGO VOTES ON WATER CONTROL



By Brian Chamberlain  
Photo by Archives

### CONTINUING COVERAGE

[Winnebago, NE] After years of debate the residents of the Village of Winnebago are being asked to vote on who should control the water system of our community. In discussion and discourse that at times strained the traditionally cooperative relationship between the Village Board of Winnebago and the Winnebago Tribe, a vote was called for to allow the people of the village to decide who can best

serve their water system needs.

The Village Board of Winnebago serves as a publicly elected board to oversee the operation and administration of the town of Winnebago. The water system is a part of that administrative oversight functioning under rules enacted into Nebraska State law. In recent years, the role of that board was called into question as issues related to the quality of the water in and around Winnebago declined. Numerous examples of discolored water, along with complaints from residents of foul-smelling water began to pile up. The Winnebago community even expe-

perienced a full water system shut down, because of maintenance break downs that crippled the entire area.

Now, the State working through the Thurston County Clerk's Office, has issued ballots to each of the registered voters asking them if the Village Board should transfer operation and control of the Winnebago water system from the Village of Winnebago to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. Those ballots were mailed on the week of February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Time to

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## Njsoch Njgesana

Bago Bits

By: Tyler Snake



On February 24th, Acting Winnebago Police Chief Anthony Walker deputized three Winnebago Wildlife & Parks Conservation Officers: Sean Bear, Ben St.Cyr and Kenny LaPointe. The new officers will assist in patrolling Winnebago. For a recap of the swearing-in ceremony visit Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's live YouTube video.



On February 26th, HoChunk Renaissance hosted a Frybread Championship. 7 participants put their bread up for judgment. Elaine Earth won 1st place, Marie Bass won 2nd place and Elizabeth Bayer won 3rd place. Congratulations to the winners!



Later that night HoChunk Renaissance hosted another HoCak bingo night. This family-friendly event had bingo prizes, face painting and a meal for attendees.



February 18th Coach Adam Tranmer began sharing State Wrestling updates. Zowie Wilkie finished her freshman year 34-22 and went 1-2 at the NSAA Championships. Avani Wilkie placed 5th at 155 in Class B while ending her senior year 31-9, earning a state medal for the 3rd time. Precious Decora finished her Senior year as a State Runner-up at 235. 46-3 and is a 2x State Medalist! Zakiya Redhorn ended his freshman season 30-10. Pleased read Hakewe (page 6) for the full article of Jared Doxy's State Wrestling story. Also, WPS is hosting a Purler Camp starting May 28th thru 30th. The Camp clinician will be Cody Compton, Former Husker Wrestler. Contact Adam Tranmer at atranmer@winnebago12.org for more information. #GoBigBlue

## LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW MAULS ATTENDANCE RECORD



By Brian Chamberlain / Garan Coons / Bethani Redhorn  
Photos by

[Sloan, IA / WinnaVegas] On Saturday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025, the Winnebago Tribe hosted its Last Bear Moon (LBM) Powwow inside the WinnaVegas Casino Resort Event Center here. As the premier event in the region for all things powwow, the Last Bear Moon has quickly become a very popular stop on the powwow trail. "We were expecting to have a huge crowd this year, and we sure did." Garan Coons, LBM Powwow Committee member told the WIN.

With a full day's itinerary set, the Last Bear Moon powwow got started with the traditional blessing of the arena. Winnebago Tribal Council member and Armed Forces Veteran, Aric "Dusty" Armell, presided over that special time. His dedication to honoring the ways of the arena, helping to ensure the good tidings for all who made their way to WinnaVegas that day. "We were happy Aric could help us

out.", one committee member said.

The Last Bear Moon Powwow gets its name from the month in which it has been held – aka February. In our Hocak culture this time of year is known as the Last Bear Moon, just as most of January is the First Bear Moon. Our Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska's HoChunk Renaissance department puts out a calendar describing each of the seasons that transpire throughout the year. "It just made sense." Coons said about the naming of the event.

As in 2024, this year too, the Winnebago Tribe provided LIVE streaming of the event for all those who could not attend in person. In an ever-growing push, the Last Bear Moon Powwow for 2025 was again bigger than the year before. Bethani Redhorn, Communications Office Manager for the Winnebago Tribe and The Big Voice Radio told the WIN, "We had well over 20,000 viewers for all sessions." She added, "This kind of exposure gives us a real boost when we consider the other events that can be LIVE streamed in and around Winnebago." The Winnebago

Tribe utilizes its KWTN 100.9 F.M. The Big Voice Radio station as well as on-site LIVE broadcasting over the internet to bring events like these to our tribal members in all corners of creation.

The Last Bear Moon Powwow was made possible through the generous donations of its many sponsors. Those donations were either monetary, in-kind manual engagement, and all other types of generosity. Our event would not have been possible without their support. We thank you all!

The LBM powwow hosted numerous categories for the dancers, and we have that list of Winners printed in this issue. Congratulations to all the winners. Much thanks, appreciation, and gratitude for all those who came to our event, helped make it happen, or watched from afar. Much appreciation to the singers as well. Their songs powered the powwow all day long. Last Bear Moon 2026 planning begins soon. It will surely be even bigger and better. Stay tuned!

Visit us at [winnebagotribe.com](http://winnebagotribe.com)

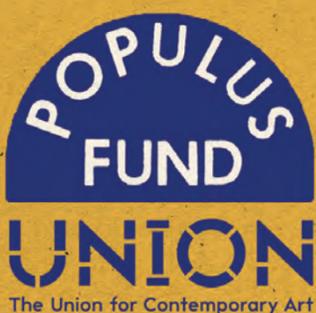
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complete the voting is short, but manageable. Each registered voter has only a certain number of days to return that ballot to the Thurston County Clerk.

Only residents who live within the corporate limits of the Village of Winnebago are eligible to vote on the matter. Further, only registered voters in that zone received the ballots. The Winnebago Indian News will continue to provide coverage of this on-going story and will report the results of the special vote once they are published. Stay tuned!

**\$10,000 PROJECT GRANTS FOR ARTISTS**



In 2025, Populus Fund will award seven \$10,000 project grants. These grants are aimed toward artists or artist groups/collectives working outside established institutions.

To learn about eligibility, see FAQs, and to register for a feedback session scan the QR code or visit [u-ca.org](http://u-ca.org)

Populus Fund is a regranting initiative organized by The Union, through the generous support of The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts



Applications are open March 7 - April 27th at: [u-ca.org/populusfund](http://u-ca.org/populusfund)



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Facilitated by: Jackie Littlegeorge



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Winnebago Human Services Preserving Native Families

National Nutrition Month

**MOVEMENT IS MEDICINE WALK**



When: March 6, 2025  
Where: Land of Wellness  
Time: 10 AM - 2 PM

OUR CHALLENGE: HOW MANY LAPS CAN YOU WALK IN 10 MINUTES?

THE FIRST 150 PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A SWEATSHIRT!

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**LET'S CHAT OVER COFFEE!**

Come meet the Winnebago Hemp Commission and learn about opportunities to participate in the hemp industry and how to apply for a license to grow, produce, sell, and more, on the reservation.

Date: Friday, March 7, 2025  
Time: 9:00am - 10:00am

Location:  - Winnebago

Free Coffee!

For more information email: [hempcommission@winnebagoTribe.com](mailto:hempcommission@winnebagoTribe.com)

**Next WIN News**  
**Deadline:**  
**March 15th**

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HoChunk Renaissance  
Language Preservation Program

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## Letter to the Editor

### Letter to the Editor – Winnebago Indian News

From Sasha Rivers.

On Wednesday, February 5th, 2025, people gathered for the 50-50-1 Movement. 50 state capitals for 50 protests in 1 voice, across the nation against Project 2025 and the Trump Administration. Sasha Rivers, a Winnebago tribal member and Waaswaaganing Lac du Flambeau tribal descendant, was in attendance for the Madison, WI protest to represent her tribes, Indigenous voices, and the LGBTQIA+ Two-Spirit community. She raised her voice to let it be known that “NO ONE IS ILLEGAL ON STOLEN LAND!” Over 500 people were in attendance at this protest.

On February 17th, Sasha returned to Madison, WI for the “50-50-1 Movement: Not My President’s Day Protest” on the steps of the Madison State Capitol Building despite below freezing temperatures. Her mother, Muriel Walker, who was also in attendance, was asked to give a blessing for the event.

Sasha raised her voice for the protest with the following message:

“Hizakišana hinikaragiwi na! Hocak raša Ahupiwinga hingaire na! Maixete raša Sasha Rivers ga hingaire na! Caxšep hikikarač hiža wa’uje na. Woodruff eja haci haje na. Nišoc eja howawaji na.

I greet each and every one of you! My Ho-Chunk name is Ahupiwinga. My English name is Sasha Rivers. I am a member of the Eagle Clan [of the Ho-Chunk Nation on whose land we are located on now]. I live in Woodruff, WI and I am from [the] Winnebago Tribe in Nebraska.

I am with the Northwoods Progressives in Woodruff, WI and a first descendant of my [grandmother’s] tribe, the Lac du Flambeau band of Lake Superior Ojibwe.

I am here to represent Indigenous Two-Spirit voices and to speak up for our immigrant friends and relatives. I am here to let it be known that NO ONE IS ILLEGAL ON STOLEN LAND!

My mother, Muriel Walker, raised me to stand up for what’s right. To have empathy and to fight against injustice. The Trump Administration and his executive orders have shown time and again to be unconstitutional, unfair, and unjust. His campaign against the LGBTQ-2SIA+ community and immigrants in particular

hit home as I am of the Two-Spirit community. I have empathy for scapegoated immigrants who are not so far removed from we Indigenous people. Latinos, Latinas, and LatinX individuals are indigenous people too. Let us forget that Turtle Island is OUR original home. We didn’t cross the borders, the borders crossed us.

In January, I attended a Rapid Response Training regarding Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) and immigration laws. I listened as immigrant families voiced their biggest fears: separation from children, educational dreams dashed, homes destroyed, families torn apart. We North-of-the-Southern Border Indigenous people are well versed in such atrocities in our own history. The United States of America made over 500 treaties, SUPREME LAWS OF THE LAND, with over 500 Native Nations, and broke every one of them.

Our own Native people have reported encounters with I.C.E. There is much fear and uncertainty with the threat of I.C.E. on tribal lands and what that means for tribal people. Many tribal nations have taken action to ensure all enrolled tribal members have access to getting certificates of Indian blood, tribal identification cards, and letters of descendency.

Fear and uncertainty is palpable. Yet where there is fear, there is also hope. This has been made evident with our protests. When we rise up, we show others that they are not alone. We are not alone. We are in this together!

We can no longer afford to remain silent and turn a blind eye. WE MUST RISE UP! TOGETHER! And although our voices may shake, we must raise our voices together! LET US SHOW THEM WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU WAKE THE SLEEPING GIANT! AND TOGETHER! WE! WILL! SUCCEED!!!!”

Sasha has been an activist since the Idle No More movement in 2012. She is an advocate for LGBTQIA+ Two-Spirit rights, and is currently a member of the Northwoods Progressives, an activist group in northern Wisconsin. She can be found on all social media platforms.

Her goal is to inspire others to stand up against injustice, support each other during this tumultuous time, and raise their voices in solidarity! Together we can move mountains.

**EDITOR’S NOTE – This article was submitted to the WIN by its author, Sasha Rivers, via email.**

## SPECIAL ELECTION

### Residents of Village of Winnebago

### Winnebago Water & Sewer Ownership

#### 1 What is it?

A special election is being held for the residents of the Village of Winnebago to decide if the water and sewer system should be transferred from the Village of Winnebago to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.

#### 2 What will change?

Transfer of the Water and Sewer System to the Tribe will allow:

- Completion of over \$8 million in improvements and continued access to federal funds for further upgrades.
- More efficient and cost effective billing and operations for Village residents.
- Improvement of water quality in community.

## ELECTION BY MAIL

### RETURN BALLOT BY MARCH 11, 2025

#### 3 How Does it Work?

- This is a Nebraska state election.
- This Special Election will be conducted via mail.
- Village residents will receive ballots by mail on Feb. 18 to March 1, 2025.
- Village residents must be registered voters in Nebraska to vote.
- Ballots must be received by County Election Commissioner by 5:00pm on March 11, 2025.

#### 4 Voter Registration

- Check your voter registration status at: <https://www.nebraska.gov/apps-sos-voter-registration/>
- Unregistered residents may register to vote in person at the Thurston County Courthouse by Feb. 28, 2025 to vote in the Special Election.
- Anyone registering to vote in person by Feb. 28, 2025 will be given a ballot by the Election Commissioner at time of registration.

This document created by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska for informational purposes only

Sample Ballot, Special Election, March 11, 2025		
Thurston County, Nebraska	State of Nebraska	Publication Ballot
<b>INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTER</b>		
The following are instructions on how to vote your ballot. Please follow these instructions precisely, otherwise, your ballot may not be counted.		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Verify that there are initials of an election official at the bottom of the ballot.</li> <li>2. Verify that there are no voting marks on the ballot.</li> <li>3. Use a black ink pen to mark the ballot.</li> <li>4. TO VOTE, you must darken the oval (●) completely.</li> <li>5. Do NOT cross out or erase. If you make a mistake, contact the County Clerk's office at (402) 385-2343 for instructions.</li> <li>6. Place voted ballot into the manilla return envelope. Write your NE driver's license or state ID in the space provided on the envelope, or enclose a photocopy of an acceptable photo ID or Reasonable Impediment Certification (if applicable). Complete, SIGN and seal the envelope. Remember to moisten both seals to cover the voter ID and signature boxes.</li> <li>7. Any person physically unable to sign the envelope must make his/her "mark" and must have an individual witness. Failure to complete and sign the Return Identification Envelope will cause the ballot to be rejected.</li> <li>8. Do NOT place more than ONE (1) voted ballot into the return identification envelope.</li> <li>9. Return Ballot by:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Hand Delivery - deliver the ballot to the office of the County Clerk/Election Commissioner.</li> <li>b. Mail - return ballot by mail by placing proper return postage on the envelope.</li> <li>c. Drop Box Location: 106 S. 5th Street, Pender, Nebraska</li> </ol> </li> <li>10. Ballot MUST be in the possession of the County Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. Central Time on March 11, 2025.</li> </ol>		
<b>VILLAGE TICKET</b>		
Village of Winnebago		
<b>BALLOT QUESTION</b>		
Should the Village of Winnebago transfer the ownership of the water treatment plant, lagoon system, and water tower, and responsibility for the operation of the Village Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska?		
<b>VOTE YES or NO</b>		
<input type="radio"/> I vote YES for authorizing the Village of Winnebago to transfer the ownership of the water treatment plant, lagoon system, and water tower, and responsibility for the operation of the Village Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.		
<input type="radio"/> I vote NO for authorizing the Village of Winnebago to transfer the ownership of the water treatment plant, lagoon system, and water tower, and responsibility for the operation of the Village Water and Sewer System to the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska.		
Electors voting in favor of the proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "I vote YES" following such proposition, and electors voting against such proposition shall blacken the oval opposite the words "I vote NO" following the proposition.		



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# COMMUNITY



## Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

### CALL FOR PRESENTERS

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Human Services Program is seeking presenters to assist with providing a **Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Community Wellness Conference** on Tuesday May 27<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday May 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> 0800am to 0430pm each day.

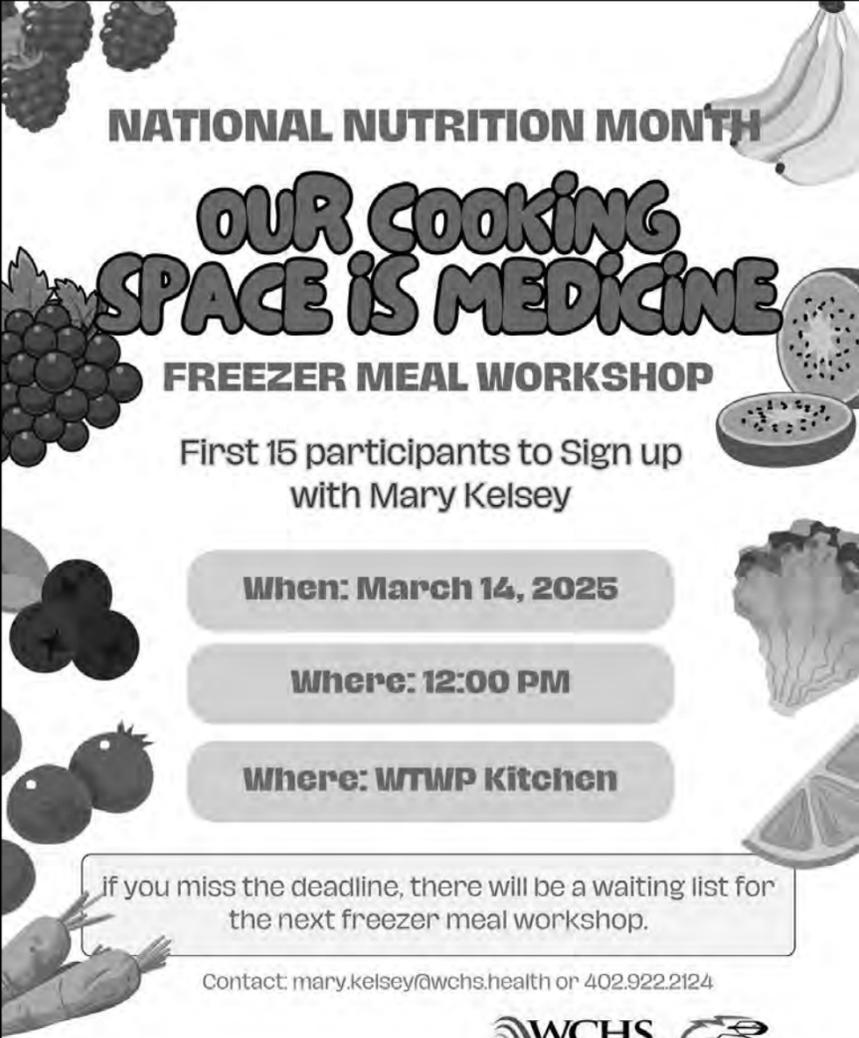
We are seeking presentations and information that informs Human Services Staff, local service providers, and interested community members about pathways to prevention, intervention, wellness, healing, cultural programs, addressing historical trauma and all that entails **building strong families**.

The audience will be a mixture of Human Services Staff, Local Service Providers and members of the community. 87 Seats-Little Priest Tribal College Auditorium. These presentations will also be broadcast via zoom and recorded for those unable to attend.

Any Interested parties please submit the following information via email to [miskoo.petite@winbagotribe.com](mailto:miskoo.petite@winbagotribe.com)

- 1) A proposal defining the presentation, time needed for the presentation (minimum 3 hour block/Max 6 hours), cost of the presentation. If co-presenting or presenting as a team then the cost per each member of the team.
- 2) References are encouraged but not required.
- 3) W-9 Form

Deadline to submit proposals is March 5, 2025 at 5pm.



## NATIONAL NUTRITION MONTH

# OUR COOKING SPACE IS MEDICINE

### FREEZER MEAL WORKSHOP

First 15 participants to Sign up with Mary Kelsey

**When: March 14, 2025**

**Where: 12:00 PM**

**Where: WTWP Kitchen**

If you miss the deadline, there will be a waiting list for the next freezer meal workshop.

Contact: [mary.kelsey@wchs.health](mailto:mary.kelsey@wchs.health) or 402.922.2124




## Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

### WINNEBAGO HUMAN SERVICES

Preserving Native Families Unit  
Neola Walker Building  
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Winnebago, NE 68071  
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#### Fatherhood is Sacred/Motherhood is Sacred

The curriculum offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible fatherhood as reflected in Native American values and beliefs. There is an immediate need to bring men back to strengthening families-they are the greatest untapped resource. Fathers are the solution to the problems that face communities and must take the leading role in keeping their families together. The 12- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families to fully realize their potential.

❖ Certified Facilitators: Jackie Littlegeorge Permanency Caseworker ext. 1237 [jackie.littlegeorge@winbagotribe.com](mailto:jackie.littlegeorge@winbagotribe.com) & Thomas Snowball Sr. Cultural Family Support Worker ext. 1246 [thomas.snowball@winbagotribe.com](mailto:thomas.snowball@winbagotribe.com)

#### The Linking Generations By Strengthening Relationships

This program is a curriculum offers participants the opportunity to learn the pros and cons of strong, healthy, and positive relationships. Our ancestors were a family centered people. To honor our ancestors and continue their culture, we must link generations and take care of our families by strengthening relationships. The 14- week program assists fathers, mothers, and families by enhancing their capacity to promote strong, healthy and positive relationships (i.e. Marriages, families, friendships, etc).

❖ Certified Facilitator:

#### Addressing Family Violence and Abuse

This program is a 14 session program that was created to provide a more in-depth and focused resource for families and communities facing this devastating problem. The program defines domestic violence and abuse, identifies contributing factors, and provides ways to overcome the effects of abuse and much more. This program offers hope and healing to individuals caught in the cycle of abuse and violence.

❖ Certified Facilitator: Thomas Snowball Sr. Cultural Family Support Worker ext. 1246 [thomas.snowball@winbagotribe.com](mailto:thomas.snowball@winbagotribe.com)

*"I know of no tradition, belief, ceremony, or teaching that allows family members to abandon, abuse, neglect, ignore, harm, injure, or molest other family members, specifically children." -Albert M. Pooley*




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## NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION DISTRICT 17 WINNEBAGO, NEBRASKA

The regular meeting of the Board of Education (the "Board") of Thurston County School District 0017 (Winnebago Public Schools) in the State of Nebraska (the "District") will be held at 4:45 PM, on Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 in the regular meeting place of the Board, the School Conference Room on Highway 77 & 75 in the Village of Winnebago, Nebraska. An agenda, kept continuously current, is available for public inspection in the offices of the District Superintendent, located at Highway 77 & 75, 878-2224. The meeting will be open to the attendance of the public. If the meeting needs to be rescheduled, the 1<sup>st</sup> rescheduled date and time is Thursday, March 20<sup>st</sup>, 2025 at 4:45p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> rescheduled date and time will be Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 4:45 p.m.

# COMMUNITY

## Little Priest Tribal College recognized by Achieving the Dream as a 2025 Leader College of Distinction

Little Priest Tribal College (LPTC) today announced that it has been designated a Leader College of Distinction by Achieving the Dream (ATD), a national nonprofit dedicated to advancing community colleges as hubs of learning, credentialing, and economic mobility in their communities.

"I am beyond thrilled to receive this designation from ATD," said President Patil. "Last year, LPTC was honored as a Leader's College, and now, receiving this designation reaffirms our commitment to closing equity gaps. By leveraging disaggregated data, we continue to focus on improving completion for all students. This recognition is a testament to the collective efforts of our college and our unwavering dedication to student success."

ATD created the Leader College of Distinction award in 2018 to recognize colleges that have pursued and met challenging student success goals, often earning Leader College status several times. Leader Colleges of Distinction must show improvement in three or more student outcome metrics, including at least one lagging indicator, such as completion or transfer with an earned baccalaureate. Leader Colleges of Distinction are also required to show they have reduced equity gaps in at least two metrics for at least two student groups. These requirements recognize and motivate sustained and proactive reform efforts that result in greater improvements in student success and equity.

LPTC is part of the ATD Network, made up of 300+ colleges committed to supporting student success at their institutions and promoting economic vitality throughout their communities. LPTC has been a member of the ATD Network since 2017 and has held Leader College status since 2024.

"We are proud to recognize our 2025 Leader Colleges and Leader Colleges of Distinction for their extraordinary commitment to student success," said Dr. Karen A. Stout, president and CEO of Achieving the Dream. "These colleges exemplify excellence within the ATD Network, achieving measurable gains in student outcomes and fostering impactful change within their institutions and communities. Their dedication to using data-informed approaches to create meaningful opportunities for students and their communities serves as a powerful example for all institutions of higher education and especially for those in the ATD Network."

Achieving the Dream (ATD) is a partner and champion of more than 300 community colleges across the country. Drawing on expert coaches, groundbreaking programs, and national peer network, the organization provides institutions with integrated, tailored support for every aspect of their work — from foundational capacities such as leadership, data, and equity to intentional strategies for supporting students holistically, building K-12 partnerships, and more. ATD calls this Whole College Transformation. Its vision is for every college to be a catalyst for equitable and economically vibrant communities. ATD knows that with the right partner and the right approach, colleges can drive access, completion rates, and employment outcomes — so that all students can access life-changing learning that propels them into community-changing careers. Follow ATD on [X \(Twitter\)](#), [Facebook](#), and [LinkedIn](#). To learn more, visit the Achieving the Dream (ATD) website: [www.achievingthedream.org](http://www.achievingthedream.org).

## WCHS Launches WinnHealth Record



By: Erin McElroy Communications Manager

A new Electronic Health Record (EHR) that will transform patient care. Winnebago, NE – February 1st, Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System successfully launched **WinnHealth Record**, a modern Electronic Health Record (EHR) leveraging cloud technology and AI to keep patient care at the forefront of innovation. WinnHealth Record is a web-based platform designed to enhance experiences and elevate care through improved connectivity, efficiency, and security.

Launching WinnHealth Record is a significant step forward in streamlining healthcare services and ensuring seamless coordination between providers and their patients. The system prioritizes security of health records, enhances scheduling and appointment reminders, facilitates better communication across departments, and creates a centralized registration process that simplifies return visits and reduces wait times. WinnHealth Record propels WCHS into a new era of digital healthcare, using today's technology to enhance patient experience and care coordination.

"This transition allows for significant improvements to WCHS's functionality, collaboration, automation, security, and patient safety across all services, giving our patients the exceptional healthcare experience they deserve," explains Austin Schanzenbach, Chief Transformation Officer and Project Lead. Throughout the next several months, WCHS will be refining workflows and optimizing the system in the implementation phase. The staff will continue to strive for a seamless

transition, they appreciate patients' patience during this adjustment period. Those with appointments or the ability to call ahead to schedule an appointment in February are encouraged to do so. For the time being, Walk-in/Flex appointments will be limited to those who are sick or with urgent care needs. Please bring updated insurance cards and allow for additional time during visits. For any questions or concerns, patients can call 402-745-3950.

As a next step, WCHS will be launching **WinnHealth Portal**. WinnHealth Portal will be a user-friendly patient portal platform that will empower patients with the ability to view their chart and better manage their healthcare. More information about this patient portal is coming soon!

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The Winnebago Comprehensive Healthcare System (WCHS) is dedicated to creating and sustaining a healthy community in Winnebago and all the populations we serve. Our organization provides an integrated approach to medicine by offering care services that are compassionate, innovative, and culturally-centered. Our goal is to lead the nation in health for indigenous people by challenging the culture of healthcare for the 10,000 Native Americans who live on the Winnebago Reservation and in the surrounding region. The rural healthcare services we provide include renowned acute care hospital services, a robust primary care clinic, and impressive prevention programs designed to educate, encourage, and support the mental, environmental, social, and physical wellness needs of the Winnebago community. Visit [www.wchs.health](http://www.wchs.health) to learn more.



## Winnebago Senior Citizen's Center Lunch Calendar

MARCH	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Chicken Salad Sandwich Italian Pasta Salad Carrots Celery Sticks Pears	Bacon/Sausage Patty Boiled Egg Oatmeal w/Toppings Toast	Cheeseburger Potato Salad Baked Beans Cookie/Ice Cream Mixed Fruit	Tater Tot Casserole Biscuits Lettuce Salad Apple Crisp	Tamales Refried Beans Nachos Fried Corn Mixed Fruit		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
	Tuna Casserole Carrot Salad Waffle Biscuit Lemon Pudding	Chicken Strips Coleslaw Bread Peaches	Goulash Garlic Bread Cukes/Radishes Jello w/ Whip Cream	Chicken Caesar Salad Relish Tray Bread Stick Apple Pie	Sloppy Joe Seasoned Potatoes Fresh Veggies Pistachio Pudding		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
	Pizza Casserole Asparagus Dinner Roll Jello w/Fruit	Polish Sausage Sauerkraut Macaroni Salad Choc Cherry Cake	Hamburger Gravy Mashed Potatoes Broccoli/Cheese White Bread Cookie/Ice Cream	Spaghetti w/Meatballs Creamed Corn Garlic Bread Brownie	Pork Loin w/Gravy Baked Potato Homemade Bun Brussel Sprouts Cherries		
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
	Salisbury Steak with Gravy Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Rye Bread	Indian Tacos Cheese Coleslaw Chiffon Dessert	Bean Soup w/ Pork Cowboy Bread Cauliflower Choc. Pudding	Spam Boiled Eggs Toast Hash Browns Grapes	Au Gratin Potatoes w/Ham Broccoli Waffle Biscuit Cherry Crisp		
30	31	1	2	3	4	5	
	Hot Turkey Sandwich Diced Carrots Vanilla Pudding w/Wafer	*ALL MEALS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.					



WCHS'S SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER SERVES A NOON MEAL EVERY WEEKDAY TO THE ELDERLY IN OUR COMMUNITY. IF YOU ARE DISABLED OR HOMEBOUND, CALL 402-745-3957 TO ASK ABOUT HOME DELIVERY!

# HAKWE

## Question of the Issue:

*Self-Care as an idea is growing. If and how does it fit into your world?*

**GARAN:** I had to look up ‘what is self-care?’. This is what the ol’ world wide web said, “Self-care refers to the proactive steps individuals take to maintain and improve their physical, mental, and emotional well-being.” I think music would check all the boxes for my little world. I can improve my physical well-being by cutting up a rug and dancing. Music makes my mind feel good and emotionally it usually takes me back to a good time. I am not a good dancer, not a good singer, so that’s why I am a DJ. Haha! EDITOR’S NOTE – Hmm... not good? 2am says otherwise! ;-p

**BRIAN:** I come from GenX and to us there is no such thing. Deal with it! But we do know, ‘all work and no play...’ so with that, staying away from places, people, and surroundings that drain your energy, that most certainly happens. Daily choices to take care of your health ought to be prioritized too, but again, to GenX ... we get over it. #DontBeMad #JustGoAway ;-p

**TYLER:** I would say working out improves all physical, mental and emotional well-being. It’s a great stress relief and overall puts me in a better mood. A simple walk outside can help.

**CHRISTINA:** I try and do something for self-care every day! Whether it’s one of the following or a couple of them, it’s important to me. For my physical, I try to make it to the gym at least twice a week. I usually try to do at least a mile of running on the treadmill and weight lift then I’ll sit in the sauna for a good 15-20 minutes before I leave. Didn’t know how that type of sweating is so calming. For my mental, I’m a big nerd so I like to listen to podcasts about business, finance and self-help. I also like to watch documentaries, or I have about 3 books that I’m reading. One of them has been going on for a couple years because it was written in a different era. So, the language is a little dry. For my emotional wellbeing, exercise/yoga, naps or being out in nature are my common go-to to improve my overall mood. So, hurry up spring season!

**KEVIN:** For self-care I take long HOT bubble baths. That hot soapy water melts away my frustrations. I try to stay in touch with the creator and talk and thank him daily, blessing me with my babies. I look at them and know I must get healthy and stay healthy to watch them grow up.

**BETHANI:** Self-care for me is simply listening to music, finding new music, or re-playing some of my favorite artists & songs. Another form of self-care that helps keep me balanced is writing, I like to journal & write poetry. Other forms of self-care for me is spending time with my family, they keep me sane & happy.

## DOXY WINS STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



By Brian Chamberlain  
Photos by Adam Tranmer /  
Nebraska Wrestling

[Omaha, NE] The thrill of victory was certainly on the menu for the Winnebago wrestlers this season. Inside the famed CHI Health Arena in downtown Omaha, the Nebraska State Boys Wrestling Tournament was held this past weekend. Replete with all the hype, pageantry, and fanfare you’d expect as the best High School boys in our State made the trek there.

“I’m so proud of this kid. We talked when he entered high school that if he listened to me and bought into the program philosophy, that he would be a two-time or three-time State champ.”, said Adam Tranmer – Coach for the Boys Wrestling team at WHS. Tranmer continued, “Last season was heartbreak, and we reset our goals to become a two-time state champ. [W]e got the first one tonight, and next year’s prep begins tomorrow.” Doxy is in his Junior year at

Winnebago High School. His coach stated, “[Doxy] has the junior record for wins and most all the [other] season records after this unbelievable season.” Wrestling in the C285 weight division, Doxy finished his championship run holding a record of 46-3. Doxy is also credited with scoring all of the team points at the State Tournament for the Indians, WHS ended up finishing 24<sup>th</sup> out of the 53-team field. “Now that’s an accomplishment!”, his coach exclaimed.

Surrounded by his coaches and family, Doxy stood alone atop the winner’s podium as the crowd cheered for the medal winners. The storied CHI Health Arena now has one more tale to tell. It is the home of the first ever NSAA Champion Wrestler from Winnebago High School. Coach Tranmer finished, “He’s a great kid. He’s coachable. [L]et’s do it again next year!” Congratulations, Jared! You’ve made your school, your coaches, your team, and your family proud. Best wishes for another great season ahead.



March 7th 2025 11:00AM-6:00PM @ Whirling Thunder Gym

HUMAN SERVICES • PRESERVING NATIVE FAMILIES

## INDIGENOUS pride fair

### SINGLE HAND DRUM CONTEST

\$200

Star Quilt Basket

\$100

Basket

\$50

Basket

### BEST RIBBON SKIRT CONTEST

\$100

Ribbon Skirt Basket

\$75

Basket

\$50

Basket

### LONGEST HAIR

\$50

Pendleton Blanket Basket

### BIGGEST FAN

\$50

Pendleton Blanket Basket

### BEST WARHOOP

\$25

### BEST LULU

\$25

registration

10:00AM-12:00PM

lunch served @

12:00PM

contest begins @

1:00PM

door prizes

every 2 hrs!

all winners must be present to claim prize

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT  
April Aldrich, Youth Advocate  
402-257-5586 ext. 1229  
402-922-2181



## BIG VOICE RADIO

KWTN  
100.9 FM

Official Radio Station of the  
Winnebago Tribe of  
Nebraska



## 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."

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# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

## WINNEBAGO TRIBAL COUNCIL MID-MONTHLY MEETING January 21, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Rona Stealer  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Coly Brown  
Lorelei DeCora  
Aric Armell  
Eugene DeCora  
Isaac Smith (in at 10:23 a.m.)  
Kenneth Mallory (in at 11:17 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Karl Baker  
Charlene Earth  
Mike Means  
Tom Teesdale  
William Sun  
Crystal White  
Christina Parker  
Garan Coons  
Alfred Lopez  
Eli Painter  
Cecelia Earth  
Kamau Turner  
Anthony Earth  
Robin Bear  
Darla LaPointe  
Tyresha Romero  
Bobbie Wolfe  
Tonia Keller  
Annabess Preston

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 10:14 a.m.

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

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda with additions and amendments. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Eugene DeCora motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:14 a.m. Coly Brown seconded the motion. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

*[LD out 10:43 a.m., in 10:50 a.m.]*

*[KM in at 11:17 a.m.]*

*[LD out 11:18 a.m., in 11:23 a.m.]*

*[TL out 11:35 a.m., in 11:38 a.m.]*

*[LD out 11:54 a.m., in 11:57 a.m.]*

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 12:04 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

**BREAK:** reconvene at 12:16 p.m.

### READING OF THE MINUTES:

January 6, 2025, Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes

Coly Brown motioned to approve the January 6, 2025, Regular Tribal Council Meeting minutes. Kenneth Mallory seconded the motion.

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

January 8, 2025, CEO Report meeting minutes

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the January 8, 2025, CEO Report meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

January 13, 2025, Physical Resource Report meeting minutes

Aric Armell motioned to approve the January 13, 2025, Physical Resource Report meeting minutes. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

### RATIFY 5 SIGNATURES:

Approval of Tribal Member (J.C.) request Eugene DeCora motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Tribal Member (J.C.) request. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Bid from WinnaVegas to provide the meal for Public Forum on 1-20-25 (rescheduled to 1-29-25)

Lorelei DeCora motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the Bid from WinnaVegas to provide the meal for Public Forum on 1-20-25 (rescheduled to 1-29-25). Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of \$20,000 Budget for LBM Pow-wow

Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature approving the \$20,000 Budget for LBM Pow-wow. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

K. Turner – WPS request for letter of support for the application for Impact Aid

Aric Armell motioned to table the request for letter of support until the Tribal Council can review further information being submitted for the application. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

ABSTAIN: Teresa Littlegeorge

VOTE:(7) yes (0) no (1) abstain, TL

Motion carried.

Last Bear Moon Pow-wow Budget – discussion/action

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the revised Last Bear Moon Pow-wow Budget as presented. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Breakdown of Senior Center Funding -Discussion only

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

Res 2025 Summit – Travel approval, March 9-13, 2025, Las Vegas NV

Aric Armell motioned to approve travel for Tribal Council to attend Res 2025 Summit, March 9-13, 2025, Las Vegas NV. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention Mid-Year Conference, March 31-April 3, 2025, San Diego, CA

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve Travel for Tribal Council to attend the Indian Gaming Tradeshow & Convention Mid-Year Conference, March 31-April 3, 2025, San Diego, CA. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### EXECUTIVE SESSION (two items)

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:49 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

**BREAK:** reconvene at 1:15 p.m.

Eugene DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session at 1:57 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to authorize the Chairwoman to sign the Letter to the National Indian Gaming Commission. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

Aric Armell motioned to have Communications send out a “Save the Date” for the Annual Winnebago Homecoming Celebration. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA GENERAL COUNSEL MEETING January 23, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Rona Bearskin  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lorelei DeCora  
Coly Brown  
Eugene DeCora  
Kenneth Mallory (in at 9:11 a.m.)  
Aric Armell (in at 9:32 a.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Danelle Smith  
Kellie Snow  
Romi Routon  
Kamau Turner  
Deidre Redhorn  
Christina Parker  
Annabess Preston  
Cecelia Earth  
Zeriah James  
Tyresha Romero  
Willy Bass  
Darla LaPointe  
Michele Mitchell  
Lance Morgan  
Sarah Snake  
Janelle DeCora  
Billie Kitcheyan  
Josh Pitre  
Ireta Frazier  
Autumn Nieman  
James Sun III  
Tara Hernandez

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Isaac Smith

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Victoria Kitcheyan at 9:10 A.M.

*[Kenneth in at 9:11 a.m.]*

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

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the agenda with addition. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

WPS Letter of Support of Impact Aid Application  
Presented by Romi Routon and Kamau Turner.

Aric Armell would like to have Teresa Littlegeorge work with WPS on collecting the data needed for the impact aid application.

Aric Armell requested that Teresa Littlegeorge share information from the WPS with the Tribal Council

*[Aric in at 9:32 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei out 9:34 a.m., in 9:40 a.m.]*

*[Kenneth out at 9:55 a.m., in 9:57 a.m.]*

Lorelei DeCora motioned to have General Counsel draft a letter to the Winnebago Public School Board to move forward with the tribal consultation going forward. Aric Armell seconded the motion.

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

EPA Tribal Water Systems Tribal Consultation Aric Armell motioned to authorize the Tribal Consultation with EPA Region 7. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Tribal Code Revision – Water Resources Committee

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #25-94: Amendments to the Winnebago Tribal Code Title 8, Article 2, Water Management. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

First American Title Insurance Limited Waiver for Land Purchase

Aric Armell motioned to adopt resolution #25-95: Limited Water of Sovereign Immunity for Winnebago Tribe Transactions with First American Title Insurance Company, Lewis and Clark Title and Escrow. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

**BREAK:** Reconvene at 10:23 a.m.

**UPDATES/DISCUSSION ITEMS:** Presented by Josh Pitre and Danelle Smith

Federal Advocacy – administrative updates  
Census Bureau Tribal Consultation

Aric Armell motioned to submit comments to the Census Bureau Tribal Consultations. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Winnebago Land Transfer Act Implementation  
NACIE Improvement Act Implementation

*[Coly out at 10:48 a.m.]*

Califano Fund Implementation

*[Lorelei out at 11:00 a.m., in at 11:02 a.m.]*

GAO P.L. 280 Study – Request

Federal Advocacy – Congressional updates  
Overview of 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

Key Committee Assignments

Hearing for Interior Secretary Nominee

Federal Advocacy – Potential Priorities for 119<sup>th</sup> Congress

NAGPRA Provision

*[Chairwoman Kitcheyan out, Secretary Littlegeorge assumes chair]*

Aric Armell motioned to approve travel for the Tribal Council to attend the NCAI Winter Session, February 10-13, 2025. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

*[Chairwoman Kitcheyan in, reassumes Chair]*

FDPIR 638 Authority

Federal Appropriations for Tribal Programs

*[Lorelei out 11:46 a.m.]*

Other Tribal Priorities

NCAIED - discussion

*[Lorelei in 11:50 a.m.]*

**BREAK:** Reconvene at 11:58 a.m.

State Advocacy

2025 State Legislative Priorities

Host a tour of the Reservation

Tribal College Funding

2025 Legislative Luncheon

Lorelei DeCora motioned to have General Counsel draft a letter in support of LB 7 (include language stating that Native American Tribal lands are not foreign lands). Aric Armell seconded the motion.

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

Lorelei DeCora motioned to have General Counsel draft a letter in support of LB 675 (relating to school lands). Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Law Enforcement – update

WTN Radio Station Request to Nebraska

Public Media – update

TDHE – WHDC – update

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 12:45 p.m. Rona Stealer seconded the motion. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

*[Isaac in at 12:56 p.m.]*

*[Lorelei out at 1:08 p.m., in 1:12 p.m.]*

*[Lorelei out]*

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 2:13 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded the motion.

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

Aric Armell motioned to approve the informed consent for BigFire Law & Policy Group LLP's continued representation of the Tribe related to the Village water and sewer system. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

*[Lorelei in]*

Rona Stealer motioned to approve free Tribal I.D.'s for all aged tribal members. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:16 p.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary*

*Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA LAW ENFORCEMENT/FIRE DEPARTMENT/BIA REPORT MEETING January 27, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Rona Stealer  
Aric Armell  
Eugene DeCora  
Kenneth Mallory (in @ 9:19 a.m.)  
Lorelei DeCora

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Lecia Wright, Assistant US Attorney  
Michele Mitchell  
Danelle Smith  
Cecelia Earth  
Willy Bass  
Tyresha Romero  
Darla LaPointe  
Monica Flores  
Nilah Soloman  
Annabess Preston  
James Sun III  
Jason Lawrence  
Christina Parker  
Kellie Snow

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (PTO)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 9:17 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Councilman Eugene DeCora offered the opening prayer.

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Aric Armell motioned to approve the agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

*[Kenneth in at 9:19 a.m.]*

**LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORT:** Presented by Chief Jason Lawrence.

1 FLETC graduate

3 tribal officers returned from training

The Tribal Council had questions regarding the corrections and transporting of prisoners to jail in Wagner.

Aric Armell motioned to send a letter of concern to Fred Davis regarding contracts for corrections and Juvenile corrections contracts. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

*[Isaac out 9:46 a.m., in at 9:47 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei out at 10:14 a.m., in at 10:19 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei out at 10:25 a.m.]*

### EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Eugene DeCora motioned to go into Executive Session at 10:26 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

*[Lorelei in at 10:30 a.m.]*

*[Victoria out 10:35 a.m.]*

*[Aric out 10:46 a.m., in at 10:48 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei out at 11:00 a.m.]*

*[Victoria in at 11:02 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei in at 11:10 a.m.]*

*[TL out 11:16 a.m., in at 11:17 a.m.]*

*[Isaac out 11:23 a.m., in at 11:24 a.m.]*

*[Victoria out 11:30 a.m., in 11:31 a.m.]*

*[Lorelei out 11:38 a.m., in 11:44 a.m.]*

Aric Armell motioned to come out of Executive Session at 11:54 a.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

**BIA REPORT:** Presented by Nilah Soloman, Superintendent BIA Winnebago Agency.

Contracting approved for enrollment request. Tribal Code and Land Use request – meeting next week

Buffalo Well Request sent to Planning and Grants department.

Encouraging Tribes to get 638 and carryover request in by June.

Fiberoptics – will move forward

Delegation of Authority was pulled (per Executive Order)

Forum – Nilah, Monica, and Esther will have a PowerPoint following Joy Johnson at the forum.

*[Lecia Wright out at 11:57 a.m. for another meeting]*

*[Teresa out at 12:01 p.m., in 12:03 p.m.]*

*[Kenneth out at 12:01 p.m., in at 12:05 p.m.]*

**FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Presented by Isaac Smith, Fire Chief.

Request for account balance for Fire Department – waiting on follow up.

Attended meeting with Village and Rural Board

# TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

regarding the new building  
2 members taking training  
1 new member  
Performed Smoke training this past Saturday.  
[Aric out at 12:20 p.m.]  
Cost for bunker gear is \$1500 to \$2500 per person  
October 5<sup>th</sup> – Fire Prevention week  
Working with BFL regarding the 501(c) 3 for the Fire Department  
Controlled burns need to be done.  
[Eugene out at 12:45 p.m.]  
**ADJOURN:**  
Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adjourn at 12:48 p.m. Isaac Smith seconded the motion.  
VOTE: (5) yes (0) no (0) abstain  
Motion carried.  
Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA TREASURER'S REPORT MEETING January 30, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Rona Stealer  
Kenneth Mallory  
Lorelei DeCora  
Coly Brown  
Eugene DeCora  
Aric Armell

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Jasmine Lammers  
Brittany Thomas  
Kellen Kelsey  
Darla LaPointe  
Deidre Redhorn  
Kellie Snow  
Kiana Lewis  
Cecelia Earth  
Tom Teesdale  
Ray Thomas  
Christian Rogers  
Petra Nielson  
Charlie Earth  
Angel Derochie  
Bethewel  
David Edwards  
Annabess Preston  
Damon Payer  
Nakia Mallory  
Lance Morgan  
Aaron LaPointe  
Sandy Oliveras  
Anna Berridge  
Kevin Ebert

### SHARON REDHORN-CHAMBERLAIN

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan (PTO)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Smith called to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

### AGENDA:

Coly Brown motioned to approve the agenda with additions and amendments to the order.  
Aric Armell seconded the motion.

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

**WTN FINANCIAL REPORT:** Presented by

Jasmine Lammers  
[Aric out 9:11 a.m.]

### ACTION ITEMS:

Budget Modification

Lorelei DeCora motioned to approve the recommendation from the Tribal CFO for the FY 25 Budget Modification as presented. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Resolution – Trust Account Drawdown  
Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-97: Trust Account Drawdown. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Planning Department Resolution – FY 2025 Winnebago Public Library Project

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #25-98: FY 2025 Winnebago Public Library. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Planning Department Resolution - FY25 Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program – Native Entity  
Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #25-99: FY25 Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Digital Equity Capacity Grant Program – Native Entity. Coly Brown seconded the motion.

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

Eugene DeCora motioned to accept the Winnebago Tribal December Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

[AA in 9:24 a.m.]

**WCHS FINANCIAL REPORT:** Presented by

Bethewel and David Edwards

Aric Armell motioned to accept the WCHS December Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

**GAMING COMMISSION REPORT:** Presented by Damon Payer and Nakia Mallory. Rona Stealer motioned to accept the Winnebago Gaming Commission December 2025 Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

**WARHORSE REPORT:** Presented by Angel Derochie, Aaron LaPointe, and Lance Morgan. Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the WarHorse December Financial Report. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Rona Stealer motioned to approve the WarHorse amended format of Financial Report. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

**BREAK:** 10:10 a.m.

[Coly out at 10:18 a.m.]

**RECONVENED:** 10:30 a.m.

[Rona out]

**WINNAVEGAS REPORT:** Presented by Tom Teesdale and Mike Means.

[Rona in at 10:35 a.m.]

[Lorelei out at 10:39 a.m., in 10:45 a.m.]

**DISCUSSIONS:** Intact issues, berm, water systems, future plans.

Aric Armell motioned to accept the WinnaVegas December 2025 Financial Report. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of the Marketing Department's request for the 33rd Anniversary promotional drawings and vehicle giveaway. This promotion is scheduled for April 5, 2025, through April 26, 2025. The estimated promotional liability is \$64,340.00 to \$77,640, depending on the grand prize winner's cash or vehicle prize selection. Aric Armell motioned to approve the Marketing Department's request for the 33rd Anniversary promotional drawings and vehicle giveaway. This promotion is scheduled for April 5, 2025, through April 26, 2025. The estimated promotional liability is \$64,340.00 to \$77,640, depending on the grand prize winner's cash or vehicle prize selection. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Approval of the Entertainment Department's contract (\$35,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Starship featuring Mickey Thomas concert on Saturday, March 22, 2025.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Entertainment Department's contract (\$35,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Starship featuring Mickey Thomas concert on Saturday, March 22, 2025. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Approval of the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Direct from Sweden (ABBA) concert on Saturday, April 26, 2025.

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Direct from Sweden (ABBA) concert on Saturday, April 26, 2025. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Get the Led Out (Led Zeppelin) concert on Saturday, May 10, 2025.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Get the Led Out (Led Zeppelin) concert on Saturday, May 10, 2025. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of the Entertainment Department's contract (\$50,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Dire Straits Legacy concert on Saturday, June 07, 2025.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the Entertainment Department's contract (\$50,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Dire Straits Legacy concert on Saturday, June 07, 2025.

Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Approval of the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Killer Queen, a Tribute to Queen concert on Saturday, July 19, 2025.

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Entertainment Department's contract (\$25,000.00), ticket matrix, and VIP offer for the Killer Queen, a Tribute to Queen concert on Saturday, July 19, 2025. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

[Lorelei out 11:27 a.m.]

[Teresa out 11:27 a.m.]

### WGDC – NATIVE STAR/IRON HORSE REPORT:

[Teresa in at 11:30 a.m.]

[Lorelei in at 11:31 a.m.]

**DISCUSSION:** New machines being brought into the casinos, goal to be at full capacity.

[Lorelei out 11:44 a.m., in at 11:46 a.m.]

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Winneba-

go Gaming Development Corporation – Native Star/Iron Horse December Report. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURN:

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Vice-Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING February 3, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Eugene DeCora  
Kenneth Mallory  
Lorelei DeCora  
Aric Armell

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Kori Novy  
Mark Stout  
Marcel Blackbird  
Annabess Preston  
Ramona Sheridan  
Garan Coons  
Micki Wildcat  
Sharon Frenchman  
Cecelia Earth  
Shadana Sultan  
Kevin Ebert  
Tyresha Romero  
James Sun III  
Darla LaPointe  
Lacey Loftin

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Coly Brown (PTO)  
Victoria Kitcheyan (PTO)  
Rona Stealer (PTO)

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Chairman Smith called to order at 9:11 a.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Kenneth Mallory offered the opening prayer

### APPROVE AGENDA:

Eugene DeCora motioned to approve the agenda with addition. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

### READING OF THE MINTUES:

January 21, 2025, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 21, 2025, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

January 23, 2025, General Counsel meeting minutes

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 23, 2025, General Counsel meeting minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

January 27, 2025, Law Enforcement/Fire Department/BIA Report meeting minutes

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 27, 2025, Law Enforcement/Fire Department/BIA Report meeting minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

January 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes

Kenneth Mallory motioned to approve the January 30, 2025, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approval of Resolution 25-96: FY25 Wildlife & Parks BIA Water Well Assistance  
Aric Armell motioned to ratify the five-signature adopting resolution #25-96: FY25 Wildlife & Parks BIA Water Well Assistance. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Travel for Tribal Council members to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wiring the Rez Conference – Feb. 20-21, 2025.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the Travel for Tribal Council members to attend the 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Wiring the Rez Conference – Feb. 20-21, 2025. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### NEW BUSINESS:

U.S. Census Update – ACS Survey  
Marcel Blackbird is the U.S. Census Bureau representative for our area.  
Shadana Sultan, Tribal Relations U.S. Census  
Kory Novy  
Lacey Loftin  
Micki Wildcat

2025 Tribal Transportation Conference, South Sioux City, NE – March 20, 2025

Aric Armell motioned to approve the Travel for the Tribal Council to attend the 2025 Tribal Transportation Conference, South Sioux City, NE – March 20, 2025. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

FY 2027 Tribal Budget Formulation Ranking tool (approval)

Aric Armell motioned to approve the FY 2027 Tribal Budget Formulation Ranking tool as completed. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Enrollment – Budget Mod

Aric Armell motioned to approve a budget modification for the Enrollment department for Tribal ID's for \$3,000 out of the Tribal Council General Fund account. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to end the "free Tribal ID's" on March 31, 2025. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURN:

Aric Armell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 a.m. Lorelei DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Vice Chairman adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA SPECIAL MEETING February 7, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Victoria Kitcheyan  
Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Coly Brown

Eugene DeCora  
Aric Armell  
Lorelei DeCora  
Rona Stealer (in 2:12 p.m.)

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Lance Morgan  
Danelle Smith  
Aaron LaPointe  
Christina Parker  
Allyson Von Seggern

### TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:

Kenneth Mallory

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Kitcheyan called to order at 2:09 p.m.

**OPENING PRAYER:** Isaac Smith offered the opening prayer.

Aric Armell motioned to go into Executive Session at 2:10 p.m. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

[Rona in at 2:12 p.m.]

[Victoria out at 2:45 p.m., Isaac assumes chair]

[Victoria in at 3:00 p.m., reassumes chair]

Lorelei DeCora motioned to come out of Executive Session at 3:06 p.m. Aric Armell seconded the motion.

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

### ADJOURN:

Eugene DeCora motioned to adjourn at 3:22 p.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Chairwoman Kitcheyan adjourned the meeting.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary  
Winnebago Tribal Council*

## WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT MEETING February 10, 2025

### TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:

Isaac Smith  
Teresa Littlegeorge  
Lorelei DeCora  
Kenneth Mallory  
Aric Armell

### OTHERS PRESENT:

Ireta Frazier  
Autumn Nieman  
Darla LaPointe  
Christine Parker  
Julie Smithart  
Harvey Freemont  
Robyn Armell  
Kristine Earth  
Kellie Snow  
Cecelia Earth  
Xerxes Long

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# WPS SCHOOL BOARD

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF WINNEBAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A Meeting of the Board of Winnebago Public Schools was convened in open and public session on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 4:51 p.m. in the board room at the Winnebago Public Schools, Highways 77 & 75, Winnebago, Nebraska. The roll was called and the following Board members were present or absent:

Present: Teresa Littlegeorge, Crystal R. Ross, Nilah Solomon, Greg Bass III, Kiana Lewis, Kristine Earth

Absent:

Notice of the meeting was given in advance by posting in accordance with the Board approved method for giving notice of meetings. Notice of the meeting was given in advance to all members of the Board of Education. Availability of the agenda was communicated in the publicized notice. All proceedings of the Board of Education, except as may be hereinafter noted, were taken while the convened meeting was open to the attendance of the public.

### 1. Receiving of Delegations:

#### 2. Call to Order and Oath for new Board Members

Meeting was called to order at 4:51 p.m. by Superintendent Kamau Turner, also Superintendent Turner states, "MEMBERS OF THE BOARD RECEIVED NOTICE OF THE MEETING SHOWING THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE MEETING INCLUDING THE AGENDA TO BE CONSIDERED. NOTICE OF THE MEETING WAS PUBLISHED BY POSTING ON THE OFFICE DOOR AND THREE OTHER PLACES." A COMPLETE COPY OF THE OPEN MEETING ACT IS POSTED ON THE WEST WALL.

#### 3. Election of Officers A. Chairperson, B. Vice Chairperson C. Secretary D. Treasurer

Ross nominates Littlegeorge for President, 2nd Bass, Ross makes a motion to cease nominations, All in favor-5-0-1

Chairman will take over the meeting

Solomon nominates for Vice-President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Littlegeorge, Ross makes a motion to cease Nominations. All in favor-5-0-1

C) Solomon nominates for Secretary, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lewis, Solomon makes a motion to cease nominations All in favor-6

D) Lewis nominates for Treasurer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earth, Ross makes a motion to cease nominations. All in favor-6

#### 4. Approval of Agenda with additional items added

Motion: Solomon

Second: Lewis

Discussion: None

Voting for: Lewis, Earth, Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-1)

#### 1. January 13, 2025 School Board Meeting

#### 5. Business Affairs

##### 5-1. Approve minutes of December 3, 2024 Regular Meeting.

Motion: Littlegeorge

Second: Solomon

Discussion: None

Voting for: Earth, Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 5-2. Approve accounts payable for in the amount of \$227,138.82, petty cash account/

Treasurer's report.

Motion: Ross

Second: Bass III

Discussion: accounts payable review

Voting For: Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 5-3. Approve Facilities WEFLC in the amount of \$475,257.24

Motion: Ross

Second: Lewis

Discussion: account review

Voting For: Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 5-4. Approve Teresa Littlegeorge, Crystal Ross, Nilah Solomon, Gregory Bass III, Kristine Earth and Kiana Lewis to be authorized to sign district checks for accounts (238074-General Fund and 937118-Hi-Fi),

If each member completes required forms/information needed by Charter West Bank

Motion: Bass III

Second: Lewis

Discussion: account review

Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross, Bass III

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

#### 2. January 13, 2025 School Board Meeting

##### 5-5. Approve Charter West Bank of Walthill as the official Depository for Winnebago Public School

Motion: Lewis

Second: Earth

Discussion: signature policy and procedures

Voting For: Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross, Bass III, Solomon

Voting Against:

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 5-6. Approve to designate the South Sioux City Star as the official newspaper for Winnebago Public School

Motion: Ross

Second: Bass III

Discussion: None

Voting For: Lewis, Earth, Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

#### 6. New Business

##### 6-1. Site Logic Presentation-Gavin Benson & Jerry Spethman of D.A. Davidson

Approve the feasibility study by Site Logic at no cost to the school.

Motion: Littlegeorge

Second: Lewis

Discussion: None

Voting For: Earth, Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 6-2. Michelle Parker Presentation

Tabled until next available meeting, request survey questions

Motion: Bass III

Second: Solomon

Discussion: None

Voting For: Ross, Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

#### 3. January 13, 2025 Board Meeting

##### 6-3. Academy Proposal-Discussion

No action taken, request the Academy teachers attend the next School Board Meeting

Motion:

Second:

Discussion: None

Voting For:

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (0-0-0-0)

##### 6-4. Adopt and Approve Board Policy #8342

Motion: Lewis

Second: Solomon

Discussion: None

Voting For: Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

##### 6-5. Optional Board Policy-Discussion

No action taken

Motion:

Second:

Discussion: None

Voting For:

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent:

Motion Carried: (0-0-0-0)

##### 6-6. Approve Credit substitution for students with higher level classes for Graduation requirements.

Motion: Solomon

Second: Ross

Discussion: None

Voting For: Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Earth, Ross, Bass III

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (6-0-0-0)

#### January 13, 2025 Board Meeting

##### 6-7. Deposit Dates-Discussion

No action taken

Motion:

Second:

Discussion: None

Voting For:

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent:

Motion Carried: (0-0-0-0)

##### 6-8. JAG Career Specialist Program Position-Information only

##### 6-9. NAFIS Presentation for Spring 2025-Information only

#### 7. Reports

##### 1. Superintendent:

##### a. NAFIS (Washington DC) March 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> /Board Work Session January 25<sup>th</sup>/ Joint Meeting – January 29<sup>th</sup>

##### 2. Special Education Director

##### 3. Safety/Athletic Director

##### 4. Dean of Students

##### 5. Pre-K-4 Principal

##### 6. 5-8 Principal

##### 7. 9-12 Principal

Kristine Earth out at 8:04 p.m.

#### 8. Discussion

##### 9. Closed Session 84-1410 Enter Motion 8:15 p.m.

Exit Session at 8:41 p.m.

To discuss: 1. Cyber Incident 2. Staff Negotiations

Motion: Solomon

Second: Bass III

Voting For: Lewis, Ross, Bass III

Solomon, Littlegeorge

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

Motion: Solomon

Second: Ross

Voting For: Ross, Bass III, Solomon

Littlegeorge, Lewis

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried (5-0-0-1)

##### 10. Action on Master Teacher Agreement

Motion: Bass III

Second: Solomon

Discussion: None

Voting For: Bass III, Solomon, Littlegeorge, Lewis, Ross

Voting Against: None

Not Voting: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: (5-0-0-1)

#### 5. January 13, 2025 Board Meeting

#### 11. Adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Crystal Ross, Secretary

Winnebago Board of Education

## LAST BEAR MOON POWWOW WINNERS

Junior Boys Fancy  
Deacon Miller - 1st  
Braxton Vargas - 2nd  
Bishop Baker-Griffin - 3rd  
Abel Robinson - 4th

Junior Boys Grass  
Cokaya Peters - 1st  
Maurice Ironheart - 2nd  
Niigaanii Lasley - 3rd  
Klay Lovejoy - 4th

Junior Boys Traditional  
Jasper Little Head - 1st  
Kyson Hamiton - 2nd  
Ansley Griffin Iii - 3rd  
Douglas Thomas Jr - 4th

Junior Boys Woodland  
Wambli Dolezal - 1st  
Theo Favell - 2nd  
Hunter Lapointe - 3rd  
Royal Walker - 4th

Teen Boys Fancy Feather  
Charlie Rice - 1st  
Luke Cloud - 2nd  
Jaymison Hill - 3rd  
Jaden Painter - 4th

Teen Boys Grass  
Cante Peters - 1st  
Clyde Bearstail - 2nd  
Memphis Joseph - 3rd  
Rylan Parker - 4th

Teen Boys Traditional  
Kole Threeirons - 1st  
Leland Rice - 2nd  
Aison Funmaker - 3rd  
Jaxon End Of Horn - 4th

Teen Boys Woodland  
Misu Bear Dolezal - 1st  
Lucas Pizano Jr - 2nd

Adult Mens Fancy Feather  
Mitchell Baker - 1st  
Preston Olney - 2nd  
Xavier Littlehead - 3rd  
Darrell Hill - 4th  
Rylan Baker - 5th

Adult Men's Grass  
Wambdi Clairmont - 1st  
Chad Star - 2nd  
Misun Mills - 3rd  
Tony Moran - 4th  
Mervel Larose - 5th

Adult Men's Southern  
Straight  
Erwin Morris - 1st  
Ron Rice - 2nd  
Tyrin Lasley - 3rd  
Skkyler Snowball - 4th  
Dave Madden - 5th

Adult Men's Northern Traditional  
Malcolm Murphy - 1st  
Triston Lasley - 2nd  
Theron Olney - 3rd  
Johna Jackson - 4th  
Myleak Wanatee - 5th

Adult Men's Woodland  
Tego Warrington - 1st  
Doug Thomas - 2nd  
Payton Roberts Pelkey - 3rd  
Ruben Santos Mccauley - 4th  
Darrel Delabreau - 5th

Golden Age Men's Fancy Feather  
Henry McClellan - 1st  
Vern Sevier - 2nd

Golden Age Men's Northern & Sothern  
Combined  
Michael Grant Sr. - 1st  
Kenneth Funmaker - 2nd  
Calvin Iron Shell Jr - 3rd  
Milton Miller Sr - 4th  
Gilbert Brown - 5th

Golden Age Men's Grass  
Mike One Star - 1st  
Gabe Desrosiers - 2nd  
Todd Ike - 3rd  
Wayne Pushetonequa - 4th  
Gary Gibson - 5th

Junior Girls Fancy Shawl  
Bailey Irving - 1st  
Rose Cavanaugh - 2nd  
Wakiya Dolezal - 3rd  
Violet Ridge Bear - 4th

Junior Girls Jingle  
Amelia Dion - 1st  
Mila Rice - 2nd  
Kinsley Benjamin - 3rd  
Aviana Marrufo - 4th

Junior Girls Traditional Combined  
Mickayla Bear Robe - 1st  
Mikayla Howard - 2nd  
Annabelle Iron Shell - 3rd

Junior Girls Woodland Scrub  
Zailey Grant - 1st  
Rosella Walker - 2nd  
Tess Lasley - 3rd  
Lily James - 4th

Teen Girls Fancy Shawl  
Talia Robertson - 1st  
Jayda Ringingcloud - 2nd  
Jaslynn Hill - 3rd  
Kamimila Coons - 4th

Teen Girls Jingle  
Sophie Shuckahosee - 1st  
Amari Bluestone - 2nd  
Quinn Sheridan - 3rd  
Panno Wahwassuck - 4th

Teen Girls Traditional  
Shawntay Iron Horse - 1st  
Dianna Funmaker - 2nd  
Wetu Peters - 3rd  
Mash-Ta Littlecook - 4th

Teen Girls Woodland Scrub  
Magdalena Cleveland - 1st  
Marilyn Earth Purscell - 2nd  
Ruby James - 3rd  
Amari Funmaker - 4th

Adult Women's Fancy Shawl  
Keya Clairmont - 1st  
Tavian Lasley - 2nd  
Eahtosh Bird - 3rd  
Redstar Cavanaugh - 4th  
Sara Bointy - 5th

Adult Women's Jingle  
Prairierose Jack - 1st  
Jazlea White - 2nd  
Tatianna Wright - 3rd  
Mikah Whitecloud - 4th  
Winona Tahdooahnippah - 5th

Adult Women's Northern Traditional  
Tashina Red Hawk - 1st  
Della Spotted Tail - 2nd  
Shoshana Kee - 3rd  
Danielle Decoteau - 4th  
Gerts Foolish Bear - 5th

Adult Women's Southern Traditional  
Jaida Whitecloud - 1st  
Whitney Sage - 2nd  
Ashley Baker - 3rd  
Cresencia Two-Hatchett - 4th  
Mychal Grant - 5th

Adult Women's Woodland Scrub  
Brittany Pelkey - 1st  
Kaelyn Chasenah - 2nd  
Neena Lasley - 3rd  
Madeline Cleveland - 4th  
Dacia Warrington - 5th

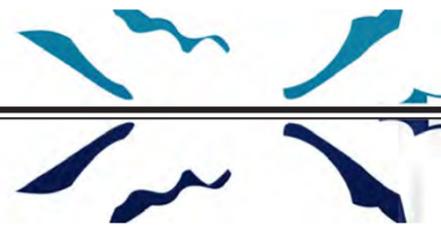
Golden Age Women's Northern & Southern  
Traditional Combined  
Marie Cornelius - 1st  
Noella Red Hawk - 2nd  
Madelynn Goodwill - 3rd  
Cheryl Funmaker - 4th  
Laverne Hale - 5th

Golden Age Women's Fancy Shawl  
Dana Davenport - 1st  
Rose Whitetemple - 2nd  
Thelma Whitewater - 3rd

Golden Age Women's Jingle  
Denise One Star - 1st  
Dianne Dessrosiers - 2nd  
Annamae Pushetonequa - 3rd  
Annette Johnson - 4th  
Alanna Tootosis Baker - 5th



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Men's Golden Age Fancy Feather



Men's Golden Age Grass



Women's Golden Age Jingle



Men's Golden Age Traditional



Women's Golden Age Traditional



Women's Golden Age Fancy Shawl



Adult Men's Woodland



Adult Men's Traditional



Junior Girls Fancy Shawl

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