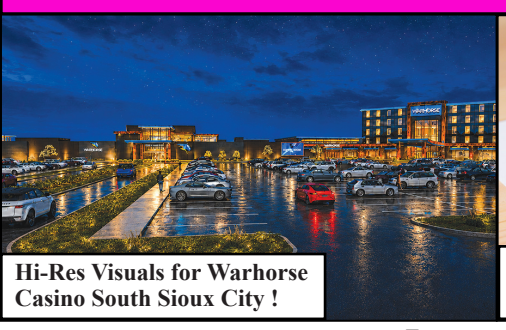
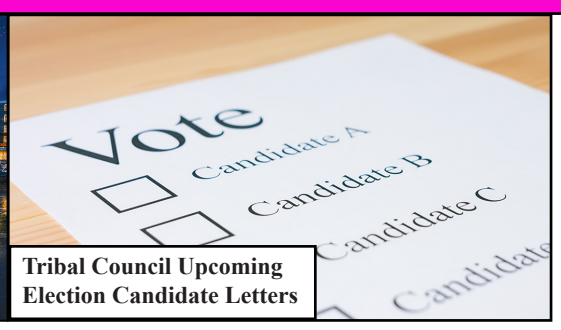
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Corn Popping Moon

Saturday, August 29, 2026



The masthead scene for this edition of the Winnebago Indian News features Harvest Celebration Royalty, 2024 and 2025 Junior and Senior Miss Harvest Princesses (L-R): Willow Smith, 2024 Jr. Miss Harvest Princess; Payton Miller, 2025 Jr. Miss Harvest Princess; Ellianna Blackhawk, 2025 Sr. Miss Harvest Princess; and Cam LaRose, 2024 Sr. Miss Harvest Princess. Following our previous countdown to the annual homecoming celebration, we will begin counting down towards the Wahaği Wōška, 2026 Harvest Celebration. SAVE THE DATE: Tuesday, September 29, 2026. *(Photography by Garan Coons)*

WarHorse Casino Breaks Ground in South Sioux City



By Bethani Redhorn
Photography by Ho-Chunk, Inc.

[Winnebago, NE] The landscape of Siouxland gaming is about to change dramatically. This Thursday, August 27, at 11:00 AM, community leaders, tribal members, and project executives will gather at the South Sioux City horse track lot to formally break ground on the highly anticipated WarHorse Casino South Sioux City. The public event represents a massive milestone for Ho-Chunk, Inc. and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska, bringing decades of planning and vision into reality.

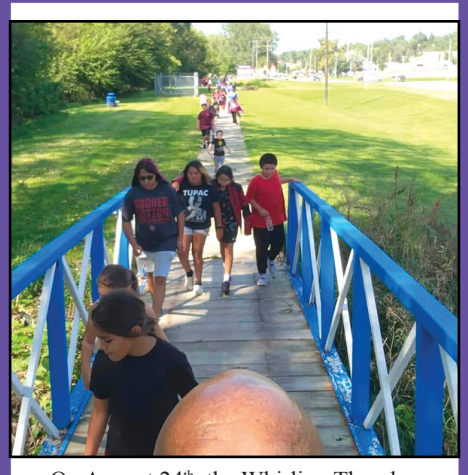
For the Winnebago Tribe, expanding into Nebraska gaming is a true full-circle moment. More than thirty years ago, the tribe's gaming operations at WinnaVegas took a heavy hit from the rise of riverboat casinos in Iowa. In response, tribal leadership chose to diversify and reinvest in the future by founding Ho-Chunk, Inc. "Now Ho-Chunk, Inc. is running the gaming industry in the State of Nebraska," said Aaron LaPointe, CEO of Ho-Chunk Capital, in a recent interview on the Big Voice Radio.

LaPointe noted that this project is entirely funded by Ho-Chunk, Inc. without outside investors. "We've built this industry from the ground up. Competing with the largescale gaming operations and pulling market shares over to the Nebraska side." The path to the South Sioux groundbreaking was paved by the historic 2020 ballot initiatives, (Initiatives 429, 430, and 431), which legalized casino gaming at licensed racetrack venues across the state. The measures passed with a staggering 69% approval rating, one of the most favorable votes in Nebraska's history.

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Nį̄ šoc Nįgešąną

By: Tyler Snake



On August 24th, the Whirling Thunder Wellness Center started their Walking Wellness Program. Students in grade K-8th who were signed up will be participating till October 1st. The program's goal is to keep students active after school and earn a stipend toward a new pair of shoes.



Congratulations to the Tribal Members who participated in the 2026 King & Queen of the Hill at the Fort Randall Casino/Hotel! Angel Levering is the Woman Cruiserweight Champion. Gabriel Trinidad Snake is the Light Heavyweight Champion. Destin Vargas won his match against Steven Z. Carlos Vargas Jr won his match against Tavis R.



On August 11th, the Wōrak Horak Youth Organization held their 3rd annual Film Showcase. The event premiered youth film projects and a talking panel with the 2026 Summer Youth CoHort. This showcase and organization gave young filmmakers the opportunity to use their creativity and tell their own stories in new ways!

The Big Voice Radio Debuts "Hainipi" Morning Show



By Bethani Redhorn
Photography by Bethani Redhorn

[Winnebago, NE] There is a brand-new reason to tune your radio dial bright and early. Following the premiere on Monday, August 10, 2026, the Big Voice Radio officially debuted a new morning flagship show called Hainipi. Named after the Ho-Chunk phrase for "good morning," the two-hour show broadcasts live Monday through Thursday from 7:30 AM to 9:30 AM. You can listen in on two different frequencies, KBVW 88.9 FM and KWTN 100.9 FM, or stream it straight from the station's mobile app.

The show is hosted by Radio Station Manager Quince Bass, widely recognized by listeners across the airwaves as DJ Coach Q. The concept for the show emerged after equipment upgrades brought a brand-new frequency, a broader coverage area, and a fresh motivation to bring localized broadcasting to the morning hours. "The idea was to compete with other morning shows out there," Bass said. "But it's not about trying to steal listeners. We just wanted to create a morning space that feels like family, where people can tune in to learn something new, share a good 'rez humor' laugh, stay connected

"Rō hašįnį na hirakikara wiāje. – *Take care of your health."*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...*Con't from front page:* Warhorse Casino Breaks Ground in South Sioux City

The new South Sioux City location will be a massive 63,000 square-foot casino, entertainment, and hotel complex. Built by the same architects behind the Lincoln and Omaha properties, the facility is designed to deliver a high-end, premium experience. Here is what you can expect: the grand entrance (borrowing from the vibe of the Omaha casino and designed to create a lasting visual impression); clean, non-smoking interior (the main casino floor will be strictly non-smoking, with a separate designated smoking area); cultural integration (Winnebago history, artwork, murals, and cultural presence throughout the facility); and full amenities (the finished complex will include a premium casino floor, a hotel, and dedicated entertainment spaces. Construction is expected to take a little over a year to complete).

Beyond major anticipated entertainment draw, the casino is set to become an economic powerhouse for the region, generating an estimated 230 to 240 local jobs. Drew Niehaus of Blue Earth Marketing revealed that the casino's official Dealer School will be located directly in Winnebago. "When we hire blackjack dealers, there is a very intensive process to get those people trained. The training is going to be somewhere in Winnebago." Niehaus explained. "Every incoming group of specialized dealers will cycle through for multi-week training courses, driving a direct local impact to Winnebago." To learn more about WarHorse Casino, visit: www.warhorsecasino.com

Following the groundbreaking, Atokad is kicking off its live horse racing season with a packed schedule and has expanded infrastructure after a turnout of over 2,500 people last year. Admission is completely free and it's a family-friendly environment with food trucks, bounce houses, face painting, free water, and live wagering for adults 21 and older. Catch the action live this weekend on Saturday and Sunday (August 29 and 30) and the following Labor Day weekend (September 5, 6, and 7). Follow @Atokadssc on Facebook for more information.

...*Con't from front page:* The Big Voice Radio Debuts "Hainipi" Morning Show

to what's happening locally, and enjoy a variety of great music. Hainipi is built for our community, by our community."

Unlike typical morning radio that relies strictly on fast-paced dialogue and mainstream music, Hainipi keeps things smooth with lighthearted entertainment and cultural enrichment. Hainipi follows a structured weekly routine designed to uplift the community as they start their workdays. Bass is teaming up with a rotating crew of co-hosts to keep the morning segments fresh and engaging. Currently, local weather and community updates are aired right before 8:00 AM and repeated at the end of the show; these updates keep families fully informed on upcoming community events and fundraisers.

Mondays include morning meditation with co-host Jordana Bass, known on-air as D-Lo in da Studio. D-Lo stops by every Monday to lead a quiet moment of mindfulness. It serves as positive pep talk to help listeners center their minds and shake off the Monday morning drag. Wednesdays include humorous rants by co-host Buffalo Bass, known on-air as B-LUV, where he steps to the microphone to deliver a funny "rant of the week." Packed with plenty of local humor, this segment has quickly become a fan favorite that gets people talking long after the show ends.

The highlight of the morning arrives during the 9:00 AM hour, which focuses heavily on cultural awareness. Darian Rave from the Ho-Chunk Renaissance program stops by the studio daily to share a Ho-Chunk Phrase of the Day. "Darian is a young guy who truly knows his stuff when it comes to the language and his daily segment has become a massive hit," stated Bass. It gives everyone a fun way to learn and keep the language strong one phrase at a time.

To keep the format balanced and lively, the program also mixes in special guest interviews, interactive radio games, and a daily 'dad joke of the day' to guarantee a laugh on your drive to work. "The two hours honestly just fly by," shared Bass. The station is looking towards growth and actively recruiting new local talent. Whether your interest is in spinning tracks as a live DJ, stepping behind the mic for a segment, or becoming a part of the livestream productions team, the station wants to expand its crew. If you have a passion for music and community storytelling, contact Radio Station Manager Quince Bass to explore how you can get involved. Email: Quince.Bass@winnebagotribe.com

You can catch Hainipi live every Monday through Thursday at 7:30 AM on KBVW 88.9 FM and KWTN 100.9 FM or download the Big Voice mobile app and listen in from anywhere. For streaming options, official inquiries, or media contacts, visit the official Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska website at: www.winnebagotribe.com/kwtn-radio/ or email the Communications team at wtncommunications@winnebagotribe.com.

NEW FACES IN WTN PLACES!

Welcome to our newest Winnebago Tribal Employees!



Dawnissa Aldrich
Educare Winnebago
Teacher Aide



Aspen LaPointe
CTE Program Education/
Project Director



Sophia LaRose
Educare Winnebago
Teacher Aide



Clyde Marr
Educare Winnebago
Teacher Aide



Latheresa Gilpin
Educare Winnebago
Teacher Aide

Tara Picotte
Tribal Enrollment

NEXT W.I.N. DEADLINE:

September 8 , 2026







Wāgax hūk ra wāgax hokik'ųna

Letter to the Editor

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-025ABCD
The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of:
A.W.
R.H.
A.W.
A.W.

To: AUDREY WOLFE, Mother
& ROBERT HENRY, JERRY TINDALL, & ALL POTENTIAL FATHERS

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ26-025ABCD has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 30th day of Sept., 2026 at the hour of 1:00 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-019AB
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
E.M. (Born 3/2012)
D.M. (Born 8/2013)

To: ALISON DUMARCE, 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. **JFJ25-019AB** has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the **14th** day of **October, 2025** at the hour of **11:30 A.M.**

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-146
In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
Kristina Yellowbank
In Re:
J.V.G. (Born 12/2017)

TO: MAYA WHITE, Mother
JERAMY VANDELL, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above-referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV26-146 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 21st day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-023
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
Z.B.

To: VICTORIA POLENDO, 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. JFJ26-023 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 23rd day of Sept., 2026 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-026
The People of the Winnebago Tribe In the Interest of:
N.K.

To: AMEAH KITCHEYAN, 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. JFJ26-026 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 30th day of Sept., 2026 at the hour of 1:30 P.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV26-144

In the Matter of the
Name Change Petition of:
LADONNA LEGARDE
to LADONNA HOLSTEIN

To: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that a petition for Name Change has been filed and a hearing concerning the above referred Individual in case no. CV25-056 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 14TH day of September, 2025 at the hour of 10:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. CV23-018
In the Matter of the Guardianship Petition of:
SIMONE ALDRICH In Re:
M.A. (Born 9/2017)

TO: SHAQUILLE MONIZ, Father

You are hereby notified that a petition has been filed for Guardianship and a hearing concerning the above-referred Individual(s) in Case No. CV23-018 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 21st day of SEPTEMBER 2026 at the hour of 10:30 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-022
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
A.C.

To: TANYA MCCULLY, 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. JFJ26-022 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 23rd day of Sept., 2026 at the hour of 11:00 A.M.

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Hearing
Case No. JFJ26-024
The People of the Winnebago Tribe
In the Interest of:
X.C.

To: ANNA CLEVELAND, Mother
&
RASHAAN POMANIO, Father

You are hereby notified that a hearing for an Initial Appearance concerning the above referred minor individual(s) in case no. JFJ26-024 has been scheduled and will be heard in the Winnebago Tribal Court of Winnebago, Nebraska on the 23rd day of Sept., 2026 at the hour of 11:30 A.M.

JESUS OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN OUTREACH

By: Pastor Ricky Jacob

Who is your H P?

Who is your H. P.? You might think that I am referring to your Higher Power, but I am not. Often times a Higher Power is someone or something that you create. Usually one's so-called Higher Power is a 'god' of sorts.

A Higher Power is a 'god' of a BIG TENT and can include those of the various worldly beliefs: Islam comprising approximately 21.9%, Hinduism @ 15.2%, and Buddhism @ 5.06% of the global population. Alongside are the Unaffiliated (15.6%), who identify as atheist, agnostic, or unaffiliated.

When I asked the opening question I was referring to your 'H. P.' as your High Priest. Now most don't think of having a High Priest. The role of a High Priest is seldom if ever talked about even among the Jewish people or by Christians.

However, the writer of the book of Hebrews - inspired by the Holy Spirit, reveals that Christians do in fact have a High Priest. This High Priest is one who sat down at the right hand of Mauna. From Hebrews chapter eight, verse one: 'Now the main point about what is being said [is this]: we have such a High Priest, who sat down at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavenly realms' [Kleinig translation].

Mauna establish the God-ordained office of High Priest after he rescued his chosen people from their slavery in Egypt. Mauna gave Moses much direction on how his chosen people - the tribe of Israel - were to come to him and to seek his blessings and to receive his blessings.

Mauna had the office of High Priest established so that there would be a man who would pray on behalf of the tribe of Israel. The High Priest was also to offer up daily sacrifices of various offerings as well as special sacrifices at three set times of the year. The work of the High Priest of Israel was based on the Law and while it appeased the wrath of the just God, it did not pay for the sins of the tribe of Israel. These sacrifices had to be offered again and again on a daily basis until The High Priest came and offered up his life.

The writer of Hebrews continues: 'But now he obtained a liturgical ministry that is more excellent, as much as he is also a mediator of a better covenant, which has been legitimately instituted on better promises' [Hebrews 8:6 Kleinig translation].

The first covenant between the tribe of Israel and Mauna was conditional and based on the Law. The 'new' covenant is unconditional and based on the grace of Mauna and the sacrifice of The High Priest, Jesus Christ.

We turn one more time to the book of Hebrews: 'But, when Christ arrived as High Priest of the good things that have come [he], through a greater and more perfect tent, not handmade, that is, not of this creation, entered once and for all time into the holy places, not by means of the blood of he-goats and male calves, but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of he-goats and bull calves, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who are common, sanctifies in connection with the purity of the flesh, by how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit has offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works for the service of the living God. [Hebrews 9:11-14 Kleinig translation].

In closing, Moses instructed his brother Aaron to bless chosen people with the following words: 'The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with His favor and give you His peace' [Numbers 6:24-26]. These are the same words that close our Divine Service each Sunday morning.



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TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
REGULAR TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING
August 3, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Coly Brown
Teresa Littlegeorge
Ireta Frazier
Keely Bassette-Purscell
Margaret Scott
Victoria Kitcheyan
Eugene DeCora (v)
OTHERS PRESENT:
Christina Parker
Tom Teesdale (v)
Chad Smith (v)
Tiffany Buchanan (v)
Jarold McWilliams
Brittany Thomas
Maggie Miller (v)
Tyresha Romero (v)
Kellie Snow (v)
Cherie Tebo (v)
Carrie Staplekamp (v)
William Bass (v)
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Trey Blackhawk – PTO
Rona Stealer – PTO

*(v) indicates virtual attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called to order at 9:05 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilwoman Victoria Kitcheyan offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Ireta Frazier motioned to approve the agenda with additions. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

READING OF THE MINUTES:

Amending June 24, 2026, CEO Report meeting minutes. (Changing resolution number due to error in numbering)

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve Amending June 24, 2026, CEO Report meeting minutes. (Changing resolution number due to error in numbering). Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

July 28, 2026, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve July 28, 2026, Mid-Monthly Tribal Council meeting minutes. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

July 31, 2026, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes

Margaret Scott motioned to approve July 31, 2026, Treasurer's Report meeting minutes. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

RATIFY FIVE SIGNATURES:

Approval of Resolution #26-160A: FY 2027 Winnebago Tribe FDPIR Nutrition Education

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to ratify the five-signature: approval of Resolution #26-160A: FY 2027 Winnebago Tribe FDPIR Nutrition Education. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Resolution #26-169: FY 24 & 25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to ratify the five-signature: approval of Resolution #26-169: FY 24 & 25 Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC). Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Resolution #26-170: Winnebago Tirbal Council Hereby Strongly Opposes Hyperscale Data Centers

Margaret Scott motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of Resolution #26-170: Winnebago Tirbal Council Hereby Strongly Opposes Hyperscale Data Centers. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of signing the Letter of Commitment for "Imagining the Indian" screenings and panel (cash match of $500.00 and In-Kind Match of staff time.

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of Signing the Letter of Commitment for "Imagining the Indian" screenings and panel (cash match of $500.00 and In-Kind Match of staff time). Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Approval of financial aid request for Tribal Member H.H.C. in the amount of 189.90 to be paid to the city of South Sioux City, Utility Department for electric bill.

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of financial aid request for Tribal Member H.H.C. in the amount of 189.90 to be paid to the city of South Sioux City, Utility Department for electric bill. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approval of $1000.00 donation match to A.E. for the Winnebago Golf Association to host the Winnebago Homecoming Celebration Golf Tournament 2026.

Ireta Frazier motioned to ratify the five-signature: Approval of $1000.00 donation match to A.E. for the Winnebago Golf Association to host the Winnebago Homecoming Celebration Golf Tournament 2026. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

NEW BUSINESS:

29th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit, Sept. 9-10, 2026, Bismark Event Center

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve travel for Tribal Council to attend 29th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit, Sept. 9-10, 2026, Bismark Event Center. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Planning Dept.- Resolution: National Bison Production and marketing Grant FY 26

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-175: National Bison Production and marketing Grant FY 26. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Meeting schedule discussion only – Keely Bassette-Purscell would like to again present a request to move the CEO Report meeting agenda into the Mid-Monthly meeting, also to allow Tribal Member employees to attend virtually during the meetings.

TRIBAL COUNCIL ITEMS:

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Wipfli - update

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to enter executive session at 9:23 a.m. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to exit executive session at 9:44 a.m. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

SUSPEND THE RULES – Data Center work

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to suspend the rules to give an update regarding the Data Center work. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Braveheart presentation is September 9th, 2026 at WinnaVegas

September 10, 2026 – Winnebago Site Visit

ADJOURN:

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
WCHS QUARTERLY REPORT
August 5, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Eugene DeCora
Teresa Littlegeorge
Ireta Frazier
Victoria Kitcheyan
Keely Bassette-Purscell
Margaret Scott
Trey Blackhawk
Rona Stealer (in at 9:30 a.m.)
OTHERS PRESENT:
Melonie Tuamoheloa
David Edwards
Beth Wewel
Sharon Frenchman
Camilia Barajas
Monz Zuffante
Jarold McWilliams (v)
Lynelle Blackhawk (v)
Tiffany Buchanan (v)
Darla LaPointe (v)
Dash Thunder (v)
Anna Bess Preston (v)
Jeff Harrison (v)
Garan Coons
Willy Bass (v)
TRIBAL COUNCIL ABSENT:
Coly Brown (PTO)

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chairman Eugene DeCora called to order at 9:16 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Councilwoman Margaret Scott offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve the agenda. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

VOTE:(6) yes (0) no (0) abstai n Motion carried.

PLANNING DEPT. RESOLUTION-

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-176: Social services programs integrated P.L. 102-477 Plan (FY26-FY31). Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

WCHS QUARTERLY UPDATE:

Presented by David Edwards.

WCHS Utilization

Critical Access Hospital Updates

[Rona in at 9:30 a.m.]

Department Initiatives – A1C, Hypertension, Kidney Health

Patient Portal

CNO Updates: Staffing, Primary Care Clinic, Specialty Clinic.

ER & Forensic Nursing Program Updates

BREAK: 10:33 a.m., reconvene at 11:00 a.m.

[Teresa out at 11:00 a.m. for family emergency]

CFO Updates: Audit, ICD, and Grand Drawdown - Presented by Beth Wewel.

[Trey out at 11:03 a.m., in at 11:36 a.m.]

[Victoria out at 11:55 a.m. for meal for M.P. 20 years of service]

[Ireta out at 12:48 p.m. for an appointment]

CPHO updates: Presented by Mona Zuffante

Sukxete program; Equine Therapy class completed, working on facility lay out, reviewing any regulations.

Sober Living; Completed policies, Men only 6 beds and minimal cost, plan to open in September.

Accreditation Plans; Strategic Planning, TCHIP

Senior Citizens Center; Deputy assigned to attend meetings, Blood Pressure class, Ice machine, clock, finance provides print out monthly of fundraising

Wazoki; prenatal classes, Doula Services are ready, Meditation Training in August

RHTP funding

CAO updates; Spiritual Support Services, Construction projects, Staff Quarters Grant, WCHS Campus lease, WCHS Employee Data

HR updates

CEO updates; Winnebago Health Foundation (WHF), Rural Health Transformation Program, Master Facility Planning (MFP), Medical Staffing, FY 2027 Preparations

ADJOURN:

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adjourn at 12:53 p.m. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

Vice Chairman DeCora adjourned the meeting at 12:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary
Winnebago Tribal Council

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
PHYSICAL RESOURCES REPORT
August 10, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Coly Brown
Eugene DeCora
Teresa Littlegeorge
Ireta Frazier
Victoria Kitcheyan
Margaret Scott
Trey Blackhawk
Keely Bassette-Purscell (v)
Rona Steale (in at 9:19 a.m.)
OTHERS PRESENT:
Linda Santi
Fannie LaTray
Harvey Freemont
Autumn Nieman
Brian Chamberlain
Christina Parker
Tiffany Buchanan (v)
Anna Bess Preston (v)
Darla LaPointe (v)
Tyresha Ramero (v)
Jarold McWilliams (v)
Kiana Lewis (v)
Anna Berridge (v)
Brittany Thomas (v)
Tyler Smith
Karl Baker
Kellie Snow (v)
Kristine Earth (v)
Amber Sorenson
Barbara Pretends Eagle (v)

*(v) indicates virtual attendance.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Brown called to order at 9:03 a.m.

OPENING PRAYER: Brian Chamberlain offered the opening prayer.

APPROVE AGENDA:

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the amended agenda. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

[VK out at 9:18 a.m.]

[Rona in at 9:19 a.m.]

WCHS:

DOJ Office for Victims of Crime TVSSA Grant Resolution

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #26-177: Winnebago Tribe FY 2026 Department of Justice (DOJ) Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Tribal Victim Services Set-Aside (TVSSA) Grant. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

[Victoria in 9:21 a.m.]

21st Annual Government-to-Government VAW Tribal Consultation

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve travel for Tribal Councill to attend the 21st Annual Government-to-Government VAW Tribal Consultation, Tulalip, Washington, September 9 to 11, 2026. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

PLANNING DEPARTMENT:

BIA/USGS Funding-Stream Gauge Project FY27

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-178: BIA/USGS Funding-Stream Gauge Project FY27. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Winnebago Tribal Court FY2026 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-179: Winnebago Tribal Court FY2026 Special Tribal Criminal Jurisdiction Grant. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

BIGFIRE:

New Market Tax Credit Resolution

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt #26-172A: To Approve Amended Leverage Loan Amount for the Boys & Girls Club New Market Tax Credit Transaction. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

LAND MANAGEMENT: – Presented by Fannie LaTray.

Ag Resolution - Allotment 113L Jospeh Tebault 59.6%, 881 John Cloud 64.2%

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-180: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 113L Joseph Tebault, Allotment 881 John Cloud. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 741-A Henry French Sr. 61.5%

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-181: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 741 A Henry French Sr. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 754 Henukaw Decora 90.8%

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-182: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 754 Henukaw DeCora. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson 66.7%

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to table the Ag Resolution Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Motion carried.

Ag Resolution - Allotment 191L Henry Gilbert 59.5%

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-183: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid - Allotment 191L Henry Gilbert. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 417 John Rice 79.1%

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-184: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 417 John Rice. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 462 John Chief 93.7%

Eugene DeCora motioned to adopt resolution #26-185: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 462 John Chief. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 529 Charles Earth 64.7%

Margaret Scott motioned to adopt resolution #26-186: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid- Allotment 529 Charles Earth. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 581 Sarah Butler 84.1%

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #26-187: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 581 Sarah Butler. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 596 We Hun Kaw Elk 76.1%

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-188: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 596 We Hun Kaw Elk. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 346 William Hunter 75%, 348 Jacob Harrison 71%,

358-A. White Pigeon 73.2%

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adopt resolution #26-189: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 346 William Hunter, 348 Jacob Harrison, 358-A White Pigeon. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 164L-B Edward Rave 46%, 165L Isaac Little Chief

63.9%, Andrew Jackson English 80.9%, T189-2 Winnebago Tribe 100%

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-190: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 164L-B Edward Rave, 165L Isaac Little Chief, Andrew Jackson English, T189-2 Winnebago Tribe. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 408 Captain Jefferson 70%, 412 James Jefferson

67.7%

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adopt resolution #26-191: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 408 Captain Jefferson, James Jefferson. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 445 Annie Fisher 42.8%, 448 Julia Little Chief

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-192: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 445 Annie Fisher, 448 Julia Little Chief. Eugene DeCora seconded the motion.

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

Ag Resolution - Allotment 534 Nee-Hoo-Kaw 61.6%, 535-A Chief Walker 78%

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adopt resolution #26-193: Agricultural Lease Bid – Allotment 534 Nee-Hoo-Kaw, 535-A Chief Walker. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Homesite Resolution – Evan DeCora

Trey Blackhawk motioned to adopt resolution #26-194: Homesite Lease – Evan DeCora. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Physical Resource Report:

Monthly Report – Presented by Autumn and Brian

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Physical Resources Monthly Report. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Western Area Power Administration – Information only.

BIA Building Demolition Request – Discussion only.

[Trey out at 10:11 a.m., in at 10:13 a.m.]

NPPD Solar limitations – Discussion only.

PRD Wildlife & Parks On-call Policy

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve the Wildlife and Parks On-call Policy. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

Tribal Housing Lease Agreement and Tribal Housing Policies & Procedures

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the Tribal Housing Lease Agreement and the Tribal Housing Policies and Procedures. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

ADJOURN:

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to adjourn the meeting at 10:52 a.m. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska

WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
CEO REPORT MEETING
August 12, 2026

TRIBAL COUNCIL PRESENT:
Coly Brown
Teresa Littlegeorge
Rona Stealer
Victoria Kitcheyan
Margaret Scott (in at 9:08 a.m.)
Trey Blackhawk
Ireta Frazier
Keely Bassette-Purscell

OTHERS PRESENT:
Darla LaPointe
Tiffany Buchanan
Chad Smith
David Russell
Miskoo Petite (v)
Anna Bess Preston (v)
Ramona Sheridan (v)
Jarold McWilliams (v)
Kiana Lewis (v)
Anna Berridge (v)
Tyresha Romero (v)
Janelle DeCora (v)
Kellie Snow (v)
Anthony Bassette (v)
Terri Lee Medina (v)
Danelle Smith (v)
Maggie Miller (v)
Desia Kitcheyan
Brittany Thomas
Kellen Kelsey (v)
Garan Coons (v)
Nick Flores (v)
Jaralyn Bear
Barbara Pretends Eagle (v)
Millie Whitewater
Clarissa Hoffman
Mark Stout
LaDonna Holstein
Brandon Stout
Lynelle Blackhawk
Sue Kim, Artic IT (v)
Blake Miller, Artic IT (v)
Patrice Bass (v)
Amy LaPointe (v)
Billie Kitcheyan (v)
Kim Sulsburger
Tara Hernandez

TRIBAL COUCNIL ABSENT:
Eugene DeCora (PTO)

*(v) indicates virtual attendance

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

OPENING PRAYER: CEO, Darla LaPointe offered the opening prayer.

[Margaret in at 9:08 a.m.]

APPROVE AGENDA:

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve the agenda with added items. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Administration

CEO July Report – Presented by Darla LaPointe.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the July 2026 CEO Report. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

CAO July Report – Presented by Tiffany Buchanan.

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to approve the July 2026 CAO Report. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

In-House Legal July Report – Presented by Chad Smith.

Trey Blackhawk motioned to approve the In-House Legal Report for July 2026. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Approve Resolution #26-_; MOA Between Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred Chapter and Winnebago tribe of Nebraska

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adopt resolution #26-195: MOA Between Fatherhood and Motherhood is Sacred Chapter and Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska waiving the administrative fee for this year. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

BREAK: 9:55 a.m., reconvene at 10:07 a.m.

Artic IT Tribal Member Platform Presentation (10am) – Presented by Sue Kim, and Blake Miller from Artic IT

[Ireta out at 10:42 a.m.]

Boards and Committees

Enrollment Committee-Advertise Two Vacancies

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to advertise two vacancies for the Enrollment Committee for 30 days. Ireta Frazier seconded the motion.

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

Powwow Committee-Advertise Two Vacancies

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to advertise two vacancies for the Pow-wow Committee for 30 days. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

Institutional Review Board

Accept Resignation-Advertise Vacancy

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to accept the resignation from Rebecca DeCora. Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Advertise Three newly added positions

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to advertise for (3) three vacancies for the Institutional Review Board (one current vacancy and two newly added positions). Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Hocak Nisoc Haci Youth Council; One Applicant-One Vacancy

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to appoint Virgina Snake-Bumann to the Hocak Nisoc Haci Youth Council. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

Wake & Burial

Approve updated Wake & Burial Policy & SOP

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve the Wake & Burial Program Policy and Standard Operating Procedures (2026). Teresa Littlegeorge seconded the motion.

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

Planning Dept.

Approve Resolution #26-_; FY 2027 Winnebago Tribe EPA Clean Air Act 103

Ireta Frazier motioned to adopt resolution #26-196: FY 2027 Winnebago Tribe EPA Clean Air Act 103. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

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

ICBG-HUD Funding Discussion

[Teresa out at 11:37 a.m., in at 11:44 a.m.]

[Trey and Rona out at 12:05 p.m.]

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to approve the WTN Planning Department to apply for the ICBG-HUD on behalf of the Winnebago Housing Development Commission. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion. Discussion.

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

[Rona in at 12:07 p.m.]

[Trey in at 12:09 p.m.]

BREAK: 12:09 p.m., reconvene at 12:30 p.m.

Land Management

Approve Resolution #26-_; Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid- Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson

Keely Bassette-Purscell motioned to adopt resolution #26-197: Ref: Agricultural Lease Bid- Allotment 168L Henry Jefferson. Margaret Scott seconded the motion.

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

Human Resources

Survey Results – Presented by Kim Sulsburger

Information only.

Mahoney Group Wind Claim Discussion – Presented by Nick Flores.

Information only.

Wildlife and Parks

Move under PD Discussion

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to authorize the CEO and CAO to take all actions necessary to move the Wildlife and Parks Department under the Winnebago Police Department. Victoria Kitcheyan seconded the motion.

Discussion.

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

Driver Policy Discussion - Information only.

Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation

Victoria Kitcheyan motioned to support Secretary Littlegeorge as delegate to give testimony for the Violence Against Women Tribal Consultation in Tulaip, WA and for the Winnebago Tribe to submit comment. Rona Stealer seconded the motion.

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

Budget Data Center – Presented by Margaret Scott and Keely Bassette-Purscell.

[Rona out at 1:24 p.m.]

[Coly out at 1:25 p.m.]

BREAK: 1:27 p.m., reconvene at 1:30 p.m.

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to approve the Budget for the Data Center presentation on September 9, 2026, at WinnaVegas. Keely Bassette-Purscell seconded the motion.

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

WCHS Indirect Cost Update – Presented by Jarold McWilliams.

ADJOURN:

Teresa Littlegeorge motioned to adjourn the meeting at 1:42 p.m. Trey Blackhawk seconded the motion.

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

Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Teresa Littlegeorge, Secretary
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska



HAKEWE

Question of the Issue:

"What do you love most about working for the Winnebago Tribe, or what makes your work here meaningful to you?"

Garan: Gayla's response is amazing and truly captures the heart of our work. Please read her response! I do want to add a point: Captain Richard Henry Pratt's infamous philosophy on Native American boarding schools was to "Kill the Indian in him, and save the man." The work we do every day is a direct slap in the face to that legacy. Pratt believed Indigenous people could only succeed by conforming to white society. Yet here we are—creating, leading, and serving for us and by us. That self-determination is what makes our work for the tribe so deeply meaningful.

Kevin: My favorite part about working for the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is knowing that the Tribe truly cares about its employees. They look out for our physical and mental well-being and provide resources and activities that help us stay healthy and balanced. A lot of workplaces don't take the time to do that. I also appreciate that the Tribe understands the importance of family.

Bethani: What I love most about working for the Winnebago Tribe is the opportunity to grow and learn. I am grateful for the team that we have, to be able to work and teach the youth, and to get involved in the community. The room for improvement and the road to progress both individually and collectively has continued to motivate me, and being able to make a difference on someone's day encourages me to keep going.

Tyler: Aside from my wonderful Coworkers, the feedback makes it meaningful to me. For example, we have had tribal members who have moved away reach out and share their enjoyment of our updates of the tribe. Knowing our newspaper can bridge that gap and keep us connected is a great motivator to keep creating!

Christina: Generally speaking, what I love most is that I can contribute back to my own tribe which gives the day-to-day hustle more meaning vs. working for a non-tribal entity.

Gayla: I love working with our community. There's something comforting about being surrounded by your own people and being in a space where you don't constantly have to explain parts of who you are or code-switch just to fit in. There's a different sense of belonging that comes with working within your own community.
I also really enjoy working in Communications because we handle a little bit of everything, and no two days look exactly the same. One day it might be office work or writing, and the next I'm doing graphic design, photography, videography, or heading out to cover a community event. I love the variety and being able to use so many different creative skills in one role.
I also feel really blessed to work alongside the people in our department. Everyone brings so much knowledge, experience, and professionalism to what they do, and I'm constantly learning from the people around me.
More than anything, being able to show up for our community, document what's happening, celebrate our people, and help tell our own stories is incredibly rewarding. It makes the work feel meaningful because I'm not just doing a job, I'm contributing to the community that raised me and that I'm proud to be part of.

Quince: I've only been working for the Tribe for 4 months, here at The Big Voice. So far, I've been nothing but grateful. I came into a position that I can make a difference and serve my people in a way that I am very well qualified. So far each department I am partnering with, has greeted me with open arms and most are happy that I am in this position as the Radio Station Manager. I love coming to work every morning. Serving my people make me the happiest. Our team at Communications work so well as a team, I can not complain...

COURT OF APPEALS DENIES ARMY'S PETITION FOR REHEARING

On August 11, 2026, the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit denied the Army's petition for rehearing in Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska v. United States Department of the Army. This means that the Fourth Circuit left their May 14, 2026, decision in place that found that the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) applies to the return of the remains of two of the Tribe's children, Samuel Gilbert and Edward Hensley, from Carlisle Barracks Post Cemetery in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. In May, the Fourth Circuit found that NAGPRA applies to the return of Samuel's and Edward's remains stating: "At the end of the day, the U.S. government kept and buried the remains of two Native American schoolchildren, Samuel Gilbert and Edward Hensley, without their families' or tribe's consent after forcing them from their homes and after they died in the government's care. Nearly a century later, Congress passed a statute that, by its terms, entitles their tribe finally to bring their remains home and to bury them according to their tribal and religious traditions." The Fourth Circuit's decision to deny the Army's petition for rehearing set aside the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia's dismissal of the Tribe's lawsuit. The Tribe's case will continue at the District Court, but that may be delayed depending on if the Army asks the Supreme Court to hear the case. The Tribe will continue to advocate for its NAGPRA rights and its ability to repatriate Samuel's and Edward's remains in accordance with federal law.



FOOD DISTRIBUTION Nutritional Education

September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 *No Nutrition Ed*	2 *Chili & Fry Bread*	3 *Casa Wedge Salad*	4 *No Nutrition Ed*	5
6	7 *No Nutrition Ed*	8 *Buffalo Meatballs W/ Marinara Sauce*	9 *Broccoli Parmesan Chicken Soup*	10 *No Nutrition Ed*	11 *No Nutrition Ed*	12
13	14 *No Nutrition Ed*	15 *Pork Chops W/ Apple*	16 *Cauliflower Mac & Cheese*	17 *White Beans & Smoked Sausage*	18 *No Nutrition Ed*	19
20	21 *No Nutrition Ed*	22 *Asparagus White Pizza*	23 *Beef & Broccoli Stir Fry*	24 *Sloppy Joe Casserole*	25 *No Nutrition Ed*	26
27	28 *No Nutrition Ed*	29 *Pasta Salad*	30 *Peach & Bacon Pizza*			

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WarHorse South Sioux City Aerial (A)



WarHorse South Sioux City Aerial (B)



WarHorse South Sioux City Aerial (C)



WarHorse South Sioux City Atrium



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WarHorse South Sioux City Bar



WarHorse South Sioux City Sports Bar (B)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant
FY 2026 Senior Home Improvement Project

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is providing public notice of its proposed Statement of Activities for a pre-application to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Fiscal Year 2026 Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) Program.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska proposes to request $19,249 in FY2026 Housing Preservation Grant funds to support the Tribe's Senior Home Improvement Project. The project is a homeowner assistance program designed to preserve and improve adequate housing for eligible low- and very-low-income senior citizen homeowners residing within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Indian Reservation. This continues the purpose of the Tribe's previous Senior Home Improvement Project.

The proposed program will provide assistance for eligible home repairs and rehabilitation activities intended to improve the safety, condition, accessibility, and habitability of existing homes. Proposed activities may include:

Installation and/or repair of sanitary sewer and waste disposal systems;
Water softener/reverse osmosis systems;
Energy conservation measures, including insulation, storm windows, and screen doors;
Repair or replacement of heating systems;
Repair of structural supports and foundations;
Repair or replacement of roofs and gutters;
Accessibility improvements; and
Necessary repairs to manufactured housing.

These are the types of eligible repair activities included in the Tribe's proposed Statement of Activities.

Eligible recipients will be selected in accordance with applicable USDA Housing Preservation Grant requirements and the requirements of the Winnebago Tribe's Senior Home Improvement Project. The proposed program will serve eligible homes located within the geographical boundaries of the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska invites interested members of the public to review and provide comments regarding the proposed FY2026 Housing Preservation Grant Statement of Activities.

The complete proposed Statement of Activities will be available for public review through the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Planning & Development Department, in coordination with the Tribal Housing Department.

Written comments will be accepted for 15 days following publication of this notice.

Publication Date: August 15, 2026
Public Comment Deadline: August 30, 2026

Comments or requests for a copy of the proposed Statement of Activities may be submitted to:

Planning & Development Department
Attn: Brittany Thomas
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 687
Winnebago, NE 68071
Phone: 402-878-2272 ext. 2707
Email: brittany.thomas@winnebagotribe.com

Tribal Housing Department
Attn: Madisyn Redhorn, Tribal Housing/EHR/SHR Manager
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
P.O. Box 687
Winnebago, NE 68071
Office: 402-200-5371 ext. 3401

All comments received during the public comment period will be reviewed and considered prior to submission of the Tribe's pre-application to USDA Rural Development.

This is an equal opportunity program. Discrimination is prohibited by Federal Law.

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- Recruitment Specialist
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- Wolves Den Assistant

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WINNEBAGO TRIBE OF NEBRASKA
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HYPERSCALE AI DATA CENTER TEACH-IN

Hosted by the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska & Brave Heart Society

You are invited to an informational presentation on AI hyperscale data centers and a proposed project in Salix, Iowa.

The session will cover the operation of these facilities and their potential environmental, infrastructure, economic, and community impacts, with opportunities for questions and further learning.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026
WINNAVEGAS CASINO RESORT EVENT CENTER
1500 330th St., Sloan, Iowa 51055

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
DATA CENTER PRESENTATION
For WTN Tribal Council & Tribal Employees

12:00 PM -1:00 PM
LUNCH SERVED

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
WORK GROUPS

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
DATA CENTER PRESENTATION
Open to the public with a special invitation to all Salix Community Members

STAY INFORMED!
We encourage all community members to attend the evening presentation to learn, listen, and share valuable questions and perspectives.

COMMUNITY

Ho-Chunk, Inc. Summer Internship Recap

Submitted by Kiana Lewis

Our 2026 Internship Program concluded at the end of July with final presentations that highlighted the accomplishments and experiences of this year's interns.

This summer, 14 interns were selected to participate in the program, including 10 Winnebago Tribal members, 2 tribal-affiliated participants, and 2 non-tribal participants. Through hands-on work experience, mentorship, and professional development opportunities, interns gained valuable skills while contributing to meaningful projects across the organization and the Winnebago community.

A key success of this year's program was its 64% retention rate, with 9 of 14 eligible participants accepting and retaining full-time or part-time positions within Ho-Chunk, Inc. and the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. This achievement reflects our continued commitment to creating career pathways and investing in the next generation of leaders.

Pinagigi to the manager, mentors, and team members who helped make this year's internship program a success. By investing in our youth and emerging professionals today, we are helping build a stronger future for our Tribe.



Ho-Chunk Farms Indian Corn Harvest





Starting on August 10th, Ho-Chunk Farms held their annual Indian Corn Harvest. Community Members, Winnebago Public School Students, and Local Entities gathered at the Ho-Chunk Village Farmers Market to help wašgu. The harvest provides for the community year-round while keeping the tradition alive and contributes to the end goal of food sovereignty for the Winnebago Tribe.

Legacy Learning Program Accepting Applications for Cohort #5

Submitted by Kiana Lewis

Housed under Ho-Chunk, Inc.'s Community Development Department, the Legacy Learning Program is launching cohort #5 on September 7.

In partnership with the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Human Services, this cohort will focus on renovating homes in Winnebago to help address two key community priorities: creating jobs and alleviating the housing shortage.

Participants will work 40 hours per week for 20 weeks and receive on-the-job experience in areas including construction, maintenance, demolition, renovation, basic carpentry, tool safety, and property improvement projects.

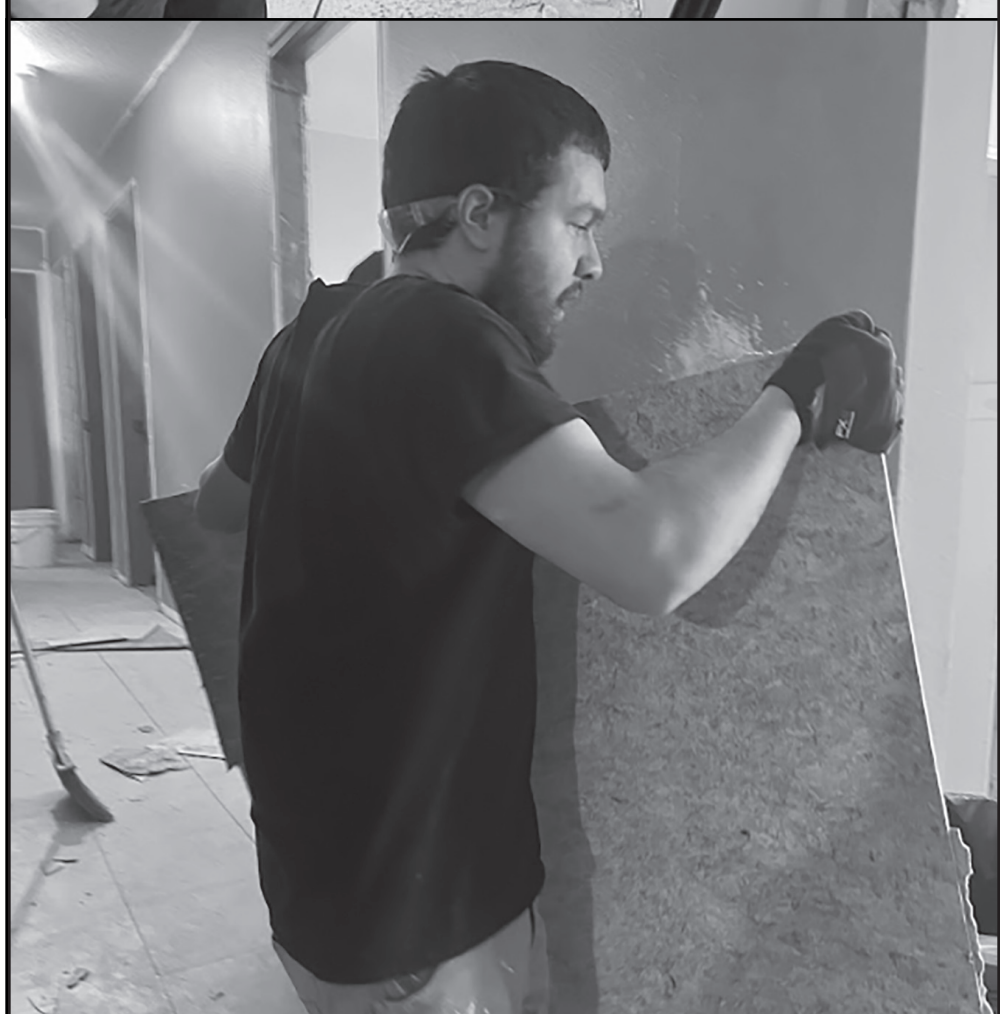
Through mentorship and real world projects, participants will learn skills that can support future employment opportunities in the trades and other industries.

With only six openings available, interested individuals are encouraged to apply by Wednesday, September 2.

For more information, contact Janelle DeCora at jdecora@hochunkinc.com.







ELECTION CANDIDATES

Candidate: *Craig Cleveland Sr.*

Hello,

My name is Craig Cleveland Sr., and in my Ho-Chunk language I am called Cexji Masja Ga, which translates to Strong Buffalo. That name holds a lot of meaning for me, connecting me directly to my heritage as a proud member of the Buffalo Clan. My roots run deep in the Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska. It is where I was born, where I grew up, and where I learned the values that have guided my life.

I have always believed in service, and that led me to become a proud veteran. That experience shaped me in profound ways, teaching me about duty, discipline, and the importance of looking out for one another. Beyond my time in service, my greatest pride comes from my family. I am a father to four wonderful children Craig Jr., Cory, Caden and CaiOma. My heart is full knowing that I also have three amazing grandchildren Albert, Ca'Raylia and Kayson who are carrying on our family's story. My life has been a journey of tradition, service, and family, all grounded in the community I love which is here in Winnebago, Nebraska.

I am asking for your vote and support during this upcoming Tribal Elections

Candidate: *Eugene DeCora Sr.*



Hanac Hinikaragiwi, I greet you all with good thoughts and feelings. I have had the honor of serving on the Tribal Council the last three years and am asking for your continued support in this year's election. My goal is to remain steadfast in strategic thinking, problem solving, and solution based approaches. My family has been a part of this community for many generations. I am the son of Randy DeCora and Martina (Neff) DeCora. My Gaga Virginia Priest, and Gaga Juanita Maney Priest are direct descendents of our last great war chief, Chief Little Priest. I also want to recognize my Choka, Eugene N. DeCora, he served his people as a youth coach and as a member of this tribal council. Without them I would not be who I am today.

I will put my best foot forward to positively impact our community and make decisions that support all of our members. I will approach leadership from the ground up by taking time to understand the extensive needs of our people. I will continue to be open to hearing from the membership about the ideas, goals and aspirations we have as a community.

I've had many experiences of working in the community alongside various age groups and have always tried my best to meet the needs and excel in those positions. Our community is constantly growing and moving forward. I want to keep shining light on the growth within our community while ensuring we enhance our sense of culture belonging. We as hocak people must lead with kindness, respect and compassion and I will keep this at the forefront of my leadership.

I humbly ask for your vote in this year's election. With your vote and support, we can work together to create an impactful course of leadership to our people. Please allow me to bring my experience of working alongside our veterans, elders, guardians and youth to help make decisions that impact our community in the best way. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out. Pinagigiwi for your consideration.

Candidate: *Damon Payer*



Damon Payer for Tribal Council

- Member of the Bear clan
- 20 years of proven leadership in the gaming and government
- Committed to building a stronger, more united future for our tribe

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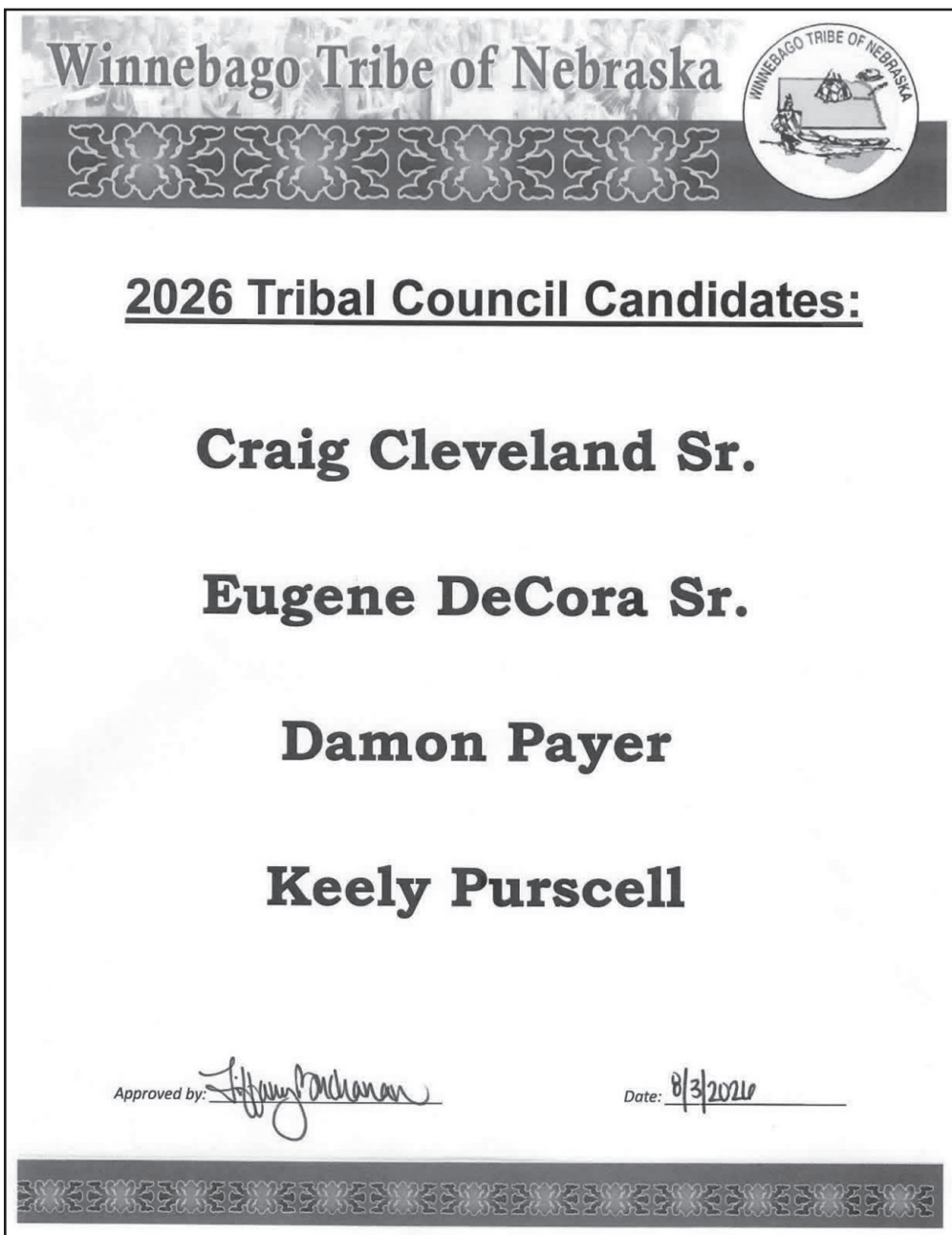
PRIMARY & REGULAR ELECTION SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 1, 2026 & OCTOBER 6, 2026

September 1, 2026	**Tuesday**	**PRIMARY ELECTION**
September 2, 2026	Wednesday	Post Top Candidates
September 2, 2026 *Special Tribal Council Meeting*	Wednesday	Approve Enrollment & Adoption Requests
September 4, 2026	Friday	Send Ballots to Automated Election Services- Regular
September 25, 2026	**Friday**	**Deadline for Absentee Ballot Requests**
September 28, 2026	Monday	Absentee Ballots Mailed Out- Regular
October 6, 2026	**Tuesday**	**GENERAL ELECTION**
October 7, 2026	Wednesday	Notification of Newly Elected Members Oath of Office Re-Organizational Meeting of New Tribal Council Members

Tribal Council approval date: May 20, 2026





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