

Understanding the 2026-2027 Member Payment Programs Tribal Council Provides Clarification on the Food & Utility Security Program and the Per Capita / General Welfare Opt-Out Program

The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council is providing this clarification to help tribal members better understand the two separate member benefit programs approved for 2026-2027. While both programs were authorized under Tribal Council Resolution No. 044-26 and are administered pursuant to the Stockbridge-Munsee General Welfare Ordinance (ADM.04), they serve different purposes, operate on different timelines, and have distinct eligibility requirements.

A common misunderstanding is that members must choose between the Food & Utility Security Program and the Per Capita / General Welfare Opt-Out Program. That is not the case. Eligible adult tribal members may participate in the Food & Utility Security Program and also make an election under the Per Capita / General Welfare Opt-Out Program.

Program One: Food &

Utility Security Program
The 2026-2027 Food & Utility Security Program was established by Tribal Council to address the ongoing impact of increasing food and household utility costs on tribal families. The program provides a **\$1,600 tax-exempt General Welfare payment** to eligible tribal members for food and utility-related needs. The benefit is intended to help tribal households maintain access to groceries, electricity, heating fuel, natural gas, water, and other essential utility services.

- Program Timeline**
- **Program Opens:** September 1, 2026
 - **Program Ends:** April 30, 2027
 - **Expected Initial Payments:** Beginning October 2026

Eligibility Requirements
To qualify for the Food & Utility Security Program, an applicant must:

- Be an enrolled Stockbridge-Munsee tribal member;
- Be a competent adult;
- Be 18 years of age or older at the time the application is submitted;
- Certify that the benefit will be used to promote food and utility security for themselves

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2026 Primary Election

- Vice President (Vote for Two)
Kenneth Miller Jr-64
Willy Miller-114
Matthew Putnam-88
Bill Terrio-62
Write Ins-9
- Tribal Council Members (Vote for Eight)
Kanaysa Heath-123
Marv Malone-87
Trinity Malone-53
Brett Miller-100
Joseph Miller-91
Terrance Miller-139
Jeremy Mohawk-127
Nikole Pecore-100
Brock Schreiber-118
Sterling Schreiber Sr-62
Rainer Shooter-148
Terrie Terrio-100
Martin Welch-94
Write Ins-40
- Education Board Member Enrolled
Write Ins-38
- Total Number of Voters-228

Canidates moving on to General Election are in bold font

General Election will be Held October 10th at the Tribal Office

- Election Board Members
Jeff Vele Sr-Election Judge
Melissa Penass-Clerk
Jamie Mattingly-Clerk
Jeffrey Vele-Teller
Tanya Malone-Teller

The Land Management Office will be accepting applications for **4 land assignments** in section 25, Red Springs Township. Assignments must be developed for permanent residence within the first 2 years of being assigned or they will revert to the Tribe.

Applications will only be accepted on or after 10-15-2026. It will be first come first serve no applications will be accepted prior. All applications must be submitted "in person" no mail in applications will be accepted.

For more information, please feel free to contact the SM Land Management Office 715-793-4855 or 715-793-4869.

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2026 FALL CLEANUP



- The Fall Cleanup will occur on two days (**Monday, October 19 and Tuesday, October 20**) with curbside cleanup on Monday and appliance/electronics recycling on Tuesday. Curbside cleanup is open for Bartelme tribal members ONLY. Appliance/Electronics recycling is open to Bartelme AND Red Springs tribal members. Items not allowed in the curbside cleanup will **NOT** be picked up. Any curbside items not picked up **must be removed** from the end of your driveway and disposed of properly.
- All items collected curbside are NOT RECYCLED, but disposed of in a landfill. Recycling or reusing items by passing them on to others can save landfill space, limit costs, and help others. It's encouraged to donate unwanted items if possible.

Fall Cleanup	
Curbside Cleanup:	Monday, October 19
Appliance / Electronics Recycling:	Tuesday, October 20

RESIDENTIAL CURBSIDE CLEANUP

BARTELME TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH

Place items curbside beginning Monday, October 12

Have **ALL** items curbside by **5:00 am on Monday, October 19TH**

Items not picked up **MUST** be removed from end of driveway at end of event

FREE pickup for ONLY the items listed below during Fall Cleanup:

Bed Frames / Head Boards	Windows	Hard Fiberglass (4ft or less)
Mattresses / Box Springs	Cabinets	Carpet Rolls (5ft or less)
Fitness Equipment	Dressers	Chairs / Recliners
Large Plastic Toys	Toilets	Couches / Sofas
Bikes	Grills	Doors
	Sinks	

Items Not Allowed: NO Construction Debris, Hazardous Material, Tires, Appliances or Electronics

Volume: Total Volume **MUST NOT** exceed 4 cubic yards per residence (about 4ft tall x 5ft long x 5ft wide in size)

APPLIANCE & ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

BARTELME AND RED SPRINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH FROM 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Place Appliances and Electronics into Appropriate Dumpsters at P&E and Roads Department

APPLIANCE RECYCLING

Appliances WITHOUT Freon: **FREE**

Stoves • Dishwashers • Compactors • Water Heaters • Washers • Dryers

Appliances WITH Freon: **\$15.00 EACH**

Refrigerators • Freezers • Air Conditioners • Water Coolers • Dehumidifiers

Fee for appliances with freon can be paid at the Finance Department

Proof of payment required for drop off

ELECTRONICS RECYCLING

Computer Accessories

DVDs / VCRs / Blu Ray Players

Mobile Phones

Computer Monitors

Holiday Light Up Decorations

Telephones

Computer Towers

Fax / Copiers / Scanners

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Beware of the "Accidental Payment" Scam

Digital payment apps such as Cash App, Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, and Apple Cash have made sending money quick and convenient. Unfortunately, scammers are taking advantage of these platforms through a scheme known as the "accidental payment" scam.

How the Scam Works

You receive an unexpected payment from someone you don't know through a payment app. Shortly afterward, the sender contacts you claiming the payment was made by mistake and asks you to send the money back.

While it may seem like the right thing to do, this could be a scam. In many cases, the original payment was made using a stolen credit card or compromised account. If you send the money back as a new transaction, the original payment may later be reversed by the bank or payment provider, but the money you sent remains gone. You could end up losing your own funds.

What You Should Do

If you receive an unexpected payment through Cash App, Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, Apple Cash, or a similar service:

- Do not send a separate payment back to the sender.
- Do not share personal or financial information.
- Contact the payment app's customer support through the official app or website.
- Report the transaction as suspicious.
- Block the sender if necessary.
- Let the payment platform handle any legitimate refund or reversal process.

Warning Signs

Be cautious if:

- The sender is someone you do not know.
- They pressure you to return the money immediately.
- They ask you to use a different payment method to send the money back.
- They become upset when you suggest contacting customer support.
- The story sounds urgent or confusing.

Stay Safe

Remember, legitimate mistakes can be resolved through the payment app's official support process. Never feel pressured to send money to a stranger. When in doubt, contact the payment provider directly and allow them to investigate.

If you didn't expect the money, don't spend it, don't transfer it, and don't send it back yourself. Let the app's fraud team handle it.

Protect yourself. Think before you click, verify before you send, and report suspicious activity immediately.

Legal Notice for Intent to Change Name

Rhianne Blum has petitioned the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Court for a name change from Rhianne Blum to Rhianne Brisk

The Court hearing will be held on **Friday, October 16th, 2026 at 10:00 AM** at the Stockbridge-Munsee Community Tribal Court, **N8697 Moh He Con Nuck Road, Bowler, WI 54416.**

Any objections may be raised at that time.



Veterans Corner

203 W. Main St
Bowler, WI. 54416

Gregg W. Duffek,
Tribal Veterans Service
Officer
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715-793-4036

Hello Tribal Veterans,

1. If you want me to send you updates on VA benefits and events, please consider sending me your email address and if you want to include a daytime phone number, I will use these on short notice events.
2. We plan to start a veteran breakfast on the **3rd Wednesday of every month** in the morning 0800-1000 hrs. **Beginning October 21, 2026.** Advanced notice of intent to join will be appreciated, so supplies match demand. Email me and I will put you on the signup list. A sign-in-sheet will be at the entrance, and seating will be at will. There are approximately 30 seats inside.

Pledge of allegiance to start off. We will all introduce ourselves, state our branch of service, time served, MOS and any other military information we care to share. Time for comradery, sharing stories and getting answers to VA benefits, programs and events can be a part of this. We can set down family style and have coffee and breakfast after a short presentation by guest speakers or local program staff. **All Tribal Veterans are welcome. Young and old.**

Breakfast is intended to be more of a social event and if planning for greater things arises, we can always schedule formal time to meet later. Like any good idea, we can strengthen this event as we march along.

I would like responses if you can sponsor by the end of August 2026, so we can plan for a **start date of October 21, 2026**, and supply list. If anyone wants to help, please let me know.

Tribal Veterans Service Office
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203 W Main St.
Bowler, WI. 54416

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg W. Duffek
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and their family; and

- Meet all requirements established under the approved Program Guidelines.

The Program Guidelines provide that individuals who receive the special 2026 per capita payment as a minor or as a person declared incompetent are not eligible for the Food & Utility Security Program. This clarification was specifically incorporated into the revised program documents.

Program Two: Per Capita or General Welfare Opt-Out Election Program

The second program gives eligible adult tribal members a choice regarding their annual member distribution. Eligible competent adult tribal members may elect to receive:

- A **taxable Per Capita payment**, or
- A **tax-exempt General Welfare Opt-Out payment**, if eligible.

Members must select only one option. A tribal member cannot receive both the Per Capita payment and the General Welfare Opt-Out payment.

Program Timeline

- **General Welfare Opt-Out Program Period:** May 1, 2027 through August 31, 2027
- **Anticipated Distribution Period:** Beginning May 2027 through the end of the program period in August 2027.

Important Eligibility Requirements for the General Welfare Opt-Out Program

The General Welfare Opt-Out Program is authorized pursuant to the Stockbridge-Munsee General Welfare Ordinance (ADM.04) and the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion under Section 139E of the Internal Revenue Code. The program was established

to provide tax-exempt general welfare assistance and therefore must satisfy applicable legal and program requirements.

To participate, an individual must be an eligible competent adult tribal member and must complete both:

1. The annual Per Capita Election Form; and
 2. A General Welfare Program application. (Will be mailed in April of 2027)
- In addition, the General Welfare Opt-Out election is not available in situations where the payment is subject to legal obligations that require treatment as a per capita distribution. Therefore, tribal members whose distributions are subject to **court judgments, child support arrearages, garnishments, or similar legal enforcement obligations will not be eligible to receive the General Welfare Opt-Out payment and will instead be treated as receiving a per capita distribution.** This is necessary to ensure compliance with applicable law, court orders, and program requirements governing general welfare assistance.

What About Minors and Persons Declared Incompetent?

The approved payment structure adopted by Tribal Council treats minors and persons declared incompetent differently than eligible adults. Qualified tribal members who are minors or who have been declared incompetent:

- Are not eligible for the Food & Utility Security Program; and
- Will receive the approved **\$3,200 Per Capita payment** authorized by Tribal Council. Additionally, legal guidance provided during development of the

programs confirmed that participation in the General Welfare Opt-Out Program is limited to competent adult tribal members and cannot be elected while an individual is still a minor.

Tribal Authority and Legal Standards

Both programs were established pursuant to Tribal Council Resolution No. 044-26 under the Stockbridge-Munsee Community's sovereign authority and General Welfare Ordinance (ADM.04). The ordinance authorizes Tribal Council to establish General Welfare programs and determine the amount, form, and nature of assistance provided to tribal members. As noted in legal guidance provided by Senior Counsel Bridget Swanke, ADM.04.06(b) expressly provides that the form and amount of assistance may vary based upon approved Program Guidelines.

The Food & Utility Security Program and the General Welfare Opt-Out Program are intended to qualify under the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion established by **26 U.S.C. §139E**. The Program Guidelines state

that these benefits are intended to promote the general welfare of tribal members, are not lavish or extravagant, and are not compensation for services.

Key Dates at a Glance Food & Utility Security Program

- September 1, 2026: Program Opens
- October 2026: Anticipated Initial Payments
- April 30, 2027: Program Ends

Per Capita / General Welfare Opt-Out Program

- April 1, 2027: Election Period Opens
- May 1, 2027: Distribution Period Begins
- August 31, 2027: Program Ends

The Tribal Council encourages all members to carefully review the program materials, eligibility requirements, and election forms before making their decisions. Members with questions regarding eligibility, applications, distribution options, or payment status should contact Member Services for assistance.

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Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council



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ECONOMIC SUPPORT DEPARTMENT

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Bowler, WI 54416

Economic Support Dept supports member's financial needs through the following programs:

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- MEDICAID
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- CHILD CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND
- TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE FOR NEEDY FAMILIES
- GENERAL ASSISTANCE
- WI HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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Directives

On Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council held a Regular Tribal Council Meeting and at that time the following actions were taken:

Roll Call:

Shannon Holsey Present
William Miller Present
Crystal L. Malone Present
Terrie K. Terrio Present
Joseph Miller Present
Rainer Shooter Present
Terrance Miller Jr. Present

APPROVAL OF AGENDA- ADD: Fish and Wildlife Board Meeting Minutes

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the Regular Tribal Council Meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 15th, 2026, with the addition of the Fish and Game Board Meeting minutes. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

MEETING MINUTES-

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the Special Tribal Council Meeting minutes Thursday, October 27, 2026. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the council minutes as amended. Seconded by

Willy Miller.

Roll Call: Rainer abstains (*not present*), Terrie yes, Willy yes, Crystal yes, Joe yes and Terrance yes. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST: Shawano County Land Conservation Department-Scott Frank

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request for Shawano County Land Conservation Department for individual well testing in the amount of funds out of Donations. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

SUBMISSION OF WI DNR RECYCLING GRANT- Makena Arndt, Natural Resource Technician

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve and give authorization to the Ecology Department to submit Wisconsin DNR Recycling grant application for FY 2027 by October 1, 2026. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried.

NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT-Jill Tiegs, IT Business Analyst

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve a non-competitive procurement with Sur

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Talking To Your Doctor About Falls: 6 Tips for Helpful Conversations

More than one in four older adults falls each year, but only half tell their doctor. It is important for your doctor to know about any health problems, including concerns about balance and falls. Get the most out of your conversations with these six tips.

- 1. Write a list of things you want to talk about.** Before your appointment, create a list of health topics you want to talk about, including balance and falls. The outline will help you remember your conversation points and questions.
- 2. Ask for a falls risk assessment.** If you have fallen, have trouble walking, or feel unsteady, talk to your doctor about having a falls risk assessment.
- 3. Talk about other specialists.** Ask your doctor if you would benefit from seeing a physical therapist, occupational therapist, or other specialists to help improve balance, strength, medication use, nutrition, vision, and hearing to reduce your risk of falls.
- 4. Be honest about your concerns.** Tell your doctor if you have fallen and share as many details as possible. The more your doctor knows, the more they can help you.
- 5. Take notes—and ask for notes!** Bring a notepad and pen to write down any important information your doctor shares with you. This helps to remind you of information shared during the appointment.
- 6. Ask your doctor questions.** If there is anything you do not understand, ask your doctor again. Repeating information back to the doctor will help you remember and let the doctor know you understand the information.

Saving Stockbridge-Munsee Heritage in the Homelands

The mission of the Tribal Historic Preservation Office is to preserve Stockbridge-Munsee heritage in 77 counties in 8 states through a variety of means including state and federal statutes. When I first took up the position of Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Historic

Preservation Officer almost 5 years ago, a complicated project in Munsee County came to my attention that had been on hold for a long time. Years before, a professional archaeologist had surveyed the property, which was meant to be a large-scale business park with 3 warehouse-sized buildings, and discovered a significant Indigenous site.

Afterward, the archaeologist, without the requisite consultation with us or the State Historic Preservation Office, improperly stripped the topsoil from the site at which time

uncounted ancestral belongings were displaced and numerous 'features' (an archaeology term for hearths, pits, foundations, etc.; any evidence of past human activity you can't hold in your hand) were discovered including at least one burial. At that time, all activities at the site were discontinued and the

nature of the remaining unidentified features remains unclear. The property stayed in that condition, with the site exposed, for years until it came to my attention (In photos, you might not realize the site was stripped because it became so overgrown, but you can just see the berms of topsoil in the background).

In 2022, I began a negotiation with the landowner/developer, facilitated by the State Historic Preservation Office, aimed at preserving the site. Eventually, the developer agreed to completely redesign the project, going from 3 large buildings to just one large and one small building, and avoiding the historic site altogether. We also got permission from the landowner and SHPO to restore the site, spreading the soil from the berms and reburying the features. Ancestral belongings, mostly chert chips from stone tool manufacturing, were everywhere. After that, a conservation easement was negotiated and enacted. Held by a local land conservancy group, the easement assures that the site will never again be subject to development or disturbance. This is just one of many successes we have had in preserving Stockbridge-Munsee heritage in the Homelands.



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**OCTOBER 2026
MAKE & TAKE**

SHEET PAN PESTO CHICKEN AND VEGETABLES

Participants must have access to internet as the Make & Take will be done virtually, sessions will be pre-Recorded and sent out via email prior to pick up. Ingredients must be picked up on Wednesday, October 21st, at the SMHWC from 11:45am -1:15pm. **Sign up is Oct. 5th - 9th.** We will be drawing names for the virtual Make & Take. We will contact you on Tuesday, Oct. 13th if your name has been chosen.

Contact Violet Azzolina, Community Health Representative to sign up!
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 **Stockbridge-Munsee**
COMMUNITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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veyMonkey for a 3-year agreement as software service model for the amount not to exceed funds. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATION-Martin Stevens, Utilities

Motion by Crystal Malone to approve budget modification in the amount of funds to come from FY 2027 Unallocated funds to cover the purchase of parts, equipment, installation labor and emergency septage pumping. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Rainer abstains (*helped procure quotes and organized the different agencies to assist*), Terrie yes, Willy yes, Crystal yes, Joe yes and Terrance yes. Motion carried.

USE OF TRIBAL SEAL-Robin Maxkii, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the use of the tribal seal for Vermont Fish & Wildlife sign on Otter Creek and tribal seal for Peebles Island State Park, New York as presented. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REBURIAL AGREEMENT AT STATEN ISLAND-Robin Maxkii, Director of Cultural Affairs

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve President or Vice President to sign the Reburial Agreement with National Park Service Gateway National Recreation Area at Staten Island, New York. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Rainer Shooter to ask the Cultural Affairs Committee to prepare a protocol or SOP underneath the Cultural Affairs Department for future

reburials to identify personnel, medicines, and equipment for reburials. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

NSC PURCHASING POLICIES-Sara Putnam, Director of Finance NSC

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve the revised Mohican North Star Gaming & Resort purchasing and Finance Policies, including PD-01-01 General Purchasing, PF-02-05 Centralized Purchasing, and the GASB 96 SBITA policy as presented. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

BUDGET MODIFICATION-Nikole Pecore, Language Program Manager

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve the budget modification for FY26 to transfer funds from Salary and Wages to Travel. And FY27 to add tribal contribution funds to cover the costs of Salary and Wages, Fringe, IDC and the Maintenance Agreement. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

DONATION REQUEST: Marcus Performing Arts Center-Anthony Smith

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve funds to the Marcus Performing Arts Center for their Native American Heritage Night to come out of Donations. Seconded by Crystal Malone. Motion carried.

ELDER/DISABLED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM-Shawn Moede, Housing - Tabled

RESOLUTION: BIA Invasive Species Fund-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to adopt resolution #052-26, Whereas, the Tribe wishes to accept funding through the BIA Invasive

Species Program, via a Public Law 93-638 contract, for FY2026-FY2028, to fund the management of invasive species on Tribal Lands;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, the Tribal Council authorizes the acceptance of FY2026-FY2028 BIA Invasive Species Program Funds. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Resolution adopted.

2026 NATIONAL FISH PASSAGE PROGRAM AWARD-Randall Wollenhaup, Ecology

Motion by Terrance Miller to the acceptance of the "Restoring Connectivity of Coldwater Habitat for Brook Trout Resiliency in Tribal Waters" grant from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Services in the amount of funds. Tribal President's signature is needed on the 'required statement for financial project.' The Tribe will provide an in-kind match of funds in wage, fringe, and contractual. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

RFP FOR MAPLEWOOD STREET APARTMENTS-Daniel Burr, Project Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the request for Tribal Council approval to advertise RFP for Maplewood Street Elder Apartments Renovation Project. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

10-01-2026 BENEFITS RENEWAL-Rene Montez, Insurance Manager and Joe Zack, Cottingham & Butler

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the renewal recommendation by Mohican Nation Insurance and Cottingham & Butler which includes:

- Renewing with Auxiant with a 1.23% increase

and a 2 year rate guarantee

- Renewing the HCC stop loss with a 9.5% increase
- Changing dental administrators from Delta Dental to Auxiant. And
- Issuing debit cards for employees who participate in the flex spending benefit

Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried.

LAND SALE JIM SCHULZ PROPERTY-Chad Miller, Land Manager

Motion by Joe Miller to accept the bid from Robert and Kathy Besch. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

NON-COMPETITIVE PROCUREMENT REQUEST-Thunder Smith, Fleet Manager

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the non-competitive procurement request for this purchase from Stevens Point Auto Center and this has already been approved in the capitals. Seconded by Crystal Malone.

CAPITAL CHANGE FOR FY26 MEDICAL TRANSPORT-Thunder Smith, Fleet Manager

Motion by Terrance Miller to approve the purchase of a recommended midsize SUV as part of the fleet vehicles assigned to Medical Transport. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

FY2020 CONTRACT SUPPORT COST CLAIM-Melodi Malone, Assistant Director SMHWC

Motion by Terrance Miller for approval for the Tribal President to sign the FY2020 contract support cost claim and to submit the claim to Indian Health Service. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried.

Directives cont on pg 9:

Directives from pg 8:

105L LEASE INTENT TO RENEW FY27 & FY28-Rainer Shooter, Executive Director

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the renewal letter for the BIA 105L Lease for FY27 and FY28 with a signature from the President or the Vice President if she is not available. Seconded by Terrance Miller.

Roll Call: Rainer abstains (*helped prepare the letter with Legal*), Terrie yes, Willy yes, Crystal yes, Joe yes and Terrance yes. Motion carried.

CHANGE TO LE FORM 28-Jeff Vele, Enrollment Manager

Motion by Joe Miller to approve the request from the Enrollment Department on the changes to LE Form 28, not requiring notary and also grammatical corrections language. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: Home Conveyance

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve resolution #053-26, Whereas, all obligations under the Mutual Help and Occupancy Agreement have been satisfied and each now desires to release the other of any further obligation under the agreements.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council supports the recommendation of the Division of Community Housing in the Conveyance of Tenant #102-02, Anita Bowman.

Seconded by Joe Miller. Resolution adopted.

FISH & WILDLIFE BOARD MEETING MINUTES-Matt Hietpas, Chairman

Motion by Terrance Miller to accept the Fish and Wild-

life Board Meeting minutes from September 9th, 2026. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION: ENV.01, Fish and Wildlife Ordinance-Matt Hietpas, Chairman

Motion by Terrance Miller to adopt resolution #054-26, Whereas, Amendments to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance have been proposed that include clarification for standards on blinds/stands; new permit approach with only a combined hunting and fishing permit, instead of separate permits; allow minors and direct descendant to take 2 deer per season; update bear season for spouses; clarify requirements on use of hunting tags; new limitations on the use of game cameras; update bear season; update migratory bird season; updates to hunting infractions; and clarify infractions regarding public and forest road.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council hereby adopts the following revisions to the Fish and Wildlife Ordinance:

- The creation of new subsections ENV.01.03 (b) and (i) and renumbering of the Definition section as well as modification to the definition of "Permittee", which is now (k).

- The creation of a new Part II – Tribal Permits and updating/renumbering the other Parts accordingly.

- The creation of new subsections in ENV.01: (8) (j); .09(a)(1)-(4), (b), and (b)(4); .10(d), (d)(1)-(3), and (e); .12(a)(2)(A)-(B), (3), (4)(A)-(B), and (e); and .17(a)(11)-(12).

- The modification of subsections in ENV.01: .08(a), (b), (b)(1), (d), and

(e); .09(a), (b), (c), (d) and (e); .10(a), (b), (c), and (c)(3); .12(a)(1) and (c)(4); .13(b); .15(c)(2); .17(a)(7), (a)(9), (b)(2), (c)(4), (c)(10); .19(a); .24(c)(6); and .26(c)(5).

- The deletion of subsections in ENV.01: .12(c)(5); previous .19(a)(1)-(3).

Be It Further Resolved, the amendments shall be effective as of the date of approval, except the prohibition on cameras under ENV.01.12 9(a)(4) shall be effective as of October _____, 2026.

Motion maker amends motion: to add October 15. Second concurs.

Motion maker amends motion: to strike new permit approach with only a combined hunting and fishing permit, instead of separate permits. Second concurs.

Roll Call: Rainer opposed, Terrie yes, Willy yes, Crystal yes, Joe yes and Terrance yes. Resolution adopted.

BOARD/COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES: Forestry Committee

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to approve the Regular Forestry Meeting minutes of September 8th, 2026, with the actions identified within. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

BOARD/COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS-

Motion by Willy Miller to appoint Misty Cook and Sandee Barton to the Forestry Committee. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION-

EXECUTIVE SESSION-

Motion by Joe Miller to go into Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio. Motion carried at 7:40 PM.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio

to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Terrance Miller. Motion carried at 8:11 PM.

While in Executive Session discussion was held on an Internal Audit-Program 290, Proceeds of Labor, Guardianships with ICWA, Wage Scale Implementation with Casino. Employment Accommodation and the Election Board Committee Selection Clarification.

Motion by Joe Miller to grant the employee request as discussed in Executive Session. Seconded by Terrie K. Terrio.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Joe yes, Crystal opposed (*no policy and wants it to be fair to everyone*), Willy opposed (*same reason as Crystal*), Terrie yes and Rainer yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrance Miller to accept the audit recommendations for Program 290, Proceeds of Labor from Forestry. Seconded by Willy Miller. Motion carried.

Motion by Rainer Shooter to approve moving forward with guardianship of 2026GU0001 and 2026GU0002. Seconded by Willy Miller.

Roll Call: Terrance yes, Joe yes, Crystal abstains (*directly supervises*), Willy yes, Terrie yes, and Rainer yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Terrie K. Terrio to appoint Jeff Vele Jr. and Tanya Malone to the Election Board as Members and to post for the 2 Alternates. Seconded by Rainer Shooter. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT-

Motion by Willy Miller to adjourn. Seconded by Joe Miller. Motion carried at 8:16 PM.

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