

Form 5500 Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Annual Return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan This form is required to be filed for employee benefit plans under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and sections 6057(b) and 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ Complete all entries in accordance with the instructions to the Form 5500.	OMB Nos. 1210-0110 1210-0089 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection
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Part I	Annual Report Identification Information
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024	
A	This return/report is for: ☐ a multiemployer plan ☐ a multiple-employer plan (Filers checking this box must provide participating employer information in accordance with the form instructions.) ☒ a single-employer plan ☐ a DFE (specify) _____ ☐ the first return/report ☐ the final return/report ☐ an amended return/report ☐ a short plan year return/report (less than 12 months)
C	If the plan is a collectively-bargained plan, check here. ▶ ☐
D	Check box if filing under: ☒ Form 5558 ☐ automatic extension ☐ the DFVC program ☐ special extension (enter description)
E	If this is a retroactively adopted plan permitted by SECURE Act section 201, check here. ▶ ☐

Part II	Basic Plan Information—enter all requested information
1a	Name of plan HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
1b	Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
1c	Effective date of plan 07/01/1999
2a	Plan sponsor's name (employer, if for a single-employer plan) Mailing address (include room, apt., suite no. and street, or P.O. Box) City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code (if foreign, see instructions) HO-CHUNK NATION W9814 AIRPORT ROAD BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI 54615
2b	Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1140880
2c	Plan Sponsor's telephone number 715-284-4361
2d	Business code (see instructions) 713200

Caution: A penalty for the late or incomplete filing of this return/report will be assessed unless reasonable cause is established.

Under penalties of perjury and other penalties set forth in the instructions, I declare that I have examined this return/report, including accompanying schedules, statements and attachments, as well as the electronic version of this return/report, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete.

SIGN HERE	Filed with authorized/valid electronic signature.	04/10/2025	BERNICE TWINN
	Signature of plan administrator	Date	Enter name of individual signing as plan administrator
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of employer/plan sponsor	Date	Enter name of individual signing as employer or plan sponsor
SIGN HERE			
	Signature of DFE	Date	Enter name of individual signing as DFE

3a Plan administrator's name and address ☒ Same as Plan Sponsor	3b Administrator's EIN 3c Administrator's telephone number
4 If the name and/or EIN of the plan sponsor or the plan name has changed since the last return/report filed for this plan, enter the plan sponsor's name, EIN, the plan name and the plan number from the last return/report: a Sponsor's name c Plan Name	4b EIN 4d PN
5 Total number of participants at the beginning of the plan year	5 2745
6 Number of participants as of the end of the plan year unless otherwise stated (welfare plans complete only lines 6a(1) , 6a(2) , 6b , 6c , and 6d). a(1) Total number of active participants at the beginning of the plan year a(2) Total number of active participants at the end of the plan year b Retired or separated participants receiving benefits c Other retired or separated participants entitled to future benefits d Subtotal. Add lines 6a(2) , 6b , and 6c e Deceased participants whose beneficiaries are receiving or are entitled to receive benefits. f Total. Add lines 6d and 6e g(1) Number of participants with account balances as of the beginning of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) g(2) Number of participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year (only defined contribution plans complete this item) h Number of participants who terminated employment during the plan year with accrued benefits that were less than 100% vested.....	6a(1) 2190 6a(2) 2265 6b 26 6c 520 6d 2811 6e 2 6f 2813 6g(1) 1962 6g(2) 2028 6h 91
7 Enter the total number of employers obligated to contribute to the plan (only multiemployer plans complete this item).....	7

8a If the plan provides pension benefits, enter the applicable pension feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:
 2E 2F 2G 2J 2K 3D 3H

b If the plan provides welfare benefits, enter the applicable welfare feature codes from the List of Plan Characteristics Codes in the instructions:

9a Plan funding arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor	9b Plan benefit arrangement (check all that apply) (1) ☐ Insurance (2) ☐ Code section 412(e)(3) insurance contracts (3) ☒ Trust (4) ☐ General assets of the sponsor
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10 Check all applicable boxes in 10a and 10b to indicate which schedules are attached, and, where indicated, enter the number attached. (See instructions)

a Pension Schedules

- (1) ☒ **R** (Retirement Plan Information)
- (2) ☐ **MB** (Multiemployer Defined Benefit Plan and Certain Money Purchase Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (3) ☐ **SB** (Single-Employer Defined Benefit Plan Actuarial Information) - signed by the plan actuary
- (4) ☐ **DCG** (Individual Plan Information) – Number Attached _____
- (5) ☐ **MEP** (Multiple-Employer Retirement Plan Information)

b General Schedules

- (1) ☒ **H** (Financial Information)
- (2) ☐ **I** (Financial Information – Small Plan)
- (3) ☐ **A** (Insurance Information) – Number Attached 0
- (4) ☒ **C** (Service Provider Information)
- (5) ☒ **D** (DFE/Participating Plan Information)
- (6) ☐ **G** (Financial Transaction Schedules)

Part III Form M-1 Compliance Information (to be completed by welfare benefit plans)

11a If the plan provides welfare benefits, was the plan subject to the Form M-1 filing requirements during the plan year? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" is checked, complete lines 11b and 11c.

11b Is the plan currently in compliance with the Form M-1 filing requirements? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-2.) ☐ Yes ☐ No

11c Enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the 2023 Form M-1 annual report. If the plan was not required to file the 2023 Form M-1 annual report, enter the Receipt Confirmation Code for the most recent Form M-1 that was required to be filed under the Form M-1 filing requirements. (Failure to enter a valid Receipt Confirmation Code will subject the Form 5500 filing to rejection as incomplete.)

Receipt Confirmation Code _____

SCHEDULE C (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Service Provider Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
		2023
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For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024

A Name of plan HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST	B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HO-CHUNK NATION	D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1140880

Part I

Service Provider Information (see instructions)

You must complete this Part, in accordance with the instructions, to report the information required for **each person** who received, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of monetary value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or the person's position with the plan during the plan year. If a person received **only** eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures, you are required to answer line 1 but are not required to include that person when completing the remainder of this Part.

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Information on Persons Receiving Only Eligible Indirect Compensation

- a

Check "Yes" or "No" to indicate whether you are excluding a person from the remainder of this Part because they received only eligible indirect compensation for which the plan received the required disclosures (see instructions for definitions and conditions).....

Yes

x

No
- b

If you answered line 1a "Yes," enter the name and EIN or address of each person providing the required disclosures for the service providers who received only eligible indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed (see instructions).

(b)

Enter name and EIN or address of person who provided you disclosures on eligible indirect compensation

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2. Information on Other Service Providers Receiving Direct or Indirect Compensation. Except for those persons for whom you answered "Yes" to line 1a above, complete as many entries as needed to list each person receiving, directly or indirectly, \$5,000 or more in total compensation (i.e., money or anything else of value) in connection with services rendered to the plan or their position with the plan during the plan year. (See instructions).

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NEWPORT GROUP, INC.

27-2037969

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
12 15 37 50 60 64	RECORDKEEPER	147640	Yes ☒ No ☐	Yes ☒ No ☐	0	Yes ☐ No ☒

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

NFP RETIREMENT, INC.

10 TERRACE COURT
SUITE 103
MADISON, WI 53718

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
27 72	ADVISOR	64928	Yes ☐ No ☒	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

(a) Enter name and EIN or address (see instructions)

(b) Service Code(s)	(c) Relationship to employer, employee organization, or person known to be a party-in-interest	(d) Enter direct compensation paid by the plan. If none, enter -0-.	(e) Did service provider receive indirect compensation? (sources other than plan or plan sponsor)	(f) Did indirect compensation include eligible indirect compensation, for which the plan received the required disclosures?	(g) Enter total indirect compensation received by service provider excluding eligible indirect compensation for which you answered "Yes" to element (f). If none, enter -0-.	(h) Did the service provider give you a formula instead of an amount or estimated amount?
			Yes ☐ No ☐	Yes ☐ No ☐		Yes ☐ No ☐

Part I Service Provider Information (continued)

3. If you reported on line 2 receipt of indirect compensation, other than eligible indirect compensation, by a service provider, and the service provider is a fiduciary or provides contract administrator, consulting, custodial, investment advisory, investment management, broker, or recordkeeping services, answer the following questions for (a) each source from whom the service provider received \$1,000 or more in indirect compensation and (b) each source for whom the service provider gave you a formula used to determine the indirect compensation instead of an amount or estimated amount of the indirect compensation. Complete as many entries as needed to report the required information for each source.

(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
(d) Enter name and EIN (address) of source of indirect compensation	(e) Describe the indirect compensation, including any formula used to determine the service provider's eligibility for or the amount of the indirect compensation.	
(a) Enter service provider name as it appears on line 2	(b) Service Codes (see instructions)	(c) Enter amount of indirect compensation
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Part II Service Providers Who Fail or Refuse to Provide Information

4 Provide, to the extent possible, the following information for each service provider who failed or refused to provide the information necessary to complete this Schedule.

(a) Enter name and EIN or address of service provider (see instructions)	(b) Nature of Service Code(s)	(c) Describe the information that the service provider failed or refused to provide
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Part III Termination Information on Accountants and Enrolled Actuaries (see instructions)
(complete as many entries as needed)

a Name:	b EIN:
c Position:	
d Address:	e Telephone:

Explanation:

a Name:	b EIN:
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SCHEDULE D (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration		DFE/Participating Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.		OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.	
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A Name of plan HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST				B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001	
C Plan or DFE sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HO-CHUNK NATION				D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1140880	
Part I Information on interests in MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs (to be completed by plans and DFEs) (Complete as many entries as needed to report all interests in DFEs)					
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE: WF STABLE VALUE FUND C					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a): WF STABLE VALUE FUND C					
c EIN-PN 52-2250946-001		d Entity code C		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions) 5708830	
a Name of MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE:					
b Name of sponsor of entity listed in (a):					
c EIN-PN		d Entity code		e Dollar value of interest in MTIA, CCT, PSA, or 103-12 IE at end of year (see instructions)	
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Part II Information on Participating Plans (to be completed by DFEs, other than DCGs)

(Complete as many entries as needed to report all participating plans. DCGs must report each participating plan using Schedule DCG.)

a Plan name**b** Name of
plan sponsor**c** EIN-PN**a** Plan name**b** Name of
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SCHEDULE H (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Financial Information This schedule is required to be filed under section 104 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110
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C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HO-CHUNK NATION		
		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1140880

Part I	Asset and Liability Statement
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1 Current value of plan assets and liabilities at the beginning and end of the plan year. Combine the value of plan assets held in more than one trust. Report the value of the plan's interest in a commingled fund containing the assets of more than one plan on a line-by-line basis unless the value is reportable on lines 1c(9) through 1c(14). Do not enter the value of that portion of an insurance contract which guarantees, during this plan year, to pay a specific dollar benefit at a future date. **Round off amounts to the nearest dollar.** MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 1b(1), 1b(2), 1c(8), 1g, 1h, and 1i. CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 1d and 1e. See instructions.

Assets		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
a Total noninterest-bearing cash	1a		
b Receivables (less allowance for doubtful accounts):			
(1) Employer contributions	1b(1)	0	1494
(2) Participant contributions	1b(2)	0	3078
(3) Other	1b(3)		
c General investments:			
(1) Interest-bearing cash (include money market accounts & certificates of deposit)	1c(1)		
(2) U.S. Government securities	1c(2)		
(3) Corporate debt instruments (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(3)(A)		
(B) All other	1c(3)(B)		
(4) Corporate stocks (other than employer securities):			
(A) Preferred	1c(4)(A)		
(B) Common	1c(4)(B)		
(5) Partnership/joint venture interests	1c(5)		
(6) Real estate (other than employer real property)	1c(6)		
(7) Loans (other than to participants)	1c(7)		
(8) Participant loans	1c(8)	2740194	2937936
(9) Value of interest in common/collective trusts	1c(9)	5662465	5708830
(10) Value of interest in pooled separate accounts	1c(10)		
(11) Value of interest in master trust investment accounts	1c(11)		
(12) Value of interest in 103-12 investment entities	1c(12)		
(13) Value of interest in registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	1c(13)	54653312	63407051
(14) Value of funds held in insurance company general account (unallocated contracts)	1c(14)		
(15) Other	1c(15)		

1d Employer-related investments:		(a) Beginning of Year	(b) End of Year
(1) Employer securities	1d(1)		
(2) Employer real property	1d(2)		
e Buildings and other property used in plan operation	1e		
f Total assets (add all amounts in lines 1a through 1e)	1f	63055971	72058389
Liabilities			
g Benefit claims payable	1g		
h Operating payables	1h	23535	24283
i Acquisition indebtedness	1i		
j Other liabilities	1j	57643	64435
k Total liabilities (add all amounts in lines 1g through 1j)	1k	81178	88718
Net Assets			
l Net assets (subtract line 1k from line 1f)	1l	62974793	71969671

Part II Income and Expense Statement

2 Plan income, expenses, and changes in net assets for the year. Include all income and expenses of the plan, including any trust(s) or separately maintained fund(s) and any payments/receipts to/from insurance carriers. Round off amounts to the nearest dollar. MTIAs, CCTs, PSAs, and 103-12 IEs do not complete lines 2a, 2b(1)(E), 2e, 2f, and 2g.

Income		(a) Amount	(b) Total
a Contributions:			
(1) Received or receivable in cash from: (A) Employers	2a(1)(A)	1604733	
(B) Participants	2a(1)(B)	3972144	
(C) Others (including rollovers)	2a(1)(C)	1143	
(2) Noncash contributions	2a(2)		
(3) Total contributions. Add lines 2a(1)(A) , (B), (C), and line 2a(2)	2a(3)		5578020
b Earnings on investments:			
(1) Interest:			
(A) Interest-bearing cash (including money market accounts and certificates of deposit)	2b(1)(A)		
(B) U.S. Government securities	2b(1)(B)		
(C) Corporate debt instruments	2b(1)(C)		
(D) Loans (other than to participants)	2b(1)(D)		
(E) Participant loans	2b(1)(E)	194152	
(F) Other	2b(1)(F)		
(G) Total interest. Add lines 2b(1)(A) through (F)	2b(1)(G)		194152
(2) Dividends: (A) Preferred stock	2b(2)(A)		
(B) Common stock	2b(2)(B)		
(C) Registered investment company shares (e.g. mutual funds)	2b(2)(C)	1361627	
(D) Total dividends. Add lines 2b(2)(A) , (B), and (C)	2b(2)(D)		1361627
(3) Rents	2b(3)		
(4) Net gain (loss) on sale of assets: (A) Aggregate proceeds	2b(4)(A)		
(B) Aggregate carrying amount (see instructions)	2b(4)(B)		
(C) Subtract line 2b(4)(B) from line 2b(4)(A) and enter result	2b(4)(C)		
(5) Unrealized appreciation (depreciation) of assets: (A) Real estate	2b(5)(A)		
(B) Other	2b(5)(B)		
(C) Total unrealized appreciation of assets. Add lines 2b(5)(A) and (B)	2b(5)(C)		

		(a) Amount	(b) Total
(6) Net investment gain (loss) from common/collective trusts.....	2b(6)		155730
(7) Net investment gain (loss) from pooled separate accounts.....	2b(7)		
(8) Net investment gain (loss) from master trust investment accounts.....	2b(8)		
(9) Net investment gain (loss) from 103-12 investment entities.....	2b(9)		
(10) Net investment gain (loss) from registered investment companies (e.g., mutual funds)	2b(10)		8001149
c Other income	2c		30828
d Total income. Add all income amounts in column (b) and enter total	2d		15321506

Expenses

e Benefit payment and payments to provide benefits:			
(1) Directly to participants or beneficiaries, including direct rollovers	2e(1)	6114056	
(2) To insurance carriers for the provision of benefits.....	2e(2)		
(3) Other	2e(3)		
(4) Total benefit payments. Add lines 2e(1) through (3)	2e(4)		6114056
f Corrective distributions (see instructions)	2f		
g Certain deemed distributions of participant loans (see instructions)	2g		
h Interest expense	2h		
i Administrative expenses:			
(1) Salaries and allowances	2i(1)		
(2) Contract administrator fees.....	2i(2)	104656	
(3) Recordkeeping fees.....	2i(3)	42988	
(4) IQPA audit fees.....	2i(4)		
(5) Investment advisory and investment management fees	2i(5)	64928	
(6) Bank or trust company trustee/custodial fees	2i(6)		
(7) Actuarial fees	2i(7)		
(8) Legal fees	2i(8)		
(9) Valuation/appraisal fees	2i(9)		
(10) Other trustee fees and expenses	2i(10)		
(11) Other expenses	2i(11)		
(12) Total administrative expenses. Add lines 2i(1) through (11)	2i(12)		212572
j Total expenses. Add all expense amounts in column (b) and enter total	2j		6326628

Net Income and Reconciliation

k Net income (loss). Subtract line 2j from line 2d	2k		8994878
l Transfers of assets:			
(1) To this plan	2l(1)		
(2) From this plan	2l(2)		

Part III Accountant's Opinion

3 Complete lines 3a through 3c if the opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is attached to this Form 5500. Complete line 3d if an opinion is not attached.

a The attached opinion of an independent qualified public accountant for this plan is (see instructions):

(1) ☒ Unmodified (2) ☐ Qualified (3) ☐ Disclaimer (4) ☐ Adverse

b Check the appropriate box(es) to indicate whether the IQPA performed an ERISA section 103(a)(3)(C) audit. Check both boxes (1) and (2) if the audit was performed pursuant to both 29 CFR 2520.103-8 and 29 CFR 2520.103-12(d). Check box (3) if pursuant to neither.

(1) ☒ DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 (2) ☐ DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d) (3) ☐ neither DOL Regulation 2520.103-8 nor DOL Regulation 2520.103-12(d).

c Enter the name and EIN of the accountant (or accounting firm) below:

(1) Name: **CLIFTONLARSONALLEN LLP**

(2) EIN: **41-0746749**

d The opinion of an independent qualified public accountant is **not attached** as part of Schedule H because:

(1) ☐ This form is filed for a CCT, PSA, DCG or MTIA. (2) ☐ It will be attached to the next Form 5500 pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.104-50.

Part IV Compliance Questions

4 CCTs and PSAs do not complete Part IV. MTIAs, 103-12 IEs, and GIAs do not complete lines 4a, 4e, 4f, 4g, 4h, 4k, 4m, 4n, or 5. 103-12 IEs also do not complete lines 4j and 4l. MTIAs also do not complete line 4l. DCGs do not complete lines 4e, 4f, 4k, 4l, and 5, and DCGs generally complete the rest of Part IV collectively for all plans in the DCG, except as otherwise provided (see instructions).

During the plan year:

	Yes	No	Amount
a Was there a failure to transmit to the plan any participant contributions within the time period described in 29 CFR 2510.3-102? Continue to answer "Yes" for any prior year failures until fully corrected. (See instructions and DOL's Voluntary Fiduciary Correction Program.)	☒	☐	171
b Were any loans by the plan or fixed income obligations due the plan in default as of the close of the plan year or classified during the year as uncollectible? Disregard participant loans secured by participant's account balance. (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part I if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
c Were any leases to which the plan was a party in default or classified during the year as uncollectible? (Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part II if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
d Were there any nonexempt transactions with any party-in-interest? (Do not include transactions reported on line 4a. Attach Schedule G (Form 5500) Part III if "Yes" is checked.)	☐	☒	
e Was this plan covered by a fidelity bond?	☒	☐	1000000
f Did the plan have a loss, whether or not reimbursed by the plan's fidelity bond, that was caused by fraud or dishonesty?	☐	☒	
g Did the plan hold any assets whose current value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
h Did the plan receive any noncash contributions whose value was neither readily determinable on an established market nor set by an independent third party appraiser?	☐	☒	
i Did the plan have assets held for investment? (Attach schedule(s) of assets if "Yes" is checked, and see instructions for format requirements.)	☒	☐	
j Were any plan transactions or series of transactions in excess of 5% of the current value of plan assets? (Attach schedule of transactions if "Yes" is checked and see instructions for format requirements.)	☐	☒	
k Were all the plan assets either distributed to participants or beneficiaries, transferred to another plan, or brought under the control of the PBGC?	☐	☒	
l Has the plan failed to provide any benefit when due under the plan?	☐	☒	
m If this is an individual account plan, was there a blackout period? (See instructions and 29 CFR 2520.101-3.)	☐	☒	
n If 4m was answered "Yes," check the "Yes" box if you either provided the required notice or one of the exceptions to providing the notice applied under 29 CFR 2520.101-3.	☐	☐	

5a Has a resolution to terminate the plan been adopted during the plan year or any prior plan year? ☐ Yes ☒ No
If "Yes," enter the amount of any plan assets that reverted to the employer this year _____.

5b If, during this plan year, any assets or liabilities were transferred from this plan to another plan(s), identify the plan(s) to which assets or liabilities were transferred. (See instructions.)

5b(1) Name of plan(s)	5b(2) EIN(s)	5b(3) PN(s)

5c Was the plan a defined benefit plan covered under the PBGC insurance program at any time during this plan year? (See ERISA section 4021 and instructions.) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Not determined

If "Yes" is checked, enter the My PAA confirmation number from the PBGC premium filing for this plan year _____.

SCHEDULE R (Form 5500) Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation	Retirement Plan Information This schedule is required to be filed under sections 104 and 4065 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA) and section 6058(a) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code). ▶ File as an attachment to Form 5500.	OMB No. 1210-0110 2023 This Form is Open to Public Inspection.
For calendar plan year 2023 or fiscal plan year beginning 07/01/2023 and ending 06/30/2024		
A Name of plan HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST		B Three-digit plan number (PN) ▶ 001
C Plan sponsor's name as shown on line 2a of Form 5500 HO-CHUNK NATION		D Employer Identification Number (EIN) 39-1140880
Part I	Distributions	
All references to distributions relate only to payments of benefits during the plan year.		
1 Total value of distributions paid in property other than in cash or the forms of property specified in the instructions.....		1 0
2 Enter the EIN(s) of payor(s) who paid benefits on behalf of the plan to participants or beneficiaries during the year (if more than two, enter EINs of the two payors who paid the greatest dollar amounts of benefits): EIN(s): 42-1558009		
Profit-sharing plans, ESOPs, and stock bonus plans, skip line 3.		
3 Number of participants (living or deceased) whose benefits were distributed in a single sum, during the plan year		3
Part II	Funding Information (If the plan is not subject to the minimum funding requirements of section 412 of the Internal Revenue Code or ERISA section 302, skip this Part.)	
4 Is the plan administrator making an election under Code section 412(d)(2) or ERISA section 302(d)(2)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
If the plan is a defined benefit plan, go to line 8.		
5 If a waiver of the minimum funding standard for a prior year is being amortized in this plan year, see instructions and enter the date of the ruling letter granting the waiver. Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____		
If you completed line 5, complete lines 3, 9, and 10 of Schedule MB and do not complete the remainder of this schedule.		
6 a Enter the minimum required contribution for this plan year (include any prior year accumulated funding deficiency not waived)		6a
b Enter the amount contributed by the employer to the plan for this plan year		6b
c Subtract the amount in line 6b from the amount in line 6a. Enter the result (enter a minus sign to the left of a negative amount)		6c
If you completed line 6c, skip lines 8 and 9.		
7 Will the minimum funding amount reported on line 6c be met by the funding deadline? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
8 If a change in actuarial cost method was made for this plan year pursuant to a revenue procedure or other authority providing automatic approval for the change or a class ruling letter, does the plan sponsor or plan administrator agree with the change? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A		
Part III	Amendments	
9 If this is a defined benefit pension plan, were any amendments adopted during this plan year that increased or decreased the value of benefits? If yes, check the appropriate box. If no, check the "No" box. ☐ Increase ☐ Decrease ☐ Both ☐ No		
Part IV	ESOPs (see instructions). If this is not a plan described under section 409(a) or 4975(e)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code, skip this Part.	
10 Were unallocated employer securities or proceeds from the sale of unallocated securities used to repay any exempt loan? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
11 a Does the ESOP hold any preferred stock? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
b If the ESOP has an outstanding exempt loan with the employer as lender, is such loan part of a "back-to-back" loan? (See instructions for definition of "back-to-back" loan.) ☐ Yes ☐ No		
12 Does the ESOP hold any stock that is not readily tradable on an established securities market? ☐ Yes ☐ No		
For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the Instructions for Form 5500.		
Schedule R (Form 5500) 2023 v. 230707		

Part V Additional Information for Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans

13 Enter the following information for each employer that (1) contributed more than 5% of total contributions to the plan during the plan year or (2) was one of the top-ten highest contributors (measured in dollars). See instructions. *Complete as many entries as needed to report all applicable employers.*

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

a Name of contributing employer

b EIN

c Dollar amount contributed by employer

d Date collective bargaining agreement expires (If employer contributes under more than one collective bargaining agreement, check box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, enter the applicable date.) Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

e Contribution rate information (If more than one rate applies, check this box ☐ and see instructions regarding required attachment. Otherwise, complete lines 13e(1) and 13e(2).)

(1) Contribution rate (in dollars and cents) _____

(2) Base unit measure: ☐ Hourly ☐ Weekly ☐ Unit of production ☐ Other (specify): _____

14 Enter the number of deferred vested and retired participants (inactive participants), as of the beginning of the plan year, whose contributing employer is no longer making contributions to the plan for: a The current plan year. Check the box to indicate the counting method used to determine the number of inactive participants: ☐ last contributing employer ☐ alternative ☐ reasonable approximation (see instructions for required attachment) b The plan year immediately preceding the current plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment) c The second preceding plan year. ☐ Check the box if the number reported is a change from what was previously reported (see instructions for required attachment)	14a 14b 14c	
15 Enter the ratio of the number of participants under the plan on whose behalf no employer had an obligation to make an employer contribution during the current plan year to:		
a The corresponding number for the plan year immediately preceding the current plan year	15a	
b The corresponding number for the second preceding plan year	15b	
16 Information with respect to any employers who withdrew from the plan during the preceding plan year:		
a Enter the number of employers who withdrew during the preceding plan year	16a	
b If line 16a is greater than 0, enter the aggregate amount of withdrawal liability assessed or estimated to be assessed against such withdrawn employers	16b	
17 If assets and liabilities from another plan have been transferred to or merged with this plan during the plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐		

Part VI	Additional Information for Single-Employer and Multiemployer Defined Benefit Pension Plans
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18 If any liabilities to participants or their beneficiaries under the plan as of the end of the plan year consist (in whole or in part) of liabilities to such participants and beneficiaries under two or more pension plans as of immediately before such plan year, check box and see instructions regarding supplemental information to be included as an attachment..... ☐	
19 If the total number of participants is 1,000 or more, complete lines (a) and (b): a Enter the percentage of plan assets held as: Public Equity: _____% Private Equity: _____% Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: _____% High-Yield Debt: _____% Real Assets: _____% Cash or Cash Equivalents: _____% Other: _____% b Provide the average duration of the Investment-Grade Debt and Interest Rate Hedging Assets: ☐ 0-5 years ☐ 5-10 years ☐ 10-15 years ☐ 15 years or more	
20 PBGC missed contribution reporting requirements. If this is a multiemployer plan or a single-employer plan that is not covered by PBGC, skip line 20. a Is the amount of unpaid minimum required contributions for all years from Schedule SB (Form 5500) line 40 greater than zero? ☐ Yes ☐ No b If line 20a is "Yes," has PBGC been notified as required by ERISA sections 4043(c)(5) and/or 303(k)(4)? Check the applicable box: ☐ Yes. ☐ No. Reporting was waived under 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) because contributions equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution were made by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. The 30-day period referenced in 29 CFR 4043.25(c)(2) has not yet ended, and the sponsor intends to make a contribution equal to or exceeding the unpaid minimum required contribution by the 30th day after the due date. ☐ No. Other. Provide explanation: _____	

Part VII	IRS Compliance Questions
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21a Does the plan satisfy the coverage and nondiscrimination tests of Code sections 410(b) and 401(a)(4) by combining this plan with any other plans under the permissive aggregation rules? ☐ Yes ☒ No 21b If this is a Code section 401(k) plan, check all boxes that apply to indicate how the plan is intended to satisfy the nondiscrimination requirements for employee deferrals and employer matching contributions (as applicable) under Code sections 401(k)(3) and 401(m)(2). ☐ Design-based safe harbor method ☐ "Prior year" ADP test ☒ "Current year" ADP test ☐ N/A	
22 If the plan sponsor is an adopter of a pre-approved plan that received a favorable IRS Opinion Letter, enter the date of the Opinion Letter <u>06 / 30 / 2020</u> (MM/DD/YYYY) and the Opinion Letter serial number <u>Q702826A</u> .	

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
ERISA-REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023 AND
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Legislature and Plan Management
Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust
Black River Falls, Wisconsin

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit

We have performed audits of the accompanying financial statements of Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust, an employee benefit plan subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) (ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit). The financial statements comprise the statements of net assets available for benefits as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and the related statement of changes in net assets available for benefits for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management, having determined it is permissible in the circumstances, has elected to have the audits of Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust's financial statements performed in accordance with ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) pursuant to 29 CFR 2520.103-8 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. As permitted by ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C), our audits need not extend to any statements or information related to assets held for investment of the plan (investment information) by a bank or similar institution or insurance carrier that is regulated, supervised, and subject to periodic examination by a state or federal agency, provided that the statements or information regarding assets so held are prepared and certified to by the bank or similar institution or insurance carrier in accordance with 29 CFR 2520.103-5 of the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA (qualified institution).

Management has obtained certifications from a qualified institution as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, and for the year ended June 30, 2024, stating that the certified investment information, as described in Note 3 to the financial statements, is complete and accurate.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audits and on the procedures performed as described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section:

- The amounts and disclosures in the financial statements referred to above, other than those agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.
- The information in the financial statements referred to above related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. Management's election of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit does not affect management's responsibility for the financial statements.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for one year after the date that the financial statements are available to be issued.

Management is also responsible for maintaining a current plan instrument, including all plan amendments, administering the plan, and determining that the plan's transactions that are presented and disclosed in the financial statements are in conformity with the plan's provisions, including maintaining sufficient records with respect to each of the participants, to determine the benefits due or which may become due to such participants.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Except as described in the Scope and Nature of the ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) Audit section of our report, our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.

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- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

Our audits did not extend to the certified investment information, except for obtaining and reading the certification, comparing the certified investment information with the related information presented and disclosed in the financial statements, and reading the disclosures relating to the certified investment information to assess whether they are in accordance with the presentation and disclosure requirements of accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Accordingly, the objective of an ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C) audit is not to express an opinion about whether the financial statements as a whole are presented fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matter — Supplemental Schedules Required by ERISA

The supplemental schedules of assets (held at end of year) and of delinquent participant contributions as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information included in the supplemental schedules, other than that agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, has been subjected to auditing procedures applied in the audits of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. For information included in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, we compared such information to the related certified investment information.

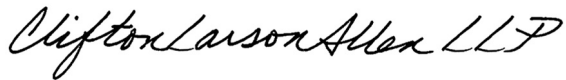
In forming our opinion on the supplemental schedules, we evaluated whether the supplemental schedules, other than the information agreed to or derived from the certified investment information, including its form and content, is presented in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.

In our opinion:

- The form and content of the supplemental schedules, other than the information in the supplemental schedules that agreed to or is derived from the certified investment information, is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with the Department of Labor's Rules and Regulations for Reporting and Disclosure under ERISA.
- The information in the supplemental schedules related to assets held by and certified to by a qualified institution agrees to, or is derived from, in all material respects, the information prepared and certified by an institution that management determined meets the requirements of ERISA Section 103(a)(3)(C).

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.



CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Bellevue, Washington
April 4, 2025

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
ASSETS		
INVESTMENTS (at Fair Value)	\$ 69,115,881	\$ 60,315,777
RECEIVABLES		
Employee 401(k) Deferral Contributions	3,078	-
Employer Match Contributions	1,494	-
Notes Receivable from Participants	<u>2,961,938</u>	<u>2,776,673</u>
Total Receivables	<u>2,966,510</u>	<u>2,776,673</u>
Total Assets	72,082,391	63,092,450
LIABILITIES		
EXCESS CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE	64,435	57,643
EXPENSES PAYABLE	<u>24,283</u>	<u>23,535</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>88,718</u>	<u>81,178</u>
FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS	<u><u>\$ 71,993,673</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 63,011,272</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

ADDITIONS TO NET POSITION ATTRIBUTED TO:

INVESTMENT INCOME

Net Appreciation in Fair Value of Investments	\$ 8,156,879
Interest and Dividends	<u>1,361,627</u>
Total Investment Gain	9,518,506

OTHER INCOME

30,828

**INTEREST INCOME ON NOTES RECEIVABLE
FROM PARTICIPANTS**

194,152

CONTRIBUTIONS

Employee 401(k) Deferral	3,972,144
Employer Match	1,604,733
Employee Rollover	<u>1,143</u>
Total Contributions	<u>5,578,020</u>

Total Additions

15,321,506

DEDUCTIONS FROM NET POSITION ATTRIBUTED TO:

BENEFITS PAID TO PARTICIPANTS

6,126,533

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

212,572

Total Deductions

6,339,105

CHANGE IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

8,982,401

FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS

Beginning of Year

63,011,272

End of Year

\$ 71,993,673

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN

The following description of Ho-Chunk Nation 401(k) Plan & Trust (the Plan) provides only general information. Participants should refer to the Plan document for a more complete description of the Plan's provisions.

General

The Plan is a defined contribution plan originally effective July 1, 1999. The Plan has been amended throughout the years to comply with tax legislation and most recently restated effective July 1, 2022. The Plan is subject to ERISA.

Eligibility

Employees of Ho-Chunk Nation, Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA), Cedar Growth (formerly First Nations Community Financial), and Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority (HTA), collectively referred to as the Tribe, are eligible to participate in the deferral and match components of the Plan upon turning 18 years of age and after a participant completes 250 hours within the first three months of service or after completing one year of service. Participants are eligible for the profit sharing contribution if they meet the eligibility requirements above and are employed on the last day of the Plan year.

Contributions

The Plan includes a salary deferral arrangement allowed under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Eligible participants are permitted to elect to have a percentage, limited by Plan provisions, of their compensation contributed as pre-tax 401(k) contributions to the Plan. Participants who have attained age 50 before the end of the Plan year are eligible to make catch-up contributions.

The Tribe may, at its discretion, elect to make a qualified matching contribution or profit sharing contribution to the Plan. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Tribal matching contribution for Ho-Chunk Nation and Cedar Growth was 100% of the first 2% of eligible compensation deferred that a participant contributes to the Plan, with a maximum matching contribution of \$5,000. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Tribal matching contribution for HHCDA was 100% of the first 5% of eligible compensation deferred that a participant contributes to the Plan, with a maximum matching contribution of \$5,000. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Tribal matching contribution for HTA was 100% of the first 2%, of eligible compensation deferred that a participant contributes to the plan, with a maximum matching contribution of \$5,000. There were no Tribal profit sharing contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 1 DESCRIPTION OF PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (Continued)

Participants may also contribute amounts representing distributions from other qualified defined benefit or defined contribution plans (rollover). Participants direct the investment of contributions into various investment options offered by the Plan. Contributions are subject to certain Internal Revenue Service (IRS) limitations.

Participant Accounts

Each participant's account is credited with the participant's contributions, the Tribe's matching contribution, an allocation of the Tribe's profit sharing contribution, and an allocation of Plan earnings or losses. Participant accounts are charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that are paid by the Plan. Allocations are based on participant earnings or account balances, or participant transactions, as defined. The benefit to which a participant is entitled is the benefit that can be provided by the participant's vested account.

Vesting

Participants are immediately vested in their contributions plus actual earnings thereon. Vesting in the Tribal matching and profit sharing contribution portion of their accounts, plus actual earnings thereon, is based on years of credited service. A participant is 100% vested after six years of credited service. Notwithstanding the above, a participant is fully vested upon reaching normal retirement age, death, or permanent disability.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Participants may borrow from their fund accounts a minimum of \$1,000 up to a maximum equal to the lesser of \$50,000 or 50% of their vested account balance. The notes are secured by the balance in the participant's account and bear interest at a rate commensurate with local prevailing rates as determined quarterly by the Plan administrator. Principal and interest are paid ratably through payroll deductions.

Benefit Payments

Upon termination of service due to death, disability, or retirement, a participant may elect to receive the value of the vested interest in his or her account in the form of a lump sum distribution or installments. The Plan allows for in-service distributions if a participant reaches age 60 subject to Plan provisions. If a participant terminates employment and the participant's account balance does not exceed \$1,000, the Plan administrator will authorize the benefit payment without the participant's consent. If the balance of the terminated participant's account is between \$1,000 and \$5,000, the Plan Sponsor may authorize that the benefit payment be rolled into an individual retirement account in the participant's name.

Forfeited Accounts

Forfeited nonvested accounts are first used to reduce administrative expenses and then are used to reduce future Tribal contributions. Forfeited nonvested accounts as of June 30, 2024 and 2023 totaled \$7,348 and \$6,189, respectively. There were \$21,011 of forfeitures used to pay administrative expenses for the year ended June 30, 2024. There were \$1,945 of forfeitures used to reduce Tribal contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements of the Plan are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. These statements have also been prepared in accordance with the reporting standards as promulgated by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which designates accounting principles and financial reporting standards applicable to the Plan.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and changes therein, and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Investment Valuation and Income Recognition

The Plan's investments are reported at fair value. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. See Note 5 for discussion of fair value measurements.

Purchases and sales of securities are recorded on a trade-date basis. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Dividends are recorded on the ex-dividend date. Net appreciation includes the Plan's gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year.

Notes Receivable from Participants

Notes receivable from participants are measured at their unpaid principal balance plus any accrued but unpaid interest. Interest income is recorded on the accrual basis. Related fees are recorded as administrative expenses and are expensed when they are incurred. No allowance for credit losses has been recorded as of June 30, 2024 or 2023. Delinquent notes receivable are recorded as distributions on the basis of the terms of the Plan document.

Benefit Payments

Benefits are recorded when paid.

Excess Contributions Payable

Amounts payable to participants for contributions in excess of amounts allowed by the IRS are recorded as a liability with a corresponding deduction to contributions. The Plan distributed the 2024 and 2023 excess contributions to the applicable participants prior to September 15, 2024 and September 15, 2023, respectively.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 2 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Administrative Expenses

Certain expenses of maintaining the Plan are paid directly by the Tribe and are excluded from these financial statements. Fees related to the administration of notes receivable are included in administrative expense. Investment related expenses are included in net appreciation in fair value of investments.

Subsequent Events

The Plan has evaluated subsequent events through April 4, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Effective July 1, 2024, the Tribe amended the Plan to change the Tribal matching provisions for Ho-Chunk Nation, Cedar Growth, and Ho-Chunk Transportation Authority to 100% of the first 5% deferred by a participating employee.

NOTE 3 CERTIFICATION OF INVESTMENT INFORMATION

Newport Trust Company, LLC, the qualified institution of the Plan, has supplied the Plan administrator with a certification as to the completeness and accuracy of all investment information and notes receivable from participants reflected on the accompanying statements of fiduciary net position as of June 30, 2024 and 2023, the statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the supplemental schedule of assets (held at end of year) as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS

Investment securities are exposed to various risks that can affect the value of the Plan's investments such as custodial risk, interest rate risk, credit risk, concentration risk, and foreign currency risk. The Plan invests in registered investment companies (mutual funds). Mutual funds with holdings in equity securities respond to such factors as economic conditions, individual company earnings performance, and market liquidity, while holdings in debt securities are particularly sensitive to credit risk and changes in interest rates.

Custodial Credit Risk — Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a failure by the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in the possession of an outside party. The Plan's policies do not specifically address custodial credit risk, but all of the Plan's investments are held by the Plan or its agent in the Plan's name. There were no uninsured cash balances held by the Plan at year-end.

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NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Interest Rate Risk — Interest rate risk arises from the likelihood that interest rates will rise or fall during the holding period of a fixed rate security and adversely affect the selling price of the security prior to maturity. The price of a debt security typically moves in the opposite direction of the change in interest rates. As of June 30, the Plan had the following mutual fund investments subject to interest rate risk:

Fixed Income Mutual Funds	Weighted Maturity (Years)	
	2024	2023
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	9.69	9.40
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs - Adm	9.61	Not Available
Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	9.61	9.17
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	9.21	9.13
Vanguard Wellington Admiral Shares	9.79	9.48
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2025 Portfolio	9.39	9.06
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2030 Portfolio	8.07	9.01
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2035 Portfolio	8.06	8.99
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2040 Portfolio	8.06	8.95
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2045 Portfolio	8.05	8.05
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2050 Portfolio	7.99	8.05
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2055 Portfolio	8.10	8.10
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2060 Portfolio	7.26	7.26
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2065 Portfolio	7.07	7.30
Blackrock Lifepath Index Retirement Portfolio	8.10	9.09

Foreign Currency Risk — Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely impact the fair value of an investment denominated in a foreign currency. The maximum exposure to foreign currency risk as a percentage of its asset class for the below funds is 98%. The Plan does not hold any direct investment or instruments denominated in foreign currency. The Plan's foreign currency risk exposure resides within the following mutual fund holdings:

2024	
Investment	Fair Value
American Funds Europacific Growth	\$ 8,717,895
DFA Intl Small Co Port Instl	77,850
Fidelity Large Cap Value Index	137,011
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund	72,852
Invesco Developing Markets	88,597
Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	47,226
Vanguard Wellington Admiral Shares	255,589
Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund Inv	1,794,026
2023	
Investment	Fair Value
American Funds Europacific Growth	\$ 7,668,785
DFA Intl Small Co Port Instl	1,585,252
Harbor Capital Appreciation Fund	10,359,011
Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	1,988,910
Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund Inv	1,974,455

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NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Credit Risk — Credit risk exists when there is a possibility that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment may be unable to fulfill its payments on a security under the original term. As of June 30, the Plan had the following credit quality mix in its fixed income mutual funds:

2024		
Investment	Fair Value	Rating
Fixed Income Mutual Funds:		
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	\$ 3,219,171	Not Rated
Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs - Adm	242,293	Not Rated
Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	2,144,401	Not Rated
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	1,297,456	Not Rated
Vanguard Wellington Admiral Shares	1,015,357	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2025 Portfolio	77,850	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2030 Portfolio	177,120	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2035 Portfolio	137,011	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2040 Portfolio	72,852	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2045 Portfolio	88,597	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2050 Portfolio	47,226	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2055 Portfolio	84,973	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2060 Portfolio	44,651	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2065 Portfolio	37,698	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index Retirement Portfolio	255,589	Not Rated
Total	<u>\$ 8,942,245</u>	
2023		
Investment	Fair Value	Rating
Fixed Income Mutual Funds:		
Dodge & Cox Income Fund	\$ 3,019,025	Not Rated
Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	1,988,910	Not Rated
Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	1,213,919	Not Rated
Vanguard Wellington Admiral Shares	860,539	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2025 Portfolio	87,417	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2030 Portfolio	115,613	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2035 Portfolio	55,960	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2040 Portfolio	49,575	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2045 Portfolio	64,240	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2050 Portfolio	24,289	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2055 Portfolio	52,744	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2060 Portfolio	21,399	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index 2065 Portfolio	13,119	Not Rated
Blackrock Lifepath Index Retirement Portfolio	170,657	Not Rated
Total	<u>\$ 7,737,406</u>	

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of an investment in a single issuer. Investments in diversified mutual funds and collective funds are excluded, therefore no investments held by the Plan are subject to concentration of credit risk.

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JUNE 30, 2024 AND 2023

NOTE 4 INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

During 2024, the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year) in mutual funds appreciated by \$8,001,148, and the Plan's investments (including gains and losses on investments bought and sold as well as held during the year) in the collective fund appreciated \$155,731.

NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS

GASB 72 provides the framework for measuring fair value. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurements) and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurements). The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

Level 1 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that the Plan has the ability to access.

Level 2 – Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly, such as:

- quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in inactive markets;
- inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability;
- inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by observable market data by correlation or other means.

If the asset or liability has a specified (contractual) term, the Level 2 input must be observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability.

Level 3 – Inputs to the valuation methodology are unobservable and significant to the fair market value measurement.

The asset or liability's fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques maximize the use of relevant observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

Following is a description of the valuation methodologies used for assets measured at fair value. There have been no changes in the valuation methodologies used at June 30, 2024 and 2023.

Mutual Funds: Valued at the daily closing price as reported by the fund. Mutual funds held by the Plan are open-end mutual funds that are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These funds are required to publish their daily net asset value (NAV) and to transact at that price. The mutual funds held by the Plan are deemed to be actively traded.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
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NOTE 5 FAIR VALUE OF INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Collective Fund: Valued at the NAV of units of the bank collective trust. NAV is a readily determinable fair value and is the basis for current transactions. Participant transactions (purchases and sales) may occur daily.

The following tables set forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, the Plan's assets at fair value as of June 30:

2024				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 63,407,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 63,407,051
Collective Fund	-	5,708,830	-	5,708,830
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 63,407,051</u>	<u>\$ 5,708,830</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 69,115,881</u>

2023				
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Mutual Funds	\$ 54,653,312	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 54,653,312
Collective Fund	-	5,662,465	-	5,662,465
Total Investments at Fair Value	<u>\$ 54,653,312</u>	<u>\$ 5,662,465</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 60,315,777</u>

NOTE 6 RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

The Plan invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect participants' account balances and the amounts reported in the statements of fiduciary net position.

NOTE 7 PLAN TERMINATION

Although it has not expressed any intent to do so, the Tribe has the right under the Plan to discontinue contributions at any time and to terminate the Plan subject to the provisions of ERISA. In the event of Plan termination, the participants would become 100% vested in their Tribal contributions.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
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NOTE 8 PLAN TAX STATUS

The Plan is placing reliance on an opinion letter received from the IRS on the prototype plan indicating that the Plan is qualified under Section 401 of the IRC and is therefore, not subject to tax under current income tax law. The prototype plan has been amended since receiving the opinion letter. However, the Plan administrator believes that the Plan is designed, and is currently being operated, in compliance with the applicable requirements of the IRC and, therefore, believes that the Plan is qualified, and the related trust is tax-exempt.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Plan management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Plan and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Plan has taken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the IRS. The Plan is subject to routine audits by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

NOTE 9 PARTY-IN-INTEREST TRANSACTIONS

Certain Plan investments are managed by Newport Trust Company. Newport Trust Company is the qualified institution as defined by the Plan and, therefore, the investment transactions qualify as party-in-interest transactions. Fees incurred by the Plan for the investment management services are included in net appreciation in fair value of the investment, as they are paid through revenue sharing, rather than a direct payment. These party-in-interest transactions are exempt from the prohibited transaction rules of ERISA.

NOTE 10 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Plan is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; the theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and errors and omissions. The Plan maintains a fidelity bond in the amount of \$3,000,000 to cover fraud and theft of Plan assets. Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three years.

NOTE 11 NON-EXEMPT TRANSACTION

The Nation failed to remit employee 401(k) deferral contributions for a certain payroll period within the timeframe prescribed by the Department of Labor. This is deemed a prohibited transaction in accordance with ERISA and the Internal Revenue Code. The Nation is in the process of correcting the prohibited transaction by depositing the lost earnings, filing the required Form 5330 with the Internal Revenue Service, and paying the appropriate excise tax.

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NOTE 12 RECONCILIATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO FORM 5500

The following is a reconciliation of fiduciary net position – restricted for pensions per the financial statements to Form 5500 at June 30:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Fiduciary Net Position - Restricted for Pensions		
Per the Financial Statements	\$ 71,993,673	\$ 63,011,272
Certain Deemed Distributions of Participant Loans	<u>(24,002)</u>	<u>(36,479)</u>
Fiduciary Net Position Held in Trust Per Form 5500	<u>\$ 71,969,671</u>	<u>\$ 62,974,793</u>

The following is a reconciliation of the net increase in fiduciary net position – restricted for pensions per the financial statements to Form 5500 at June 30, 2024:

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Increase in Fiduciary Net Position - Restricted	
for Pensions Per the Financial Statements	\$ 8,982,401
Change in Certain Deemed Distributions of	
Participant Loans	<u>12,477</u>
Net Increase in Fiduciary Net Position	
Held in Trust Per Form 5500	<u>\$ 8,994,878</u>

Deemed distributions are recognized for Form 5500 reporting but not for financial statement reporting until a full distribution of the participant's account balance is made.

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
E.I.N. 39-1140880 PLAN NO. 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4a—SCHEDULE OF DELINQUENT PARTICIPANT CONTRIBUTIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Total that Constitutes Nonexempt Prohibited Transactions</u>					Total Fully Corrected Under VFCP and PTE 2002-51
<u>Year</u>	<u>Participant Contributions and Loan Repayments Transferred Late to Plan</u>	<u>Contributions Not Corrected</u>	<u>Contributions Corrected Outside VFCP</u>	<u>Contributions Pending Correction in VFCP</u>	
2024	Employee Elective Contributions	\$ 171	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

HO-CHUNK NATION 401(K) PLAN & TRUST
E.I.N. 39-1140880 PLAN NO. 001
SCHEDULE H, LINE 4i—SCHEDULE OF ASSETS (HELD AT END OF YEAR)
JUNE 30, 2024

(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)
	Identity of Issue, Borrower, Lessor or Similar Party	Description of Investment Including Maturity Date, Rate of Interest, Collateral, Par, or Maturity Value	Cost **	Current Value
	<u>Collective Fund:</u>			
	Wells Fargo Stable Value Fund Class C	Collective Fund		\$ 5,708,830
	<u>Mutual Funds:</u>			
	American Funds Europacific Growth	Mutual Fund		8,717,895
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2025 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		77,850
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2030 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		177,120
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2035 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		137,011
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2040 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		72,852
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2045 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		88,597
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2050 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		47,226
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2055 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		84,973
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2060 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		44,651
	Blackrock Lifepath Index 2065 Portfolio	Mutual Fund		37,698
	Blackrock Lifepath Index Retirement Portfolio	Mutual Fund		255,589
	DFA Intl Small Co Port Instl	Mutual Fund		1,794,026
	DFA US Small Cap Value Port Instl	Mutual Fund		2,136,677
	Dodge & Cox Income Fund	Mutual Fund		3,219,171
	Fidelity 500 Index	Mutual Fund		11,836,930
	Fidelity Large Cap Value Index	Mutual Fund		6,677,733
	Harbor Capital Appreciation	Mutual Fund		12,670,762
	Invesco Developing Markets	Mutual Fund		2,495,249
	Pioneer Strategic Income Fund CI Y	Mutual Fund		2,144,401
	Vanguard Inflation-Protected Secs - Adm	Mutual Fund		242,293
	Vanguard Mid Cap Index Fund Admiral	Mutual Fund		4,770,715
	Vanguard Real Estate Index - Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,148,379
	Vanguard Total Bond Market Index Admiral	Mutual Fund		1,297,456
	Vanguard Wellington Admiral Shares	Mutual Fund		1,015,357
	Wasatch Small Cap Growth Fund Inv	Mutual Fund		<u>2,216,440</u>
	Total Mutual Funds			63,407,051
*	Participants	Participant Loans		
		Rates from 4.25% to 9.50%	-	<u>2,937,936</u>
				<u><u>\$ 72,053,817</u></u>

* Indicates party-in-interest

**Cost omitted for participant-directed accounts

Form 5500 annual return/Report of Employee Benefit Plan
Schedule H Line 4i – Schedule of Assets (Held at End of Year)

See Supplemental Schedule attached with IQPA Opinion and Financial Statements.