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Stockbridge-Munsee Community Remembers Bob Chicks

Death of Past Tribal President

BOWLER, WISCONSIN (January 24, 2020). The Stockbridge-Munsee Community suffered a loss when Robert “Bob” Chicks died on January 23, 2020. In remembrance of his past service as a Tribal President and a Councilmember, the Stockbridge-Munsee Community has ordered that flags be flown at half-staff from January 23, 2020 to the time of burial service.

Bob Chicks served as Tribal President from 1997 to 2013 with one term break in service as well as serving as a tribal employee and as a member of the Tribal Council. During his time on Tribal Council, Bob provided leadership and guidance on a wide variety of development projects and other issues. Bob was a driving force on the work to reach a self-paying settlement for the Tribe’s New York State land claim through a casino in the Catskills. The Tribe’s current Health and Wellness Center and the Pine Hills Clubhouse were built while Bob was Tribal President and construction began on its current Mohican North Star Gaming and Resort facility during his tenure. The Tribe also developed the Little Star gas station and its Mohican LP Gas Company businesses when he was Tribal President.

Along with his service to the Tribe, Bob Chicks also took a leadership role as part of national and state Indian organizations like the National Congress of American Indians and the Midwest Alliance of Sovereign Tribes. President of the Stockbridge-Munsee Band of Mohicans, Shannon Holsey said, “Bob was a tremendous leader for not only the Mohican Nation, but for all of Indian Country. We have come a long way because of his important work. We are greatly indebted to his stewardship to the environment, the protection of our sovereignty, the vision he had for our Nation and our tribe’s growth and economic advancements”. The Stockbridge-Munsee Tribal Council, on behalf of the Stockbridge-Munsee Community, thanks Robert Chicks for his past service and provides their condolences to his wife and family for their loss.

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The Stockbridge-Munsee Band of the Mohican Indians moved to what are now the towns of Red Springs and Bartelme in Shawano County as a result of the Treaty of 1856. Approximately half of the 1,500 members of the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe currently live on or near the reservation which has several thriving businesses including the Stockbridge-Munsee Health and Wellness Center, Mohican North Star Casino, and Pine Hills Golf Course, making the Stockbridge-Munsee Tribe the largest employer in Shawano County.

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