



Bradley (Brad) Kneaper Council Position #2

My name is Bradley (Brad) Kneaper and I am running for Tribal Council Position #2. I am a Siuslaw Tribal Member and grandson of Dorothy (Barrett) Kneaper.

I believe I am qualified for this position and can help our tribe to continue to move forward in a positive and productive way.

The Tribe has come a long way since 2004 when I first came to work, including the (re)acquisition of nearly 15,000 acres of ancestral lands for us to manage for cultural and economic use. The work of our current and past Councils have led us to great accomplishments. I think there are many other things that we can do, such as:

- Hunting and fishing rights for Tribal Members, with access to our tribal forests for cultural purposes;
- Employment, housing and education for Tribal Members. Review and make sure that the processes are open and transparent;
- Economic diversity for our tribe. This is extremely important for our tribe to continue with forward progress and the economic health for future generations. The casinos provide funding for the tribal government for programs and investments however I believe that we need to have other sources of income. I have a number of ideas on ways to help push that goal forward. I believe that we should (and do) have qualified and competent people leading our business ventures, and that we should enable them to flourish and be successful;
- Transparency in Tribal Council activities. Review and evaluate possible new ways to demonstrate to all of our Tribal Communities what the Tribal Council is doing;
- Future opportunities for the Tribe and Tribal Communities. We have to be ready to evaluate and act on opportunities when they arise. We have to develop outside resources and paths of communication in order to help accomplish this. We need to listen to our people and develop paths for communication.

I hope to be able to serve you as a Council person. My life has been dedicated to public service and I have worked hard for over 40 years in various capacities, including Fire service, Emergency Medical Services, and Law Enforcement. This is a brief example of my professional history:

I retired from my position as Chief Law Enforcement Officer with Tribal Government with 34 years of law enforcement. I worked for the Tribe for just under 17 years and I have experience in working with Tribal Council, County, State and Federal Governments and law enforcement agencies.

March 1, 1987 through March 2004 I was employed as a sworn police officer by the Oregon State Police. During the 17 years and one month, I worked patrol, as a detective in several disciplines and interagency teams. I finished out my time as Patrol Sergeant/Assistant Station Commander.

April 1, 2004 I came to work for CTCLUSI as a lieutenant, and was appointed Chief of Police in 2006, to help the Tribe develop and establish a professional police department. In doing this, I promoted the tribal police department and established credibility with other law enforcement agencies. We were able to accomplish many things. Among those were Policing Agreements with the City of Florence and Coos Bay, Coos and Lane Counties. I worked with other Tribal Police Chiefs and legal representation, and was successful getting 2011 SB 412 passed in Oregon giving qualified tribal officers full police authority on and off tribal lands. This was the first of its kind in the United States and put Tribal Police on an even footing with all other law enforcement agencies.

In June 2014 I was appointed as Chief Law Enforcement Officer/Executive Director of the Gaming Commission. In that role I continued as Chief of Police, and oversaw the Gaming Commission. The Commission ensures compliance in relation to Tribal Gaming, with the State Tribal Compact, Rules and Regulations set forth by Tribal Ordinance, Federal Law, National Indian Gaming Commission Regulations as well and Policies and Procedures of the Gaming Commission and Three Rivers Casino Resort Florence and Coos Bay.

I attended many of the tribe's family and youth camps to provide safety and security. However, the best part of these camps were the interactions with the youth of our tribe. I cannot even begin to describe the pride I have of our tribal youth and those that worked in these camps. Those were experiences that I will never forget. I learned so much from the kids. I look forward to a time when these types of activities can resume.

I have served on the Election committee as Vice Chair and Chair, and I currently serve on the Elders Committee.

I have learned that collaboration and open communication can break down barriers and I hope to be able to use the skills I have developed in over 40 years of public service. I am proud to have worked for our tribe. The years I worked for you have been the best of my career. I hope to continue to work for you as a Tribal Council Member in Position #2.

Thank you,



Brad Kneaper