



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: