



My name is Kerry Brainard, and I am a Coos Tribal Member. My parents are Chief Warren Brainard and Marjene Brainard; I'm the grandson of Emil and Grace Brainard.

I am thankful to have been born into a family with a long history of service and giving back to our Tribes.

I am seeking to add my voice and experience to the Tribal Council.

For the past 5 years, I have volunteered on the board of the Tribes' Blue Earth Federal Corporation. I'm currently serving as chairman. The Blue Earth board is now making positive progress and moving forward with accountability and modernizing Blue Earth to take on new roles in the Tribes' future economic development.

I have recently retired after a successful business career. I grew up in my parents' construction company, starting with sweeping the floors and emptying scrap barrels. I learned many lessons about business from my mom and dad. One of the most important is that I discovered every job is essential and that the best knowledge is not learned in a classroom but by actually getting your hands dirty. After going to school for computer software, my wife, Tesa, and I started our own construction software business that created hundreds of jobs over the span of 35 years.



Our Tribe exists to serve and protect our Elders, Children, and Culture. Over the past thirty years, the Tribe has grown into a large organization of people, land, and resources. We have many opportunities for economic development that can benefit our members but seem stalled in place. We keep doing the same thing the same way with the same people and are getting the same results. **We need new people on the council with diverse experiences to take advantage of these opportunities.**

My priorities:

Elders – Children – Culture

Housing: Increasing availability and options.

Education: Adding financial assistance for job training, technical schools, and colleges. Adult education and a tutoring stipend for children.

Culture: Encouraging more research into our Tribes' unique art, heritage, and language.

Finance: Eliminating wasteful spending and using our people, resources, and opportunities more efficiently.

Business: Bringing on new opportunities for all Tribal members. A small business incubator at Blue Earth Federal Corporation to help members launch products and services.

Communication: More communication and notification of Tribal issues.



I hope to have your support. Please vote for change in the April election.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I would love to hear from you.

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Thank you,

Handwritten signature of Kerry Brainard.