

Bradley Kneaper, Position #2 Incumbent, Seeking Re-Election 2026

Greetings Tribal Citizens,

My name is Brad Kneaper and I am of Siuslaw and Lower Umpqua descent. My grandmother was Dorothy Kneaper (Barrett). I am retired from 34 years in Law Enforcement, 17 years with the Oregon State Police and 17 years with our Tribal Police Department as Chief of Police. I was privileged to start and build our police department from the ground up. During this time, I also served as the Executive Director of the Gaming Commission at TRC and participated on our Tribal committees.



I have grown up in our own homeland and have a great respect for the outdoors. I enjoy spending time with my family, hunting with my children and grandchildren, or just spending time in our forests. I have fed my family with deer, elk, game birds and fish from our ancestral homelands. Living in my homeland and working for my Tribe has been a great honor in my life and I have learned so much from all those who came before me.

I have made the decision to seek re-election to Tribal Council Position #2, which I have held as Chairman for the last four years. It has been an honor to represent our citizens, work across various levels of governance and alongside my fellow Tribal Council members to achieve such great accomplishments in such a short amount of time for the Good of the Tribe.

This Council has had very significant achievements in the last four years. Some of these include:

- Paying off the significant casino debt within about 2 years after I came to Council.
- The Tribe has opened the Three Rivers Health Center - Medical, Behavioral Health, and Pharmacy services are provided.
- Establishing the agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife co-management which resulted in the ability of our Tribal Members to hunt and fish within our five-county service area with our own licensing and tags without having to buy expensive Oregon State licenses and tags. Members outside of Oregon are also able to come and participate in this opportunity.
- We have re-formed the Gaming Operational Review Board (GFORB) to oversee the gaming operations of the Tribe independent of Tribal Council members acting in that capacity.
- The Fee to Trust process has been improved and streamlined partly because of collaborations with BIA, but more significantly putting the right people in the roles to make it happen.
- We were able to put a stop to the Offshore Wind Energy project off the coast of Oregon. This was being pushed by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) and the Federal Government without any consideration of our concerns for Natural and Cultural Resources. While in this fight with the Federal Government, Tribes from Oregon, Washington and

California, as well as a member from Hawaii State Legislature requested consultation on how we were dealing with BOEM because of the success we were having in the fight.

- The Tribal Council and Government staff worked with our Federal lobbyists and were able to secure Federal funding appropriations through our compact for the Forestry Department. These are new dollars that will continue to be a part of our annual funding agreement.
- We have submitted proposed amendments to our Constitution to the BIA for an upcoming election. This will clean up some outdated sections and add provisions to Enrollment and enable the ability to expand Hunting and Fishing rights and background checks for Tribal Council Candidates. There will be information coming to you from the Tribe very soon.
- The Tribal Council along with the Tribal Government is working on any residual government debt. This is slightly more complicated as it involves evaluating properties. Some debt can be shifted to federal government programs and other involves property management.

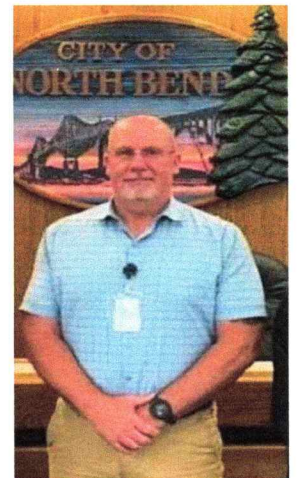
I am very proud of the hard work put in to make these happen. However, while we have a tremendous number of accomplishments over the last four years, there is still a lot of work to be done that I want to see completed and will continue to work tirelessly to ensure they come to fruition for our citizens wherever you live.

One major goal for me is for expansion of healthcare access for membership outside the Five County Service Area. All our citizens deserve the opportunity for quality healthcare. This will take time and a lot of work to accomplish this, but I think it's a very important goal to achieve. It must be obtainable and sustainable.

The reinvestment of Casino Revenue needs to be prioritized to the best advantage for the entire membership. We have established a committee to facilitate ongoing communications with the entire membership to get input and ideas to prioritize future revenue. This planning will be supplemental to an independent company hired for their expertise to help us evaluate best possibilities for business reinvestment and economic growth and diversity for generations to come.

We have recently had some concerning information about issues with other Tribes and our Ancestral boundaries. These issues will take a lot of research and work with staff, our attorney, our lobbyists and other Tribes to come to satisfactory resolutions while protecting our Sovereignty.

In conclusion, there is a potential for tremendous growth for our Tribe in the future. But to continue to grow, we need to continue the work that has been started. If we tear down what we have done, we start over, or we lose the momentum we have, we lose the confidence of our sister Tribes, and the Federal, State, and Local Governments. It is important that we have experienced and knowledgeable leaders with the history and understanding needed to work with other government leadership and help them understand our beliefs and culture. We must continue the work to protect our citizens, our culture, our environment, and our prosperity. As a Tribal Elder and proud member of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua and Siuslaw Indians, I pledge to continue this hard work with commitment and dedication to our Tribe as a whole.



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