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ELNATHAN DAVIS AMONG GROUP NAMED TO COMMUNITY COUNCIL DIRECTORSHIP

Elnathan Davis, a Klamath tribal member, was recently elected to serve for three years on the board of directors of the Klamath County Community Council. (For complete story and picture of Elnathan see Sept., 1957, issue of the Tribune.)

Six other prominent figures in the Klamath county community were also elected as directors to serve for three year terms including County Judge Charlie Mack and Mayor William Slater of Klamath Falls. Fourteen others were elected to one and two year terms. Davis was also elected the Board's first treasurer during the June 16 meeting of the board of directors.

The Community Council is a recently incorporated county-wide organization representing all major community groups interested in meeting the health, recreation, and welfare needs of the community.

In addition to his active participation in the formation of the Community Council, Davis has been active in other community development programs as well.

On the reservation, Davis has been active in the tribal government. He is the youngest member

of the present tribal Executive Committee and has been serving as its secretary. He was recently reelected to serve another term on the committee.

Davis states that as a member of the council and as one of its directors, he will do his utmost to be of service to the community as a whole. As an official of the Klamath Tribe, he also feels a special responsibility to do what he can to serve his people who constitute such an important segment of the Klamath community.

The council is considering the possibility of undertaking seven projects: (1) establishment of an information service concerning health, education, and welfare; (2) A study of the services available for the care of transients and migrant labor; (3) A study of the availability of youth services; (4) Development of a long range plan relative to the region's Indian population; (5) A study of the need for consultation service, including marriage counseling; (6) Determination of whether a new hospital is needed here; and (7) A study of the recreation services within the city and county.

CERTIFIED ELECTION REPORT RELEASED

A certified report of the Tribal Election was officially released by the Management Specialists on May 28, 1958.

This report revealed that of the 2,133 enrolled members of the Klamath Tribe, votes to withdraw were made by or for 1,659 enrolled members. Eighty members returned their completed ballots to remain while 378 members did not cast any ballots. The report further indicated that "the ballots of sixteen enrolled members which were filed after the close of the prescribed election period were rejected because there was no justifiable reason for the late filing."

The Specialists have prepared two lists consisting of a list of

the withdrawing members and another of the remaining members. The remaining list includes the names of those who, according to the report, "are remaining by reason of not having cast a valid ballot or by reason of not having voted at all."

An analysis of the results of the election shows that of the tribal members residing in Klamath and Lake counties, 962 are withdrawing and 377 remaining members.

Elsewhere in the State of Oregon, 314 are withdrawing, and 35 remaining.

Outside the State of Oregon, 383 are withdrawing members while 65 have been determined to be remaining members.

HOUSE CONTINUES AMENDMENT CONSIDERATION; WILKINSON GIVES REPORTS ON SUB-COM. PROGRESS

The House Indian Subcommittee is still considering possible amendments to the present termination law. Glen Wilkinson, the Klamath tribal attorney in Washington has been providing a day by day account of the developments in Washington. His letters to Delford Lang, chairman of the tribal executive committee, dated June 17, and June 18, 1958 are presented below.

Mr. Delford Lang, Chairman
Klamath Executive Committee
Chiloquin, Oregon

Re: Klamath General 10.2
Dear Delford:

This is to report on the additional hearing of the House Indian Subcommittee on S. 3051 and H. R. 10375, the House companion bill to S. 3051, on yesterday.

The meeting was called shortly after 10:00 a. m. Present were Chairman Haley, Congressmen Berry, Aspinall, Sisk, Anderson

and Ullman. Later, Congressmen Miller, Udall and Thomson appeared.

Chairman Haley opened the meeting and offered Congressman Ullman an opportunity to make a statement. In brief, Congressman Ullman reminded the Subcommittee that the legislation is terrifically important for Oregon and the northwest, that something must be done during the present session of Congress, and he agreed to support S. 3051 as a compromise proposal, although he had originally proposed a federal purchase bill. He pointed out that S. 3051 allows private operators to bid on property to be put up for sale, and provides that if all or part is not bought, the federal government will purchase at the appraised value. He went on to indicate that such legislation is necessary if sustained yield operation is to be retained, that the Klamath Forest is one of the largest remaining ponderosa pine stands, it requires special treatment, and has a long growth period, and is therefore difficult for private operators to handle under sustained yield.

He said that he felt S. 3051 provided equitable compensation to withdrawing members, that it provided for sale of large blocks and would assure sustained yield operation. He said that he was in favor of this bill because there was very little time within which to get action by the current congress, and he therefore had no alternative except to go along with S. 3051.

At that point, Chairman Haley introduced a telegram from Superintendent Miller giving a list of the voting results pursuant to Section 5 of P. L. 587. Recent resolutions of the Executive Committee and remaining members were also introduced in the record at that point.

Tribal Leaders Give Statement At Hearings

The following statement was presented by Boyd Jackson and Jesse L. Kirk before the Indian Subcommittee on June 16, 1958. It was forwarded to Delford Lang by tribal attorney Glen Wilkinson on June 18, 1958.

No statements presented during the hearings by other tribal officials were available for publication in this issue of the Tribune.

Statement of Boyd J. Jackson and Jesse L. Kirk, Sr., before Indian Subcommittee of House Interior Committee, June 16, 1958.

This statement is submitted to the Subcommittee for inclusion in the record. This method is followed because we have been informed that the Committee has inadequate time to hear our oral presentation. This effort is also

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