

Agency District Candidates

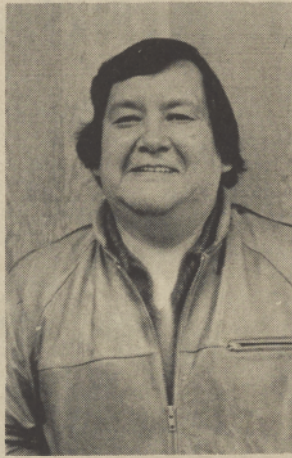
Rudy Clements

I have never before served on the Tribal Council, nor have I ever run for Council. But I believe I am now ready to serve on the Council and to offer the skills and abilities I have developed in nearly 20 years of working for the Tribes.

As Municipal Manager, I organized and directed the largest and most complex branch in tribal government for nine years. I was responsible for education, law enforcement, court administration, the community center, natural resources, extension, fire and safety, and employee training and administration.

As Director of the Employee Development department, I am responsible now for providing job training and career development opportunities, particularly for tribal members.

When I started working for the Tribes, after graduation from Eastern Oregon State College and after teaching in the David Douglas schools, I was the first director of the Community Center. Since then, whatever my job, I have always worked hard to make sure that tribal members are involved in designing and running tribal programs and in deciding tribal priorities. As a tribal manager, I have acquired an extensive background in all areas of tribal operations, and I have great respect for the contributions which the



community can make. I believe these experiences will help me to be an effective member of the Tribal Council.

I also have considerable experience in working with tribal committees and in representing tribal interests off the reservation. I am chairman of the Land Use committee, which has nearly completed its work on a new Comprehensive Plan to guide the reservation's future. The plan involved not only land use matters, but tribal government, human resources, cultural resources, housing, recreation, public facilities, transportation, the tribal economy, forest lands, agriculture and range, and natural resources. The committee has insisted that the community take an active role in the plan's development and recommendations. As a result, Warm Springs will have a Comprehensive Plan we can

be proud of.

I am also a member of the Mid-Oregon Indian Historical Society, the chairman of the Standing Committee on Education Issues, and the chairman of the Oregon Commission on Indian Services. As a member of the Commission, I have had the opportunity to work closely with Oregon's Governor and Legislature to improve tribal-state relations. In addition, I have had frequent contact with federal agency officials and the Congress to advocate for tribal programs and policy positions, and I have been responsible for developing new tribal programs and obtaining the funding necessary to carry them out.

What I want to accomplish as a Tribal Council member

- * We need to make sure that the federal government always upholds its treaty and trust responsibilities to us.

- * We need to make sure that the tribal budget is balanced so that we are not jeopardizing the Tribes' future economic health or its sovereignty.

- * We need to analyze carefully the organizational structure of tribal administration to make sure that it fits the needs of the community and that it represents our interests.

- * We need to make sure that the Comprehensive Plan is carried out through tribal budgets and annual plans, and that communication between the community and tribal government continues as the plan's recommenda-

tions are put into action.

- * We need to make sure that the Tribal Council carries out its constitutional responsibilities as the tribal governing body by clearly defining the distinction between tribal policy and tribal administration.

- * We need to streamline Tribal Council operations in ways that will allow it sufficient time to address significant tribal issues without getting involved in trivial matters.

- * We need to make sure that tribal committees and tribal programs know what is expected of them and what authority they are to exercise.

- * We need to make sure that tribal members are always given first priority in filling vacancies in tribal government and tribal enterprises.

- * We need to make sure that tribal and federal programs, whether in education, health, law enforcement, or community services, are run efficiently but appropriately to the needs of tribal members.

- * We need to make sure that tribal government does nothing to undermine traditional, cultural or religious practices.

- * We need to make sure that tribal members receive adequate training and support to assume responsibilities for all tribal endeavors.

- * We need to make sure that the Confederated Tribes keeps well-informed about the activities of outside governments and interests that might affect us as a sovereign Indian community.



Hazel Seyler

When I returned from business college, I was hired by Vern Jackson. Shortly after I began working, we started the first credit program. It was funded by the federal government through a loan. Credit manager Clyde Wren and I were the first to be assigned to the credit program. We were both new to the job, and without much assistance, we learned to manage the department! For about two years, I managed all credit matters because

there was no credit officer.

I started as credit clerk, and when I retired last year, after 26½ years, I was senior loan officer.

I received a special citation for outstanding performance in field office management, dedication, inspiration and genuine loyalty in 1976. I also studied applied economics and elementary functions for my own personal information.

I have always been interested in tribal affairs and events and developments. Because I was working in credit for so many years, I couldn't become actively involved. I believe I'll enjoy serving on Council because of the Tribes' diversity. I have kept up-to-date as much as possible on tribal activities and concerns through available sources such as the Spilyay, newsletter and outside media.

Because I am retired now I think I can devote much time and energy to Tribal Council. There are situations that can benefit from positive thoughts and holding firm to one's convictions.



Bernice Mitchell

I am running for reelection for Tribal Council because I feel it is very important that we have continuity on Tribal Council. I will continue to take a leave of absence from my job at the Headstart program if I am re-elected.

Things are moving too fast for countries. It doesn't hurt us to stand still for a few

minutes occasionally and see this.

Twenty-six years ago, I was on Tribal Council for three years. I have been a resident of Warm Springs all of my life.

Education is number one for me. Education includes tribal culture and tradition plus business. The tribe must take the good out of traditional education and standard institutional education—this would be a wonderful and unique reservation.

There is a need for an education center for the young. We sometimes forget their needs. Education begins with the very young. Education from the youngest to the oldest should never stop. And, tradition in education should be encouraged.

In the future I see Kah-Nee-Ta picking up. It will eventually be a reliable source of income to the reservation. Also, I see the need for electricity to all the households. I see this as happening in the 1980s.