

## Referendums: postponed

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The statement of explanation from Tribal Council Chairman White continues as follows:

This is not in line with the Council's directive that each referendum—Cannabis and Adoption—be presented on separate ballots that sent individually to absentee voters.

These are two distinct referendums that must be considered separately by our membership. In light of this error, the Tribal Council made a decision declaring the current ballots invalid by majority vote. As a result, any votes cast on these ballots will not be counted.

To be clear, this does *not* mean the election is being stopped. Rather, the vote is being postponed to allow for the creation and distribution of corrected ballots. These new ballots will reflect the original intent: separate ballots

for the Cannabis and Adoption referendums. New dates for voting will be announced, and absentee voters will receive updated materials accordingly. New Adoption ballots will have the same names on them.

We recognize and deeply appreciate the commitment of our members who have been working hard to encourage voter participation. This situation is unfortunate, and we acknowledge the frustration it may cause. On behalf of the Tribal Council, I want to assure all members that measures will be taken to ensure such an error does not happen again.

The referendums on Cannabis and Adoption will proceed—just on a revised schedule. Tribal Council understands the importance of these decisions and is committed to communicating all updates clearly and promptly.

Thank you for your understanding and continued engagement. Respectfully,

**Dennis J. White III**, Tribal Council Chairman.

## Positions open on tribal committees

The Tribal Council is seeking to fill the following positions on the tribal committees:

**Culture and Heritage Committee**—Six tribal members, two each for the Warm Springs, Wasco and Paiute tribes, and one alternate per tribe. Person should be community orientated and possess a positive rapport with the community. Must have an interest in the tribal culture and heritage. Understanding and appreciation of, and the capability to interpret traditional activities of the community. Possess some understanding of the tribal organization structure and functions.

**Education Committee**—Three tribal members and one alternate. Serve as an advisory body to the Tribal Council in the development of educational programs and opportunities for tribal members. Reviews and recommends educational services offered through tribal, state and federal agencies.

**Health and Welfare Committee**—Three tribal members and one alternate. Review and recommend to the Tribal Council on health and welfare service delivery systems, legislation development and implementation on federal and state levels. Review policies affecting health and welfare services to tribal members. Direction of service systems, proposed projects and

comprehensive health planning methods.

**Land Use Planning Committee**—Three tribal members and one alternate. Review requests for land use permits, zoning ordinance changes and possible comprehensive plan updates. Willing to work with other committees on updates on the Integrated Resources Management Plan.

**Range, Irrigation and Agriculture Committee**—Three member positions and one alternate. Review and recommend to the Tribal Council on range ordinances, review proposed range units, programs and projects. Review conditional use permit applications, enforcement of regulations and water resource development on ranges.

**Timber Committee**—Three tribal member positions and one alternate. Review and recommend to the Tribal Council on policies in regards to timber permits, sales of timber/forest products not more than 30 MBF, review of areas to be logged, methods of harvest and utilization. Review and recommend environmental protection laws, tribal and federal management plans.

**Fish and Wildlife (On and Off-Reservation) Committees**—Six tribal members and two alternates. Person should be able

to review and recommend to the Tribal Council on quite a number of projects and meetings dealing with the Pacific Salmon Commission, Pacific Fisheries Management Council, Columbia River Management Plan which has a direct bearing on our treaty fishing rights, also on hunting and fishing seasons and regulations for on the reservation.

Please note: Tribal Council is still review tribal committees, whether still separate as listed, or combine committees—Pending charter, ordinance and resolution that each committee follows/directives.

Employees require supervisor approval to serve on committees. Please submit with letter and resume.

Letters of interest and resumes of applicants interested in serving on a tribal committee, submit not later than **Monday, July 7**. Drop off at the tribal administration building addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO. Or submit by mail: CTWS Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal background check. Forms can be emailed or mailed to you. Return signed forms to the management office. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

## Board, commission positions open

The Tribal Council is seeking to fill a number of positions on commissions and boards of the tribes:

**The Tribal Employment Rights Office—TERO:** Four positions. Qualifications: Any Indian 18 years and older who works or resides on the reservation is qualified to apply.

**The Warm Springs Composite Board of Directors:** Two positions, one member and one non-member.

**Warm Springs Power and Water Enterprises Board of Directors:** Two positions, one member and one non-member.

Letters of Interest and resumes of applicants interested in serving in one of the positions, please submit by **5 p.m. on Monday, June 16, 2025**. Drop off at the tribal administration building addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer/CEO.

By mail send to: Secretary-Treasurer/CEO, PO Box 455, Warm Springs OR 97761.

Please sign a criminal and credit background check. Forms can be emailed or mailed to you. Information will be submitted confidentially to the S-T/CEO.

## Funding for rural public radio at risk

Earlier this month, the federal administration delivered a rescissions package to Congress that would claw back public media funding. Congress has a very limited timeframe to act on this measure.

Rural public radio stations are encouraging listeners to urge your representatives and senators in Congress to oppose this rescission and maintain level funding for public radio. The emphasis, they are saying, is that rural public radio is vital to communities, culture and public safety; and that a rescission of funding or any cuts to public media funding should be opposed.

In early May, the administration issued an executive order in-

structing the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to cease direct federal funding for National Public Radio (NPR) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS).

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is not a federal agency, and would not be subject to the presidential authority: Congress directly authorized and funded CPB to be a private non-profit corporation wholly independent of the federal government. CPB, NPR and PBS have filed lawsuits in the matter.

KWSO receives a Community Service Grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. That funding makes up about 40-percent of the operations' budget; and pays for a couple full-time posi-



tions, as well as for national program acquisition.

KWSO is an NPR affiliate. The station carries top of the hour news from NPR in the mornings, and 'All Things Considered' from NPR in the afternoon.

Listeners can send a message to your representation in Washington, D.C. in support of KWSO and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting funding. The contacts are:

[merkeley.senate.gov/connect/contact/](https://merkeley.senate.gov/connect/contact/)  
[wyden.senate.gov/contact/](https://wyden.senate.gov/contact/)  
[bentz.house.gov/contact](https://bentz.house.gov/contact)

## Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair Thursday before powwow weekend

The 2025 Pi-Ume-Sha Health Fair is on Tuesday, June 24 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the front lawn of the Community Center.

There will be booths offering health screenings, community resources, survey opportunities and all kinds of give aways.

Remember to sign in when you get there, get your passport and have it filled out to get a Healthy Choices- Healthy Life t-shirt.