

Tribal turnout was 28.2 percent



Cheryle A. Kennedy

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who spent time with me sharing their thoughts, concerns and hopes for the future as a Tribe. I will do my best to represent you and your voice. I humbly serve you, the members, and I'm so thankful for your vote of confidence.

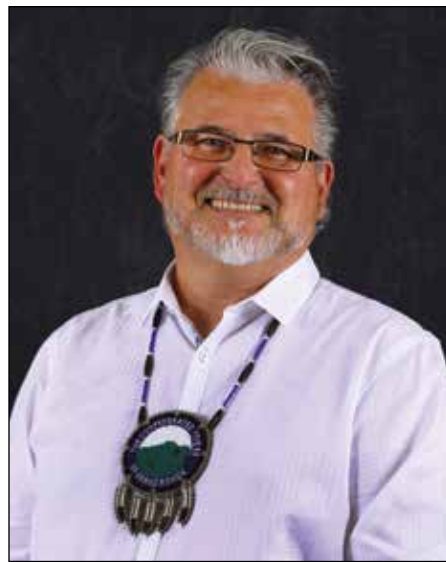
"I hope to bring fresh ideas and perspectives to an already strong group of leaders and I'm in awe of the dedication of all the candidates who ran this year. As we rest on the promises of our Creator, I will commit to working tirelessly toward our vision of being a Tribal community known as a caring people, dedicated to the principles of honesty and integrity."

Cherry's election ends a two-year streak of only incumbents being re-elected to Tribal Council. Cherry also becomes the first rookie candidate elected to Tribal Council since Kathleen George, who also was in charge of the Community Fund, finished first in 2016.

Tribal Council Chairwoman Cheryle A. Kennedy led the field of five candidates with the most votes, receiving 869. She won her eighth consecutive term on Tribal Council dating back to 2000 and marks the fourth consecutive campaign in which she received the most votes.

Tribal Council Secretary Jon A. George finished second with 778 votes and won his fourth consecutive term on Tribal Council.

"I am humbled to be elected once again by my membership," George said. "With confidence I will carry on the good work of this council, and will practice the culture of



Jon A. George

honor in my role as a Tribal leader. Blessings and thanks go out to my uncle Steve Bobb for his years of service to our Tribe. You will be missed."

Tribal Council member Steve Bobb Sr. finished fourth with 595 votes and ends his three non-consecutive terms of service on Tribal Council.

Challenger Perri McDaniel finished fifth with 350 votes. It was her fifth campaign for Tribal Council.

Tribal turnout was 28.2 percent with 1,223 votes cast by an eligible electorate of 4,336 voters. It was the lowest voter turnout since 2016.

Tribal voters also weighed in on four non-binding advisory votes. Results were:

- Should the Tribe increase the minors trust distribution age from 21 to 25? 613 yes vs. 501 no.
- Should the Tribe establish a small business loan program for Tribal member startups and businesses? 844 yes vs. 265 no.
- Should the Tribe establish an endowment for land acquisitions? 609 yes vs. 435 no.
- Should the Tribe provide expanded health services for Tribal Elders including, but not limited to, dementia care and hospice services? 1,031 yes vs. 91 no.

Kennedy, George and Cherry will be sworn into office during a Wednesday, Sept. 15, ceremony held in the Governance Center and take their seats during that afternoon's 4 p.m. Tribal Council meeting.

Tribal Council seats to be contested in 2022 are currently held by Denise Harvey, Kathleen George and Jack Giffen Jr. ■

SEPT. 11, 2021, ELECTION RESULTS

CANDIDATES FOR COUNCIL

CHERYLE A. KENNEDY	869
JON A. GEORGE	778
MICHAEL CHERRY	661
STEVE BOBB SR.	595
PERRI MCDANIEL	350

ADVISORY VOTE QUESTIONS

QUESTION # 1

SHOULD THE TRIBE INCREASE THE MINORS TRUST DISTRIBUTION FROM AGE 21 TO 25?

YES - 613 / 55.027% NO - 501 / 44.973%

QUESTION # 2

SHOULD THE TRIBE ESTABLISH A SMALL BUSINESS LOAN PROGRAM FOR TRIBAL MEMBER STARTUPS AND BUSINESSES?

YES - 844 / 76.105% NO - 265 / 23.895%

QUESTION # 3

SHOULD THE TRIBE ESTABLISH AN ENDOWMENT FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS?

YES - 609 / 58.333% NO - 435 / 41.667%

QUESTION # 4

SHOULD THE TRIBE EXPAND HEALTH SERVICES FOR TRIBAL ELDERS INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, DEMENTIA CARE AND HOSPICE SERVICES?

YES - 1031 / 91.889% NO - 91 / 8.111%

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STUDY CHINUK WAWA

Fall 2021 - Lane Community College
 CW101 Beginning Chinuk Wawa
 Tu/Th 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours
 CW201 Intermediate Chinuk Wawa
 M/W 4-6pm via Zoom - 4 credit hours

These courses will be online for the entire 2021-2022 academic year - please join us from wherever you are!

Lane Community College has two cost-saving enrollment options for students of Chinuk Wawa.
 1. There is a tuition scholarship available for CW101, after completion of CW 103 and CW 102.
 2. In September, students may enroll via Continuing Education for no-credits at low cost.

Enrollment questions? Contact the LOC Arts and Humanities Division.

Chinuk Wawa at LOC is presented in collaboration with the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde language program

Police Department has nonemergency text line

The Grand Ronde Tribal Police Department has a non-emergency text line at 541-921-2927.

"If you have a non-emergency situation or question, feel free to contact my officer via text through this line," said Grand Ronde Tribal Police Chief Jake McKnight. "When one of my officers receives the text, they will call you back when they have time."

McKnight said that emergency situations still require calling 911.

For more information, contact McKnight at 503-879-1474. ■