

Lincoln County Democratic Central Committee
August 27, 2008 7 p.m.
Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians,
Administration Bldg./Tribal Chambers, Siletz, OR

I. Call to Order by Chair, Dan Beck at 7:08 p.m.; Pledge of Allegiance to flag and/or U.S. Constitution

II. Introductions all around; no quorum. Special guests/hosts: Lynn Whitlow, representing Siletz City Parks and Recreation committee and Siletz Valley Partnership; Diedre Conkling, Lincoln County Library District. Pat Darcy welcomed all to the Siletz community. Tina Retasket, representing CTSI Tribal Council (and former CTSI administrator and Siletz City Councilperson), gave a report of some of the things going on in Siletz, which is "not a sleepy little town." Her rundown included "Sounds of the City" summer concert series; Powwow every August (2nd weekend); CTSI providing \$18,000,000 of services to tribal members annually; new tribal affordable housing plans; SVS/SVEC charter school; new gym and exercise facility and day care buildings and programs. CTSI is the largest employer in the county, with about 1,000 employees. The tribe has 4,500 tribal members in an 11-county service area in Oregon.

III. Elected Office Holder Reports

Dana Jenkins: Aug. 26 was last day to file for city council positions; he read a list of positions and candidates who had filed. Oct. 14 is last day to register for Nov. 4 election.

Diedre Conkling: LCLD is running Ballot Measure #21-123, which will renew the local option tax for running libraries around county at the same rate they have been funded. Volunteers will reactivate the PAC to get information out and need to raise \$3000 for a post card mailing.

Flyers distributed.

Rob Bovett: He will take office as District Attorney soon. Rob needs to find someone to take his place on KCUP Radio morning show; person should be a Democratic lawyer to balance 3 Republicans already on the show. Ideas? (Patrick?)

Rennie Ferris: MWSC hired a contractor to do plantings.

IV. Program: Ballot Measures--Part I

LCDCC member volunteers spoke about six ballot measures, followed by discussion and a preference straw poll. Name of presenter and results of straw poll follow measure descriptions (YES/NO/NO POSITION). M54 (State "housekeeping"): Amends constitution. Standardizes voting eligibility for school board elections with other state and local elections. Rob Bovett/YES (unanimous). M55 (State "housekeeping"): Amends constitution. Changes operative date of redistricting plans; allows affected legislators to finish term in original district. Dan/YES/(unan.) M56: Amends constitution: Provides that May and Nov. property tax elections are decided by majority of voters voting. Florence/YES(unan.) M57 (State alternative to M61): Increases sentences for drug trafficking, theft against elderly and specified repeat property and identity

theft crimes; requires addiction treatment for certain offenders. Billie Jo/12 YES/2 abstentions. M60 (Sizemore): Teacher “classroom performance,” not seniority, determines pay raises; “most qualified” teachers retained, regardless of seniority. Alice/NO (unan.) M61 (Mannix): Creates mandatory minimum prison sentences for certain theft, identity theft, forgery, drug, and burglary crimes. Billie Jo/NO (unan.)

Dan asked for and received volunteers to lead discussion on remaining ballot measures for September 24 meeting. Volunteers are: M. 58, Jorge Hernandez, Centro de Ayuda; M. 59, Dick Ricketts; M. 62, Rob Bovett; M. 63, Rennie Ferris; M. 64, Pat McGovern; M. 65, Larry Armstrong.

BREAK: Thanks to Mike Darcy and Chinook Winds for delicious and hearty treats!

V. Additions to the Agenda

VI. Treasurer’s report: not available

VII. Minutes of the Previous Meeting; not available

VIII. Old Business

A. Contributions to candidates: We discussed and decided (nonbinding, no quorum) upon the following donations: Bill Hall, \$500; Kurt Schrader, \$300; Jeff Merkley, \$700.

B. Coordinated Campaign: Larry Armstrong announced that John McNally from Forward Oregon will be coming to Lincoln County to open a coordinated campaign office for Merkley and Schrader campaigns. John is temporarily reached at: johnliam2003@yahoo.com and (406) 868-7424. New email addr. soon. They want to rent an office in Newport or Lincoln City soon. Volunteer staffing and other necessities are needed! A “State of Change” bus tour with candidates Kate Brown, Brad Avakian, and Ben Westlund (+ others?) will be coming to Lincoln County Oct. 4. Steve from the Obama campaign needs “crash pad” housing; Rob offered a room.

IX. New Business

A. Peter Ferris, Obama volunteer in S. County: Challenge to “work down the ticket” with new voters, educating them on candidates and issues besides presidential race. Training is needed. They are in good shape with volunteers in Yachats, Waldport, Alsea. Need people in Seal Rock, Tidewater and Bayshore. Voter registration and ID are going on now. East County also needs workers!

B. Dan passed around a Merkley volunteer sheet; names are being collected by Mayor Lori Hollingsworth.

X. Announcements

A. Iris Pride Festival will take place Sep. 19-21 in Lincoln City. An AIDS memorial quilt will be on display. Dan asked for and received volunteers for shifts.

B. Alice announced a Stand for Children canvass for Rep. Arnie Roblan and ballot measures in Florence on Sat., Sep. 13. Volunteers requested; free pizza promised!

XI. Adjournment

Next meeting: Wed., Sep. 24, Atonement Lutheran Church, 2325 N. Coast Hwy., Newport

Topic: Ballot Measures--Part II Refreshments: Pat McGovern