

MADESI BAND OF PIT RIVER INDIANS NEWS LETTER AUGUST, 2006

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Madesi Band Elections:

Due to the ongoing problem with the persons found to have been illegally enrolled in the Madesi Band and Pit River Tribe, whom were disenrolled by Tribal Council motion on October 18th, 2005. In order to maintain the integrity of the elections disenrolled persons shall be excluded from the Madesi Band Election. Due to the ongoing threats, letters and general nonsense that have been coming from the disenrolled persons and their sympathizers, the Shasta County Sheriff's will be on call; any persons that attempt to disrupt the meeting will be asked to leave. If the Madesi Band can not conduct a peaceful election free from disruption by Disenrolled persons, we will have no choice but to postpone our elections to a later date.

Enrollment Update:

I am writing to make the Madesi Band and General Membership aware of the Tribal Chairman's recent actions, insubordination and total disregard for the Tribal Constitution, Enrollment Ordinance and the Tribal Council and Madesi Bands rights, powers and autonomy.

October 18th, 2005 the Pit River Tribal Council in a unanimous vote of 6 Yes, 0-No and 0-Abstain made the motion to disenroll those persons found to have not qualified for enrollment under Article III of the Constitution, in effect exercising their given powers under Article VII Section 1 (k) of the Pit River Constitution; where it states The Tribal Council shall have the following powers: "To provide for the exclusion of persons from Tribal property or membership for good cause." The "good cause" being they do not meet the membership criteria of the Pit River Tribe. (they are illegally enrolled).

Article III Section 1 of the Constitution of the Pit River Tribe requires that in order to enroll you must be ¼ Pit River or the child of an enrolled member regardless of blood quantum. This has been misconstrued by the Tribal Chairman and Tribal Secretary as requiring everyone to be ¼ or in some cases as any one can enroll, they seem to pick and choose what they require from applicants and do not fully understand the Constitution, but rather apply their own feelings when it comes to enrollment and disregard the Constitution. The weird thing is they do not do this with any other band than Madesi.

In addition to the meddling in Madesi Enrollment, the Madesi Band Members should be aware of the slanderous letters distributed by "Shadley Sympathizers" and others who are looking for political gain so close to elections stating that my self and my family were paid by Morningstar to not prosecute her for her part in the Casino Burglary a clearly fake letter that was allegedly distributed by a Madesi Band member in an attempt to discredit any opposition in the upcoming election, everyone

knows this person, she herself may have written the letter since experts have analyzed the letter and concluded the hand writing is similar to hers and the name Hishkama Wilson was misspelled. I myself reported the letter to the Shasta County Sheriffs department, this person had been seen distributing this letter in the Pit River Health Clinic by Pit River Health Staff as well as persons in the even start office on main street in Burney. The Shasta County Sheriffs in its process of investigation were said to have brought the person in for questioning as her effort to slander myself as well as my family may have now made her a suspect in the case. The Sheriffs department informed me that they were paid a visit by the Tribal Chairman; who jumped them for questioning this person about the alleged letter of confession by Morningstar. The Chairman was said to have told the Sheriffs Officers that they had no jurisdiction to question this person as she was a tribal member and that they should be investigating myself and my family as that is what the letter was intended to implicate. The Sheriffs department has done a great job in this case they know the facts behind the robbery and they know myself and my family, I see this letter as a weak attempt once again by this tribal member and the Chairman to gain support for themselves and discredit my family in the upcoming elections.

The Tribal Chairman as well as the other "Shadley Sympathizers" in their need for support can only see the potential voters for their immediate need; they can not see the potential impact that their actions are having on the future of the Pit River Tribe. These people are planning to enroll every "Branch & Twig" in order to ensure their survival in the Pit River Tribe; they have even gone as far as to draft up a constitutional amendment in order to make their enrollment in the tribe legal if they succeed, this is the same thing that happened in Susanville.

(See Attachments)

Casino Burglary:

Yes it is true Pit River Casino was burglarized, and no myself and my family did not have anything to do with it despite the letters of allegation and rumors that have been "allegedly" circulated by a Madesi member that everyone knows, the Tribal Chairman and others looking for a political leg up in the August elections. The letters are all unsigned due to the authors being cowards; far from leadership material these individuals are scared of a libel suit for their false statements. It is easy for these people to make false allegations without any supporting facts or documents. This Madesi Member was seen in the Pit River Health Clinic distributing a document allegedly signed by Morningstar Wilson stating that she was sorry and that myself and three other council were paid money to not press charges against her for her part in the burglary. The signature of Hishkama "Morningstar" Wilson was misspelled; the letter was given to the police department who dealt with the Madesi Band Member that was seen distributing this garbage.

The reality is that on May 29th, 2006 Pit River Casino was burglarized, the alleged inside person was Morningstar Wilson a Tribal Member who as a security guard had access to keys to unlock doors and disable alarms allowing two others into the casino. At the time the burglars were in the vault taking our money, she was seen on video at the front door distracting another security guard. All of this was caught on our new state of the art Surveillance System which was approved by Tribal Council shortly after I took office as Gaming Commissioner, and installed just one week prior to the burglary. Thanks to the system upgrade the alleged perpetrators were caught and will soon be brought to justice as they are currently awaiting trial for burglary, embezzlement and other charges in the Shasta County Jail.

My self as well as the other Gaming Commissioners are continuing to work with the Sheriffs Department, Department of Justice Division of Gambling Control to bring any others involved to justice.

Economic Development:

Since I took office as the Madesi Council I have been working on economic development issues, Casino Expansion, etc. The latest development I have brought forward to the Tribal Council has been with the Native American Land Development company, they specialize in working with Tribes to develop no-gaming enterprises including Tribal Housing, Fuel Stations, Convenience Stores, Hotels, Resorts, Retail Stores, etc. I am the primary contact person from the Pit River Tribe to work on the projects and bring the final proposal to the Tribal Council. The latest renderings are attached to this news letter for the Madesi Membership to view. The proposed project in Burney consists of a Hotel that will work in conjunction with the Casino Facility to expand our market base with a resort destination. The Burney site will also feature a Gas Station/Convenience Store. Both projects have been on the table for the last four years but to date have not moved forward, until now. I my self look forward to the Hotel, Casino Expansion and C-Store becoming a reality as this in the future will provide a source for funding to help Tribal members with jobs, scholarship for education and hopefully a source for per capita payments in the next five years. This can only be accomplished if the Membership approves the Casino Expansion when it comes to the membership for approval later this year. The Native American Land Development company is also proposing a Truck Stop, Hotel, Smoke Shop for the Alturas XL Reservation, the Tribe is allowed to have two casinos and could place a second casino on the XL Reservation, they are excited to be doing business with the Pit River Tribe, we have great potential that has not been utilized until now.

Casino Expansion

Yes we are still discussing the Casino Expansion four years later and we still have not broken ground, despite the numerous motions I as the Madesi Council have made to move forward with the expansion, while everyone else is passing us by. Susanville Casino is clearing 2 Million dollars a month. I can remember when Susanville Casino was smaller than us; you could go into their casino and only see about 10 bingo players and a few people playing machines. Now with their new facility they don't have enough room to accommodate their boom in business. They have a C-Store, Lounge, Restaurant and large gaming floor. We are still waiting for the proposal to be approved by membership, we have financiers ready to give us \$7,000,000.00 for the project, we have Native American Land Development ready to build the C-Store and Hotel, we have all the potential with Burney Falls, Lassen Park, Fishing, Hunting, Golf, etc. I believe if we build the new facility we will expand our market base and become the premier resort destination in Northern California, just look at what surrounds our area, tourism, expensive Recreation Vehicles and deep pockets.

I have attached the latest drawing for the Casino Expansion in an effort to "keep hope alive" for the expansion project. If anything I think we should go bigger as other Tribal Leaders from various tribes have recommended, we limited our self 10 years ago by not advertising and building too small, no vision, no dream, just the basics and we have not seen anything, we are not going to see anything unless we jump in with both feet and build a new facility.

I have also designed the new Pit River Casino website that I built at no cost to the Tribe or the Casino just as a Tribal Member doing what I can to help our people. The web address is www.pitrivercasino.com spread the word and generate some business for the casino. The Casino even though we don't have per capita does provide service to our Pit River People through Tribal loans, special allocations, etc. Most Tribal Members think that the Smoke Shop is the source for money, but in reality without the Casino the Smoke Shop could not survive, the Tribal Office, the Tribal Programs, etc., we need the casino expansion for future generations as we grow the BIA funding is insufficient to fulfill the Tribes needs.

(See Attachments)

Final Thoughts:

Enrollment – The constitution clearly outlines the Enrollment Criteria, whether you are ¼ Pit River (Base Enrollee) or you are the Child of an Enrolled Member (Regardless of blood quantum) you qualify for enrollment. We must uphold the constitution and the requirement to ensure the rights of our children and grandchildren and so forth. The people who have been Disenrolled are the only ones that have been found to not qualify, so disregard the rumors and fear tactics people are using to scare you, you will not be Disenrolled.

Economic Development and Casino Expansion – This is the future of our people, the United States Government is cutting funding from BIA Programs, we must become self sufficient, gaming and other economic enterprises are the future of our people. Come out to the membership meetings and show support for the projects. Elect leaders that are business minded, that will bring something back to the people.

Elections – Elect a Tribal leader (Madesi Council, Tribal Chairman, etc.) that will uphold the constitution, up hold the laws, rules and regulations. Elect a leader that has a vision for the future of the Pit River Tribe, not a person that has no vision and only seeks his or her own personal gain, their family, etc. Most everyone that is running against me for Madesi Council this year have one common objective; that being to get these illegally enrolled persons back into the tribe. So when you vote think about the big picture and not wither they are friend or family, but their ability to lead the people. Who ever we choose will set the path we take in the coming year.

As always If you need any help from the Tribe; be sure to contact the tribal office and I will make every effort as your Madesi Council to ensure you get the help you need, be it housing, health, education, etc.

Thank You,
Matthew Elmore
Madesi Council