

SPECIAL ELECTION NOTICE

TO DECIDE ON THE PROCESS FOR FILLING THE CEDAR BAND CHAIRPERSON VACANCY

The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah would like to request your input as Cedar Band members in deciding the process of filling the Cedar Band Chairperson vacancy. We also want it to be clear that we, the Tribal Council, are simply trying to uphold and follow the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's Constitution and the guiding principles outlined in the Constitution. The Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah has attempted to resolve this matter on numerous occasions with the Cedar Band Leadership. Now, we really want to hear from you, the membership of the Cedar Band of Paiutes, on how you feel this matter should be resolved. We also want to make it very clear that the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah is not trying to infringe on any sovereignty of the Cedar Band, this is in no way personal or in any way a disrespect to Lora Tom, nor is the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council picking and choosing which provisions to enforce in the Constitution. There have been discrepancies and inconsistencies in how the previous Tribal Councils have held vacancy elections and filled resignations from the Tribal Council, and it is our goal and intent to follow our Constitution and to uphold the oath each of us took to enforce and defend the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's constitution.

To this end, the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Council requests to hold a special election to hear directly from the Cedar Band membership to determine if the Cedar Band Memberships wants to follow the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's Constitution, the supreme law of the Tribe, or the Cedar Band Bylaws in filling the Cedar Band Chairperson vacancy.

If the Cedar Band membership votes to follow the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah's Constitution to fill the vacancy, a date will be set for a Special Election of the Cedar Band members to elect the Cedar Band Chairperson. If the Cedar Band membership votes to follow the Cedar Band Bylaws, Lora Tom, who was elected as the Cedar Band Vice-Chairperson in the last election, will automatically fill the position as Cedar Band Chairperson.

INSTRUCTIONS

A Special Election regarding the vacancy created by Mertin Bow's resignation as the Cedar Band Chairperson/Tribal Council Member will be conducted by poll on **Wednesday, January 17, 2018**, between the hours of **11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.**, at the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah Tribal Building. **The polls will close at 6:00 p.m. (sharp).** No ballots received after 7:00 p.m. on the day of the election shall be counted.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS will be mailed on January 2, 2018, to all eligible voters of the Band with a known address outside of the four county area (Iron, Millard, Sevier, and Washington). Any other eligible voter of the Cedar Band may request an absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, call the Special Election Board Chairperson, Charlotte Domingo, at 435-586-1112, ext. 305, no later than Friday, December 29, 2018.

The following instructions apply to the absentee ballots:

A ballot listing two questions for consideration by the Cedar Band membership, this instruction sheet, a smaller envelope, and a stamped self-addressed return envelope is included.

The voter shall mark the ballot and place it in the smaller envelope and then seal it and return it in the addressed stamped envelope along with the voters registration form. **THE ABSENTEE BALLOT MUST BE RETURNED IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED TO BE COUNTED.**

BE SURE AND RETURN BALLOTS IMMEDIATELY. ABSENTEE BALLOTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

Any member of the Cedar Band whose name appears on the membership roll and who is 18 years of age or older on the day on the election is entitled and eligible to vote.

OFFICIAL
BALLOT

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**Mark an “X” in the box next to ONE of the two options below.
If there are any other markings on the ballot, it will not be counted.**

OPTION 1

I vote that the Cedar Band should follow the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah’s Constitution and the process detailed in Article XII, Section 3 to fill the vacancy created by Mertin Bow’s resignation as the Cedar Band Chairperson which is by an election by the Cedar Band members to fill the Cedar Band Chairperson position.

OR

OPTION 2

I vote that the Cedar Band should follow the Cedar Band Bylaws and the process detailed in Article III, Section 4 to fill the vacancy created by Mertin Bow’s resignation as the Cedar Band Chairperson and which is the Vice Chairperson will automatically fill the vacated position as the Cedar Band Chairperson and Tribal Council Member.