

Samuel N. Penney for NPTEC Seat #2.

Penney is a lifelong resident of Kamiah, Idaho and has been married to Loretta (Lawrence) Penney for forty years and has three children and four grandchildren. Penney's parents are Ira D. Penney and Josephine A. (Joann) Samuels, maternal grandparents are Joe and Pauline (Corbett) Samuels, and paternal grandparents are David Penney and Mary Miller. Penney currently works for the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success Program working with youth on suicide prevention, mental health, alcohol and marijuana use prevention, and the effects of binge drinking.

Penney is seeking election to NPTEC because he believes accountability and transparency are essential aspects of tribal governance. A willingness to accept responsibility and account for one's actions is critical for accountability. Tribal governance should operate in such a way that Nez Perce tribal members can see what actions are being taken and how the process of decision-making is being conducted. Upholding and adhering to the Nez Perce Tribe Constitution and Bylaws is paramount to tribal governance.

The following is partial list of issues Penney would like to help work on:

- The American Rescue Plan: \$31.2 billion investment in Indian Country including \$20 billion for Tribal Governments to combat COVID-19 and revitalize tribal economies. What are the highest priorities and best use of these funds for the Nez Perce Tribe?
- President Biden's American Jobs Plan requests \$2 trillion over eight years to modernize the nation's infrastructure. Currently there are several tribal provisions such as roads and bridges, high-speed broadband infrastructure, and retrofitting and affordable housing rental. NPTEC must closely monitor the American Jobs Plan as it goes through the legislative process.
- The Nez Perce Tribe has good Communications and Information Technology Departments. Tribal elders recently stated that many do not have access to broadband or internet to receive electronic communications. NPTEC can work with tribal departments and elders for electronic access and provide training to elders if needed.
- Be an advocate for youth and senior citizen issues and programs.
- Revise the hiring process under the Nez Perce Tribe Human Resource Manual.
- Work with Nez Perce Tribal Housing Authority to address unsafe and unsanitary housing conditions and affordable housing shortage.
- Assure that NPTEC answers General Council Resolutions, gets NPTEC minutes out in a timely manner, and adheres to NPTEC Administrative Procedures.

Penney has provided testimony at the local, state, regional, and federal levels advocating on behalf of the Nez Perce Tribe. He has been a strong advocate for educational opportunities, fought to protect the Nez Perce Tribe's treaty reserved rights, and

defended attacks on tribal sovereignty by the North Central Idaho Jurisdictional Alliance.

Penney has served on the executive boards of the Intertribal Monitoring Association on Indian Trust Funds, Northwest Regional delegate to the National Indian Gaming Association Board of Directors, National Tribal Environmental Council Executive Committee, Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Board of Directors, delegate to Northwest Portland Area Indian Board, President Board of Directors of The Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, and Idaho delegate to the Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 Tribal Operations Committee.

In 1999 The Idaho Statesman Newspaper featured Penney in an article titled the "Idahoans Changing Idaho-10 Who Make a Difference". The Idaho Statesman looked at people who are working to change Idaho today, searching for those who reflect the best of who we are and what we believe. Penney was selected because he sought to protect the state's Indian residents and the areas natural resources.

On May 16, 2003 Penney received the President's Medallion from Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston, Idaho. Penney was selected for his dedication to promoting educational opportunities for Native American youth and the understanding of the importance of higher education for everyone, both Indian and non-Indian. On May 17, 2003, the University of Idaho in recognition of a lifetime of contributions to the State of Idaho conferred upon Penney an honorary doctorate degree of Doctor of Administrative Science.

Penney believes his governance and legislative experience can be beneficial to the Nez Perce Tribe especially regarding legislative processes. He feels that to understand what is happening in the present requires an understanding of what has happened in the past. President Biden will be in office for four years, but things could drastically change during the Senate and House mid-term elections in two years.

Penney is a team player but carefully considers each decision he makes based on available information, his own research, and the best overall interests of the Nez Perce Tribe. He would be honored to have your vote for NPTEC Seat #3. Thank you.