

## Wicahpi Ksapa Peji Wikan

November 20 at 1:43pm ·

I wanna clarify some issues concerning the appointment of the chairmanship. I was appointed by the 3 newly elected council members. It took place on September 10th, 2015 in Rapid city. From that day on my chairmanship was challenged. So ended up in court with the three newly elected council members. It was challenged by the other two council members. In all truth the chairmanship is valid but due to this courts decision stating that there was no validity in appointment and was a constitutional violation. So it's been questioned and is questionable. Through the courts ruling by Bj Jones was that if the Appellate Court comes down with a decision of four positive vote needed for passing resolution along with quorum then there will be a special election. If appellate court states the majority vote rules then everything is gold. If we go to special election it will be between myself and Boyd Gourneau. So due to this ruling the chairmanship has been hindered. So thanks to all supporters and your patience. Here's the things I question? How can a person who never ran for chairmanship run? I know it's the two old council members choice on who they want as chairman. Also where in the world do two over power three? I know there's a lot of blaming going back and forth on the tribe not moving forward. In truth there all to blame as this tribe is being tremendously impacted by its hindrance of not moving forward. Other question is how is this tribe still functioning when there is no governing body? Corporate sellouts are running this tribe. If your not trying to fix the problem then your apart of the problem. I know the phrase pretty clear, "remember who is buttering your bread! But seriously things need to change. All that's being taught to our next leadership is corruption and negative values that was never of the lakota way.

Time for blindness to end and take the power back as a tribe. You got families protecting there interest in the tribe. Interest meaning there cookie jar of fulfilling these families dirty deeds. Much trust money and other money's come into this tribe which has been mismanaged for years and taking of the people's money's for individual interest. I mean who gets to live as freely as these families have. It's about all families not just certain ones. You have people utilizing programs meant for less fortunate that have the income for there own self sufficiency. Yet our less fortunate go without and continue there daily survival tactics. Meaning to go sit up at tribal office groveling for the scraps. You do realize that the people sitting at the table look down on the people and make statements of defamation of character. Laugh at you and think less of you. Hmm sounds like Christian colonization succeeded. As we're looking at the monarchy of england. you have to be of nobility and apart of the corrupt system to succeed here. This is why most of our enrolled members are forced to leave the reservation. They see the truth and question it. In which leads to them never getting anything from tribe due to the truth. Because of the people who don't want the truth out there. Would black ball you within the tribe. Yet they hire non natives to run our tribe. I mean this is the first in any tribal nation where a wasicu has more power than enrolled members even the council members. It's totally ridiculous and degrading to all enrolled members. Oppressors keep oppressing and is leading us to the fall of our little nation. I know now the ignorance and selfishness has truly taken over this tribe!!! Meanwhile egotistical people butting heads for recognition of power. I'm sorry I'm not in it for power, money, or recognition. I only want the best for our little nation and wakanjeya. So forgive me in this whole charades of the chairmanship. Hoping someday this leadership will see who is really suffering and not just people of certain families!!!!

## Nikki Ziegler

November 18 at 8:03pm ·

Some people must like their lil measley hand outs they get from the council. smh...thats so sad, if the tribe has money to be paying for 25 grocery order, then why can't they give people jobs with that money and let them feel good about themselves for earning it and actually working for a living? It's going to take time for people to realize that it's not the three newly elected council members fault our tribe is in this situation. Our tribe is in this situation because of greed, dishonesty, and mismanagement. People has made a lot of sacrifices for change, and low and behold, God works in mysterious ways. Now here we are to rebuild and overcome the depth of the corruption our tribe sits. It's rather sad to see and hear how our people blame the new council and when in all reality, John & Red were both in the position of Sec.-Treasurer and not one financial report from either one of them. Why not? what's so bad that the people can't know where we sit financially? Why not step up in the position they were voted in and do the job they are required to do and abide by our Constitution? Is it so hard to be honest? The only people hurting from this are the ones who've recieved and continue to recieve. The rest of us have and will continue to struggle makings ends meet as we always have. Just a thought after reading a few comments and playing the blame game. smh...