



SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION

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SHINNECOCK NATION ELECTS FRED BESS IN TRUSTEE RUNOFF ELECTION

Shinnecock Indian Reservation, L.I., New York —In an historic runoff election between incumbent Trustee Lance Gumbs and former Trustee Frederick C. Bess, voting members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation selected Mr. Bess to fill the third Trustee Board seat. Voting took place today at the Shinnecock Community Center from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Since the annual Trustee election, held last Tuesday, April 5th, resulted in a tie between Mr. Bess and Mr. Gumbs, the special runoff election was scheduled for today by the Shinnecock Tribal Council Election Reform Committee, pursuant to the Nation's election ordinance. The ordinance calls for a special election to be held within two weeks in the event of a tie.

Elected last week and retaining his position as Trustee Chairman was Randy King, who will be serving his sixth term. Also elected last week was Gerrod Smith, who will be serving his first term. Fred Bess has been elected five previous times.

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