

CHRONOLOGY OF THE WINNEMUCCA INDIAN COLONY

1. 1916 - CENSUS taken by federal government.
2. 1917/1918 - EXECUTIVE ORDER (in two parts) setting aside 320 acres signed by Woodrow Wilson
3. 1925 - PURCHASE of additional 20 acres as Colony
4. 1935 - REORGANIZATION ACT and adoption of Constitution and By-Laws
5. 1938 - REVISION of Constitution and By-Laws suggesting that the Winnemucca Indian Colony be Winnemucca Shoshone, but determined it would organize as Winnemucca Indian Colony because any Nevada Indian was eligible for homesite.
6. 1985 - BIA INTERVENTION WITHDRAWING RECOGNITION OF TRIBAL COUNCIL - BIA withdrew its recognition of the Council then in place because they were not eligible for membership in Colony and intended to take allotments from the Northern Paiute Judgment Fund as members of Ft. McDermitt. BIA declared only 12 persons eligible for membership.
7. 1987 - NEWS RELEASE - BIA is requesting descendants of 1916 list in order to establish members of WIN.
8. 1990 - OFFICIAL TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP ROLL. Seventeen members are certified by BIA. Tribal Council is recognized as: Glenn Wasson, Chairman, Richard Tom, Tom Magiera, Lucy Lowry and Sharon Wasson.
9. 1994 - ELECTION of Tribal Council: Glenn Wasson, Richard

Tom, Lucy Lowry, Elverine Castro, and Sharon Wasson.

10. 1998 - REVISED MEMBERSHIP ROLL. A revised membership roll consisting of many more members is certified by the Tribal Council and submitted to BIA but rejected and not certified by BIA. BIA recognizes election of Glenn Wasson, Chairman, Lucy Lowry, Sharon Wasson, and Elverine Castro and recognizes William Bills appointed to Richard Tom's position.
11. Kyle Swanson is appointed as Tribal Judge. The Tribal Law and Order Code that the Judge shall serve for one year or until replaced or removed for cause. He was both removed and replaced May 2000.
12. August 5, 1999 - William Bills on his own applies for a grant from federal government, EPA, using Elverine Castro's name without her permission. Glenn Wasson adamantly disapproved of any request for funds from federal government. Bills had no majority of council approval as required by Constitution and By-laws. The Council voted down the request for 10 acres made by William Bills wherein he desired to build a casino.
13. February 11, 2000 - Glenn Wasson is upset with William Bills for diverting Colony mail and disregard of authority of Council and discovers that he is not Native American and announces that the next agenda will have an item to remove William Bills from the Council.
14. February 22, 2000 - Glenn Wasson is murdered outside the administration building of the WIN and BIA recognizes Bills as Acting Chairman of the colony.
15. March 1, 2000 - William Bills, without Council approval, has soil removed from the Colony lands that held evidence of the murder and sold the 5000 yards of top soil without approval and without turning over the funds to the Colony. Bills excludes the

rest of the Council from the administration building. A further letter from Robert Hunter recognizing William Bills as Chairman appropriately.

16. March 22, 2000 - The Council meets to replace Glenn Wasson but disruption occurs fomented by William Bills, Allen Ambler, and Charlene Dressler. Majority of Council moved to another meeting area and appointed Sharon Wasson to replace Glenn Wasson.
17. March 25, 2000 - The Council meets and votes to make Sharon Wasson the new Chairman and removed William Bills as Chairman.
18. April 11, 2000 - Council finalized the removal of William Bills and served him with the notice of his removal as Chairman.
19. April 13, 2000 - The BIA recognizes Sharon Wasson as the new chairman of the WIC.
20. April 17, 2000 - William Bills requests from Kyle Swanson TRO as though Bills were the Chairman of the WIC and without the consent of the majority of the Council and in contradiction to the BIA letter.
21. April 19, 2000 - Majority of Council files Motion to Dismiss TRO.
22. April 29, 2000 - Hearing postponed because Swanson had no copy of Tribal Law and Order Code.
23. May 2, 2000 - Majority of Tribal Council voted to remove Kyle Swanson as Tribal Judge and replace him with another Judge because his term had expired and he was removed for cause.
24. May 2, 2000 - The BIA recognizes William Bills as Chairman

- again and not Sharon Wasson.
25. May 13, 2000 - Regular Council meeting held in Winnemucca and William Bills enters armed with a pistol. Remainder and majority of Council voted to move meetings away from Colony until William Bills is removed physically forever from Colony.
 26. May 19, 2000 - Swanson issues TRO without ruling on Motion to Dismiss.
 27. May 23, 2000 - Charles Hartman is appointed Tribal Judge and later that day, BIA declares that the Tribal Council of the WIC is dysfunctional. June 6 letter is issued declaring Council dysfunctional. (Overruled by Phoenix Area office on 12/20/00)
 28. June 1, 2000 - William Bills takes over the Smoke Shop and breaches the management contract signed by a majority of the Council.
 29. June 10, 2000 - Majority of Council appeals to BIA the dysfunctional determination.
 30. July 13, 2000 - Thomas Magiera appointed to Council to replace Lucy Lowry who died on 6/25/00.
 31. July/August 2000 - The Bank of America where the account of the WIN is located freezes the account and files an interpleader action to have the Federal District Court determine who is rightful signatories.
 32. September 14, 2000 - William Bills is banished by resolution of the majority of the Council. The BIA refuses to assist in enforcement of banishment because of federal court case pending.
 33. October 14, 2000 - Andrea Davidson appointed to replace Bills.

34. October 28, 2000 - Regularly scheduled election is held. Thomas Magiera, Thomas Wasson, Andrea Davidson, Elverine Castro and Merlene Magiera are elected. During the election William Bills has Wassons and the election committee arrested.
35. October 31, 2000 - Tribal Judge Charles Hartman issues a TRO removing Bills and his associates from Colony lands and BIA refuses to assist in enforcement of this because of federal court case pending.
36. January 18, 2001 - As an attempt to resolve the dispute in federal district court, J. McKibben recommends that BIA resolve the issues. BIA writes a letter that states since a regular election has been held pursuant to internal tribal process and certain persons were elected, that it withdrew all previous letters. On this same day, Kyle Swanson issues an order that alleges that the restraining order of May 19 is made permanent.
37. January 23, 2001 - The majority of the duly elected and serving Winnemucca Indian Colony Tribal Council appeal the Order of Swanson and ask for a writ of prohibition against him.
38. March 1, 2001 - A hearing on the objection of jurisdiction of the Inter Tribal Court of Appeals by Bills is heard.
39. March 12, 2001 - Order of Inter-Tribal Court of Appeals referring case to Arbitration.
40. April 2, 2001 - William Bills admits under oath that he may not be Native American pursuant to a birth certificate from the State of California stating that he is Filipino and not the son of Ermon Bills.
41. April 27, 2001 - Order on Stipulation for hearing to be set - jurisdiction no longer an issue.

42. May 2001 - William Bills no longer holds himself out as Chairman or Acting Chairman. Allen Ambler and Charlene Dressler claim they are the Council. Hearing before U.S. District Court requires Bills to produce discovery. Discovery produced that indicates sums being paid from Colony Smoke Shop to Allen Ambler in excess of \$6000/month since William Bills took over in March 2000.
43. October 2001 - Stipulated Tribal Judge begins hearings.
44. March 2002 - Hearings completed.
45. May 2002 - Order from Tribal Judge stating that no Council is legal and elections should be held.
46. March through May 2002 - Mediation before the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, San Francisco.
47. July 2002 - hearing before the appointed appellate panel stipulated to by the parties. Hearing held in the federal court house in Reno, Nevada.
48. August 2002 - decision by the appellate panel. Sharon Wasson determined to be the Chairman.
49. September 2002 - Kyle Swanson resigns and Charles Hartman who was Associate Judge becomes the Chief Judge.
50. Charles Hartman as Tribal Judge enters a temporary restraining order and adopts the appellate panel's decision.
51. Judge Hartman holds a hearing on the temporary restraining order and enters a permanent order telling Allen Ambler et al to leave the lands of the Winnemucca Indian Colony.
52. Allen Ambler asks the Court to reconsider its decision. That

reconsideration is denied.

53. January 2003 the Interior Board of Indian Appeals states that it does not have jurisdiction over this matter and defers to the United States Federal District Court.
54. February 2003 - Federal Magistrate Valerie Cook enters two orders in this matter stating that the Court will not decide the membership and waiting 90 days before extending comity to the appellate panel decision to allow the parties to exhaust all remedies.
55. All briefs are filed with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals awaiting decision regarding whether BIA is required to recognize a Council of the Winnemucca Indian Colony.