

of the candidates would go in. I wouldn't have to file my name to be a candidate, but the others would file for those of us that they liked, you know. They filed for us--filed the names. All right. When election came we had to be about a hundred and fifty yards away from the voting precincts, you know, and not campaign within that. Anyway that went off all right. They elected Committees that had good background, tribal historical background. And naturally I knew it, and same way with other. That's the kind they elect. They had some pretty smart boys. There was one girl, too, nominated. But now they just want to get on the Committee just--I'd say--for what they can get out of it. Special meetings every month--that's what I think.

(What are these special meetings?)

We have a regular meeting ever Wednesday of every month--first Wednesday of every month. That's in the Constitution and By-Laws. All right, if there are other problems that may come up--some events that are after that--that requires immediate consideration--all right, the Chairman, by the vote of the majority of the Business Committee members or by a petition of one hundred members of the tribe following him, he can call special meeting, for that particular purpose. And they get paid just like they do for the regular Council.

(How do they get paid for the regular Council meetings?)

They get paid by the Tribal funds. They have a Tribal Secretary and Tribal Treasurer. And so much money is set aside from all sources of trust property--trust income. And that they use mostly. They make a budget--an annual budget--say fifteen, twenty or thirty thousand dollars--on account of delegations to Washington and all that. Then this is a non-trust fund which is derived from thirty-nine hundred acres of our land near El Reno that is not under trust--that status. That's non-trust. It's taxable, and all like that, but they hardly ever use it.

(How much do the members get apiece for attending a Council meeting?)

Every council meeting and every special meeting they get about fifteen dollars a day, plus mileage, depending on the distance they come. It's all--oh, we don't like it.

(How long has it been since you were on the--?)

I resigned. I retired in '57.