

Thurman Cournoyer -- Bio

Mr. Thurman Cournoyer Sr. is an enrolled member and the current Chairman of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Mr. Cournoyer spent much of his childhood attending school in Marty, South Dakota, and after serving in the United States Navy, he returned to South Dakota where he has remained for over fifty years. Since 1982, Mr. Cournoyer has lived on the Yankton Indian Reservation with his wife and worked as an electrician. In 2011, Mr. Cournoyer was elected Chairman of the Yankton Sioux Tribe, where he has labored to promote and encourage economic development on the Yankton Indian Reservation. As Chairman, Mr. Cournoyer hopes to unify tribal members and improve living conditions for the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Accordingly, Mr. Cournoyer's primary concern is protecting and advancing the health and general welfare of the Tribe.