

Fort Belknap Indian Community



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(Elected to administer the affairs of the community and
to represent the Assiniboiné and the Gros Ventre
Tribes of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation)

FORT BELKNAP INDIAN COMMUNITY TESTIMONY ON FISCAL YEAR 2027 APPROPRIATIONS

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAYS

MARCH 18, 2026

BIOGRAPHY OF COUNCILMAN CODY SHAMBO

Councilman Cody Shambo was raised in Hays, Montana on the Fort Belknap Reservation. He is a father of four, a former coach, and former tribal, county and federal employee. After graduating from the Hays/Lodgepole High School, Councilman Shambo attended the Aaniiih Nakoda College and graduated with two degrees.

Councilman Shambo spent over 13 years working for the Fort Belknap Indian Community (FBIC) in its Environmental Protection Department. Before that he worked for five years with Blaine County. He also worked as a wildland firefighter through the Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Program.

Councilman Shambo coached kids at the Elementary and High School levels. He also mentors young people and rebuilt the community basketball courts and a baseball field. When FBIC faced hard times with a youth suicide crisis, he helped create safe spaces and positive activities for young people.

Councilman Shambo helped establish the Aaniiih Nakoda Community Foundation as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As a board member, he helped distribute over \$150,000 in scholarships to youth last year.

Councilman Shambo was elected as the Mountain Gros Ventre Representative to the FBIC Council in November 2025. As an elected official, he leads by identifying problems, getting involved, and working to fix them.

Councilman Shambo is new to the Council, but he has put in the work, treats people with honesty, listens to the concerns of his community, and cares about the Fort Belknap Indian Community's homeland and people.