

BIOGRAPHY
CHAIRMAN LESTER THOMPSON, JR.
CROW CREEK SIOUX TRIBE

Lester Thompson Jr. brings an extensive background of service to his community in both his position as Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe and as a former High School Teacher and Law Enforcement Officer. This is his second term as Chairman, as he previously served as Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe in 2006-2008. Chairman Thompson comes from a family of dedicated political service to the tribe including his maternal grandmother who served as the first female chairperson for the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, his fraternal grandmother who served as a council member and many other family members who have served on the tribal council, even today he proudly serves alongside his uncle on the council. Chairman Thompson brings with him an extensive background of education and experience. He has attended Black Hills State University, Haskell Indian Nations University, and holds two degrees from Mitchell Technical Institute, in Power Line Technology and Natural Gas and Propane Technologies. In addition, the Chairman has spent the last 10 years resurrecting the Old Milwaukee Railroad Line from Mitchell to Presho, South Dakota. Most recently, Chairman Thompson worked for the local housing authority as head of maintenance and renovation from 2016 until April of 2018 when he took his newly elected seat as Tribal Chairman of the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe.