CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the General Council Meeting of Saturday, May 20, 2023 to order at 9:59 am.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer, Eugene Mace, Sr. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman, Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer, Eugene Mace, Sr., present; Council Member Phillip Frank, present; and Council Member, Steven Crane, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; and Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator

GUESTS: Jennifer Rovanpera and Craig Drake, Applegate BLM

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, April 15, 2023 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 10:03 am.

Ms. Rovanpera and Mr. Drake of Applegate BLM entered the meeting at 10:07 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved for an agenda change to move Applegate BLM Consultation before the Council Reports. Council Member Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 10:08 am.

Consultation: Applegate BLM by Jennifer Rovanpera and Craig Drake

It was suggested that Chairwoman Lone Eagle and Natural Resources Department Director Simmons setup a meeting with the new Manager of the BLM Winnemucca, Nevada office.

Wildlife:

Home Camp Springs Riparian Projects: Propose to construct fence exclosures around a number of springs in the Home Camp and Wall Canyon West grazing allotments containing sensitive archaeological resources:

 Mountain View Spring—Completed a 14-acre exclosure around the spring with a pipe to water a livestock trough and diverted existing road around the area and

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fence. Phase 1 juniper removal needs to occur.

- Orange Spring—Constructed a 5-acre exclosure around the spring with a pipe to water a livestock trough
- Horse Canyon Seeps—construct a 1.3-acre exclosure around the northern seep and a 7.5-acre exclosure around the southern seep to protect the riparian areas and archaeological site. The NEPA was completed Winter 2022.
- Findman Spring—Construct a 10-acre exclosure around a spring and part of an archaeological site with water piped to a trough outside exclosure and re-routed the road around the fence away from the riparian area. The NEPA completed Winter 2022.
- Bregar Spring—Construct a 17-acre exclosure around a spring and archaeological site with water piped to a trough outside the closure. Livestock would have access to the trough from two different pastures via a water trap and corridor.
- Rowland Spring—This project includes:
 - Increasing the size of existing fence exclosure to protect more of an archaeological site and riparian area
 - o Installing two cattleguards
 - o Improving a road crossing across the creek
 - o Installing two water troughs for livestock outside the exclosure
 - o Removing non-old growth juniper from within the exclosure
 - Installing four beaver dam analogs
 - o Planting native willows along the drainage
 - o Planting native seed within the new fence exclosure

The cattleguards have been installed and the road across the creek crossing has been improved with gravel. The Nevada Department of Wildlife is overseeing the fence contract which will be built next fall.

- Chester Lyons Spring—Originally, this was planned to construct a three-acre riparian exclosure around the spring and provide off-site water to livestock. Due to concerns from the permittee, the project is being re-designed. The new project will be addressed under an Environmental Analysis (EA) NEPA document and will also include a pasture fence re-alignment and temporary holding pen for livestock.
- Sage Hen Springs—
 - Install a fence exclosure to improve riparian resources, wildlife habitat, and protect sensitive archaeological resources
 - Pipe water from the spring approximately 800 feet to a trough outside the exclosure for wild horses.

Materials would be flown in via helicopter. Installation of the spring box, pipeline and trough would be done with heavy equipment walked into the site via the existing fence access road and cross-country to the spring. The riparian habitat and archaeological site surrounding Sage Hen Spring are being heavily impacted due to wild horse use at the spring.

Mr. Simmons asked what BLM office would the NRD work with for fencing the springs near the Reservation. He was told he should talk to the Black Rock BLM office.

Range, Horse and Burro:

- Denio Permit Renewal—To process the grazing permit on the Denio Allotment.
 Current management is from the 1987 Allotment Management Plan. The permit has been renewed several times under the FLPMA authority. It is located in northwestern Nevada adjacent the High Rock Canyon Wilderness.
- Board Corral Permit Renewal—To process the permit on the Board Corral
 allotment. The fully processed permit expired in 2011 and has since been
 transferred and renewed under FLMPA authority. The allotment is located in
 northwestern Nevada adjacent the Shelden Wildlife Refuge. Additional projects,
 such as spring improvements, may be considered in the grazing permit renewal.
- Farmer Spring Fence—Propose to construct a 1.2-mile fence between the Bull Creek and Sand Creek Grazing Allotments in Surprise Valley, California. There is currently no barrier between the two grazing allotments. The project is located six miles east of Cedarville, California on Surprise Valley floor. The fence would connect two existing fences on privately owned land. Access would be via existing roads. It was previously proposed, reviewed and approved in early 1990's but the fence was not constructed so BLM is reinitiating the project.
- Wall Canyon-Fox Hog-Nut Mountain HMAs Horse Gather—In 2021 BLM completed a horse gather for these Herd Management Areas (HMAs), however were unable to bring the horse population within appropriate management levels. (AML). A second horse gather is planned for this fall.
- Buckhorn-Carter Reservoir-Coppersmith HMA Gather EA: The BLM Applegate is proposing to gather and remove excess wild horses from within and outside the Buckhorn, Carter Reservoir and Coppersmith HMA in order to bring the horse population to within AML over a period of up to ten years from the date of the initial gather operation to allow for recovery of deteriorated rangeland resources. Aerial surveys would be conducted just prior to gathers to verify numbers and locations of the animals. All female horses returned to the HMA would be treated with an approved fertility control in accordance with current BLM policy and guidance. These HMAs were last gathered in 20210 and all are located along the California-Nevada border east and south of Cedarville.

Fuels /Forestry

Vya PMU-2023 Projects and Updates: This project is to treat juniper on four different project areas withing the Applegate Field Office as part of an on-going series of sage-steppe restoration projects aimed at improving habitat for GRSG. Projects included in this project proposals are:

- Horse Creek Phase I West
- Barrel Springs
- Rim/Switchbacks
- 49 Mountain 2
- Washoe County, Nevada

A total of 5,983 acres would be hand treated. Treatment methods would consist of lopand-scatter or cut-and-pile depending on juniper canopy cover. Maintenance actions would be conducted within 10-years of treatment to maintain treatment efficacy.

Bull Creek Update—The Bull Creek sage steppe restoration project was originally proposed in 2015 at which point archaeological surveys and tribal consultation was completed. BLM received funding to implement the first portion of the project—removing juniper in areas along Bull Creek and nearby springs. Once funding is procured, juniper treatments will occur in other parts of the project area.

Mr. Simmons asked which researchers at UNR were working on the pre and post juniper removal effects on wildlife. Mr. Drake and Ms. Rovanpera did not know but said they would look into it and get back to Mr. Simmons.

Lands/Realty

Washoe Land Acquisitions Update: The BLM is proposing to acquire two properties totaling 1,267 acres in Washoe County, Nevada. These properties contain critical resources such as wildlife habitat and water resources. The funding for the acquisition was secured through the Land and Water Conservation Fund. These acquisitions are planned to not only enhance the wildlife habitat in the area, but also increase the public recreational opportunities for hunting, hiking and camping.

Hog Ranch Mine-Rex Minerals: Hog Ranch Minerals Inc. (HRMI) submitted a Plan of Operations to the BLM for mineral exploration in the Hog Ranch Mountain area. HRMI is proposing no more than 200 acres of surface disturbance within the Project Area over a 10-year period. The proposed exploration work would occur in phases with each phase of work informing the locations of the next phase of exploration. Each phase would require tribal consultation and the existing NEPA analysis would be evaluated to assess whether it is still relevant. A decision would be issued by the BLM for each phase of work. There was a discussion of the proposed exploration activities and the proposed disturbance under Phase I

Mr. Simmons asked if HRMI would be drilling in old, existing drill areas. They said that drilling will occur in old and new areas

Mr. Mace asked if SLPT could supply electricity to the mine to make money.

Recreation

- Wall Canyon Reservoir Campground Enhancement: Due to increased use and unsanitary conditions at the existing Wall Canyon Reservoir Campground, the BLM is proposing several projects to enhance the visitor recreational experience at Wall Canyon Reservoir. Projects include:
 - Installation of two vault toilets
 - An informational kiosk
 - Up to ten semi-improved campsites along the western and northern shorelines of the reservoir
 - Signs and a fence exclosure would be installed to protect an area containing sensitive plant species
 - The road to the Wall Canyon Reservoir would be maintained by removing rock and spreading road base within the existing foot print of the road.
- Bitner Ranch ACEC Management Plan Update—HistoriCorps recently worked on the milk barn at Bitner Ranch, completing the first phase of stabilization efforts. A contractor has completed efforts to rebuild, stabilize and protect existing corral infrastructure for future permittee use while maintaining archaeological integrity. Additional phases of work are planned with HistoriCorps in FY 2023 and beyond. Efforts will focus on the milk barn and include a separate smokehouse structure. Bitner Ranch is part of a larger effort to form and implement a management plan for the designated Bitner Ranch Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC), adjacent massacre Rim Wilderness Study Area (WSA) and sage grouse habitat as part of a broader multiple-use management strategy.

Cultural

- Epos Rx Study Unit Update—Last October, BLM fire personnel were able to conduct another prescribed burn at the EPOS Study Unit. Data Collection will occur again early this June.
- CSU Chico Field School Update—California State University, Chico is unable to continue their research at Wagontire Springs Cave this year. They have offered to assist the BLM in limited excavation at Chester Lyons Spring to assess how the new proposed pipeline route will affect archaeological resources at the site. The field school is currently planned for June 19-28, 2023
- Museum Collections—There are the following museum collections.
 - o Hog Ranch Mine Collection
 - Wildcat Gorge Collection

Other

They are remodeling the Alturas office.

They discussed the Truckee Meadows Land Bill. Mr. Simmons informed BLM Applegate that NRD was preparing a feedback letter to send to Senator Rosen regarding the draft Truckee Meadows Land Act.

Public Lands Rule

The Department of the Interior proposed Public Lands Rule to guide the balanced management of America's public lands for the benefit of current and future generations by providing tools for the BLM to improve the resilience of public lands in the face of a changing climate, conserve important wildlife habitat and intact landscapes; plan for development; and better recognize unique cultural and natural resources on public lands. The publication of the proposed Public Lands Rule in the Federal Register initiates a 75-day public comment period. In addition, the BLM will host five information forums to discuss the details of the rule.

Ms. Rovanpera and Mr. Drake thanked the Council and left the meeting.

Council discussed setting up a meeting with Stacey Montooth or Sarina Nez about the State ARPA funds that the Nevada tribes need to apply for. Chairwoman Lone Eagle will handle this and report back to the Tribal Council at the next meeting in June.

The EPA Conference is scheduled for October 23-27, 2023. Four members of the Council as well as Mr. Simmons and Ms. Hutchinson of Natural Resources Department (NRD) will attend this conference.

Lunch was called by the Chairwoman at 12:13 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the General Council Meeting of Saturday, May 20, 2023 back to order at 12:50 pm.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer, Eugene Mace, Sr. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman, Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer, Eugene Mace, Sr., present; Council Member Phillip Frank, present; and Council Member, Steven Crane, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; and Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator

COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle stated that it has been a busy month between April 15, 2023 and May 19, 2023.

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle signed the following:

- HAF—One application for April and three applications for May
- ARPA—Three applications for April and five applications for May
- ICWA is ongoing month to month.

There was a discussion regarding the Tribal Heritage Cultural monitoring week to be held on June 19-23, 2023. Summit Lake will be the hosts and should provide lunch. It was the consensus of the Tribal Council to use Ramah funds to provide lunch for the Tribal Heritage Cultural monitoring week.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended the EPA Region 9 Spring Regional Tribal Operations (RTOC) meeting on April 17-21, 2023 in San Francisco, California. Ms. Gonzalez rode with her so she could visit the Federal Archives.

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle and Finance Director, Dan Howard attended the BIA Budget training in Phoenix, Arizona on May 10-11, 2023.

The Audit will start on Memorial Day week with the Blue Bird CPAs. The Auditors will use Suite 401.

Mrs. Lone Eagle handled emails, texts and phone calls, signed the necessary documents as well as took care of the required day-to-day administrative duties and various meetings.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane attended the April 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting and was available for signing checks and any duties assigned by the Chairwoman.

Ms. Crane attended a meeting on Education for Tribal students.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. attended the Regular Council meeting of April 15, 2023 and was available for signing checks and required documents.

Council Member Philip Frank participated in the April 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting and was available for signatures.

Council Member Steve Crane participated in the April 15, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

STAFF REPORTS

Enrollment Report by Delgadina Gonzalez

Enrollment

There were no new applications. Ms. Gonzalez has five pending applications. She reached out again to those who requested applications, to offer any assistance they may need in filling out the application etc. She will contact 2023 applicants who have not returned their applications or documents.

Ms. Gonzalez was contacted by a lady from New Orleans. She believes her mother, grandmother and great-grandparents were members of SLPT and listed on the 1940 Census. She sent me her Adoption records and important documents. The family can be seen on the 1940 Census, but the family never enrolled with SLPT. They show up on California Indian Census before and after 1940. Ms. Gonzalez is working with her to find out where exactly her family was enrolled.

Enrollment cards

One card was issued for the month and two were requested. There is no update on new ID formats from Progeny

Youth Members trip to the NV Legislature

On April 27th she went to the Nevada Legislature with Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon. They took Xiltlalee Conway, Itzxochitl Conway, Yamileth Escobar, all SLPT youth members, along with Mrs. Lone Eagle's daughter. Xiltlalee represented her Princess title. She wore her Miss UNR crown and sash, and all the girls wore beautiful ribbon skirts. The SLPT girls stood with the Owyhee School children in support of getting them a new school. These little girls went and asked themselves if they could sing a pine nut blessing song for them.

The adults took them around the Legislature building. They made new friends and participated in discussions with some of the elders and met a couple of aunties and cousins. Ms. Gonzalez took them to the Nevada State Museum where they were shown the Native American Basket collections. The girls want to go back to see everything at the museum.

The girls were told they were going to go tour the old Indian Boarding School. They looked up Indian Boarding Schools on You Tube and had lots of questions. Ms. Gonzalez told them about their great grandmother, how she was lied to, stolen, and placed in that school. She told them stories about her being there and things that happened to her in boarding school. While they were still in the Legislature getting ready to leave Xochi asked out loud "Are we going to the school where all those racists tortured our grandma?" We got a few uncomfortable looks on the way out. Itzxochitl had so many questions as to why the children were taken there, who took them, and how many years did children go to the school, what happened to the people who hurt the children. She wanted to see this school for herself.

They started the tour with the Stewart Indian Boarding School Museum. They were able to get some Year Books with their great grandmothers' pictures in them. The staff told them they would provide them with any records they have of SLPT membership. The girls looked at all the exhibits that were on display. They got to see the dormitory where their great grandmother was housed for most of her childhood. They wanted to see everything but there was not enough time. They asked to go back another day and they want to bring their siblings and cousins.

The questions they asked and the comments they made during this tour made Ms. Gonzalez aware that they need to be telling our children about the Indian Boarding Schools and the truth about what was happening there to the students. They will not get this kind of truth in the public Schools.

ICWA

They have been in contact with the Case Manager of the family from Oregon that has two children who are eligible for enrollment. Applications were sent, received, and forwarded to the families Social Worker. The Social Worker stated the mother did not want the children enrolled. The applications have not been returned at this time. The father also requested applications at the same time frame as the social worker. He has not returned those applications.

There were six ICWA inquiries which were non-affiliated with the tribe. Ms. Gonzalez emailed the case workers. These were duplicated inquiries from the previous months.

NICWA

ICWA is still in limbo. In Indian Country the focus is on fighting to keep ICWA rights, Prevention of Child Abuse, Family Healing, Cultural Preservation for our children and ensuring foster parents and permanent homes are following agreements to keep children involved with their families, tribes, and Indian communities. They have been focusing on the whole child in terms of immediate family, extended family, schools, community, etc. Statistics show a high need for prevention and education on Intergenerational Trauma, Community Healing, Cyber bullying, Sex Trafficking, substance abuse in native youth, MMIW, Two Spirited, family violence, and suicide. In all these areas native children and families have some of the highest numbers. There are several Programs that could be developed, offered, and tailored to meet the needs of each individual family.

Community Workshops, Classes, Events

While in San Francisco, California, Ms. Gonzalez attended some of the EPA workshops with Chairwoman Lone Eagle. It is good to go and be involved to see how the various departments can be involved and help each other out.

Ms. Gonzalez has completed all eight weeks of the Positive Indian Parenting NICWA Course offered by Reno Sparks Indian Colony that started on March 6, 2023 and ran through April 24, 2023. NICWA offers a Train the Trainer Course for this Positive Indian Parenting Model. In September they will be offering this as a Virtual course, the price is around \$600. These classes are not the typical parenting classes that one might expect. They are designed to reflect on how the individual was raised, how we parent, what works and doesn't work, discipline, explore what challenges are parents facing, what changes can be made, should be made. Do Native American traditions play a major role, is generational trauma significant, with the focus on prevention and access to community resources for the families.

At the conference they went over the new additions to this course format. This parenting class can now be offered in a group setting, over zoom, mixed, or as an individual family involved course provided in the home. It is not only designed for families and parents. It can be offered to staff, childcare providers, foster parents, grandparents, teachers, and anyone working with children and Native families.

Ms. Gonzalez would like to be certified as a trainer to offer these courses to the membership and community. So many other programs can be incorporated into this one course and designed to fit each family's needs.

She attended the Nevada Native Governance Project Northwestern Regional Workshop at SLPT on May 8 and 9, 2023. It was a very good workshop. She feels all staff and council would have benefited from attending this workshop. It would have been good to have the council and members attend. Their input would have been valuable. She would like to see more of these workshops, classes, and trainings offered to the staff and membership.

She signed up the Families Eating Well, a Multigenerational Nutrition Course sponsored by Teach me to Grow Healthy, Intergenerational Community and Indigenous Food Program to see if it could benefit the members. This course is developed to involve all members of the family and tailored to the needs of each individual family. She has been taking six of the tribal youth members with her. The Nutritionist is the ITCN WIC nutritionist, the Master Farmer from the UNR Cooperative Extension, a chef, and other members of the community that are willing to help all individuals and families to build gardens in a home, apartment, or community setting. The many different sponsors of this course are willing to come in and work with us and help our members. They have the funds and materials to provide for anyone attending the course. These different organizations helped build a Hoop House for a Native family in Sutcliff.

The classes have been educational and interactive. They have gone over getting started on gardening, how to preserve fresh foods, cooking methods, Food labels, Salt substitutes, they gave us packets of seeds that she placed in the pantry. The children

are included in discussions and allowed to be hands on in their garden.

The second part of this course is <u>Dig In! Indigenously</u>. This course will run from June 21, 2023 through August 23 2023. This one will also be an intergenerational hands-on nutrition education, gardening, and cultural experience with Angela Adams-Melendez, and Randy Robison, the Master Farmer. They will discuss what native plants there are and what grows easily in Nevada, how to harvest crops, how to cook, store and preserve foods.

On July 8, 2023 there will be a Volunteer Recognition and Summer Festival at the Garden where these classes are being held. This is to thank the people and organizations that have been volunteering their time and services as well as to learn how volunteerism benefits the communities people live in. The celebration will include a BBQ, games, face painting, a tour of the garden; just to name a few things.

Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee has one vacancy and so the committee is inactive. No letters of interest have been received. She will ask for volunteers at the NRD event.

Membership files

She is continuing to update member files and reviewing paperwork and documents that are in the computer as well as in the file drawers and cabinets.

Ms. Gonzalez traveled to San Francisco, California with Mrs. Lone Eagle on April 17-21, 2023. She could not get a spot at the National Archives in San Francisco or in the Federal Records Center because a school had reservations for two weeks.

She did reach the Director of the National Archives. His specialty is Indian Records. She explained that she wanted to compile as much information as she could get to create full records for those enrolled members that are missing documents. He is willing to help with finding records. He said they house federal, census, court, land, military, and other records from the late 1700's forward. Most records were created by Federal agencies from California, Nevada, and Military bases. They have archive specialists to assist in searching requested records.

She started taking some of the online Records Management Program courses they offer. She completed 20 of them so far. These are self-paced and vary in length. There are five services to support the Development of Records and Information Management Professionals that work with Federal records. Included are (ReMIS) Records Management Instruction Support experts to help with the program and new rules or regulations. Certificates are issued after completion of each lesson. They offer an (AROC) Agency Record Officer Credential, Micro-learning lessons, webinars, and legacy trainings that are online.

He told Ms. Gonzalez about the free access to subscription only websites when researching onsite with them, such as: Ancestry.com, Fold3, ArchivesUSA, Proquest Direct, GaleNet, Biography and Geneology Master Index BGMI, Archives Unbound, America: History and Life, Ingenta, CIA Records, and Digital National Security Archives. These sites can give her access to historical documents and records.

She did sign up for Ancestry,com free trial. So far she has been able to get Social Security Death Index information, State Birth and Death Index information, military branch records, utility, selective service records, Grave Index info, Census records, Tribal Census, Indian Boarding School Records, Boarding School Death records, IHS Hospital death records, Indian Cemetery records, Rail Road Pensions, Deportations, Military Honors, school records, yearbook pictures, obituaries, news articles, court documents, marriage licenses, divorce decrees, probates, wills, adoptions, publications, land assignments, etc.

Her goal is to create files for each member past and present and create the family trees to the best of her ability with the records SLPT has and the records they will receive.

BIA Western Agency Carson City Probate Department

The BIA met with Ms. Gonzalez on May 9, 2023. They needed information on two members so they could start the members' probate hearings.

BIA Eastern Agency Probate Department called asking for information on a member to close out his probate.

Upcoming NRD event and Camping Trip

Ms. Gonzalez will have a binder of various Indian Census Records from 1928 forward available to view as well as Family Tree forms so members can build their family trees. She will have Name Change forms, Address Change forms, and ID Card request forms available.

Evening activities List of participants
Dean Barlese – Prayers, Storytelling (Coyote Stories, Big Foot), Singing
Christina Lomaintewa - Singing
Xiltlalee and Itzxochitl Conway and Yamileth Escobar - Singing
Randi Lone Eagle– Singing
Greyson Huitt – Singing, Stories
Lorraine Watson – Singing
Paula Sam – Stories
Gretchen - Stories
Dina – will sing with Christina.
Open mic for anyone wanting to share a song, story, memory etc.

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Making Smores with the kids Circle Dancing will not work out too well with all the holes and rocks.

Housing Department Report by Austin New Moon

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- Continuing to work with Finance on getting correct numbers for the closed-out grants relating to Emergency Housing.
- ADD-NAHASDA Annual Performance Report (APR) submitted March 31, 2023. Approval of the APR was received on May 10, 2023. It was noted that the final SF-425 due at the end of March was not received. Ms. New Moon let Mr. Gorman know that Mr. Howard was out of the office, and she did not have access to that. It needs to be submitted ASAP since it is behind. One thing noted was to strengthen the Self-Monitoring reporting section with details which will be fixed next year when reporting is due.
- Ms. New Moon is assisting one tribal member looking for a rental unit.

Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF)
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- Applications continue to come through
- \$17,342 remaining
- Additional funding is available. There has been no need to request it.
 There was discussion on whether they should request more or let this
- funding run out. The Council decided to let the current funds exhaust and not ask for more. There are enough funds to last through the end of the

year.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to have the HAF program run until the end of December 2023. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 3:04 pm.

- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (APRA)
- Program began February 18, 2023
- Applications continue to come in
 There have been a few members wanting to apply but without the required
- COVID-19 Impact. This has caused some issues.

American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)

 Cleaning Bundle forms were posted to the website and Facebook also printed in person at the front desk. A Mass mailing went out in the SLPT NRD Newsletter.

Resolution SL-13-2023 Contract to Purchase Real Estate Property with a reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-13-2023 enacted at 4:41 pm.

Paiute Language Class

- First Class was July 14, 2022.
- Classes continue twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. Class times changed and there is some improvement with attendance.
- Classes continue to be recorded and uploaded to the SLPT You Tube Channel. They have had a few new students attending.

Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) by James Simmons

Accomplishments

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 65 degrees to a low of 3 degrees Fahrenheit. The USGS SnoTel station (located in the upper watershed) currently estimates 17.4 inches of SWE (snow water equivalent) which is a new record.
- Staff processed 377 fish during the trapper-spawn lake sampling.

Discussion Topics

1. Lake Event 2023-Connecting with Summit Lake

Mr. Simmons provided an update and answered questions about the Tribal Member outreach/education event being held at the Reservation field station on June 3 and 4, 2023. There was a discussion about the NRD plans to do the event again in 2024 and 2025.

2. Heavy Equipment Shed Project

Mr. Simmons requested approval to continue with the heavy equipment shed project. It was the consensus of the Council to proceed with the heavy equipment shed.

3. Tule Spring Fence

Mr. Simmons described the fence project as pipe rail fencing being placed around middle and lower Tule Springs.

He presented two resolutions, one to accept funding and one for a fencing contractor.

Resolution SL-14-2023 -- to approve and accept funds from National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) America The Beautiful (ATB) Agreement/Award #77451 in the amount of \$457,830 to ensure resilient cultural and riparian connectivity within the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the

resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-14-2023 Acceptance of Funds from the 2022 National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF)America the Beautiful (ATB) Agreement/Award #77451 with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-14-2023 enacted at 5:25 pm.

Resolution SL-15-2023 -- to accept funds (F22AC02344) from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for the Summit Lake Springs into Action Project in the amount of \$70,000 to protect and restore Tule Springs by constructing fences to exclude trespass cattle and feral horses. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-15-2023 Acceptance of Funds (F22AC02344) from the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for the Summit Lake Springs into Action Project with the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-15-2023 enacted at 5:29 pm.

Resolution SL-16-2023 -- to approve L & I Fence Construction, Inc. to construct the fence for the Summit lake Springs into Action Project since they possess the skills to perform the fence construction, put up a new fence on the western boundary in 2020 and the BTAZ fence in 2022, performed boundary fence maintenance in 2022 to the satisfaction of NRD requirements, provided a reasonable quote for this project, and can perform the work during spring of 2023. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-16-2023 Approval for L & I Fence Construction, Inc. to Construct the Fence for the Summit Lake Springs into Action Project with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-16-2023 enacted at 5:37 pm.

The construction will be completed in the next couple of weeks. Mr. Simmons collaborated with Cheryl Mandich of USFWS to arrange the required cultural survey for NEPA, and the survey was completed by USFWS. Mr. Simmons and the NRD staff worked with the fence contractor (L & I Fence) to outline the perimeter of each fence.

4. Various Agency Consultation Requests

Mr. Simmons introduced several agency requests for comment or consultation on projects. The Council decided that comments should be provided on the following projects/initiatives:

- BLM: Humboldt River Field Office has initiated a Public Comment Period for the Washburn Wells Preliminary Environmental Assessment.
- BLM: Interior Department releases the proposed plan to guide the balanced management of Public Lands.
- EPA: Notification of Consultation and Coordination on proposed Rule to establish Federal Baseline Water Quality Standards for Indian Reservation Waters.

Finance Report by Daniel Howard

Banking:

- Bank reconciliations are complete through March 2023.
- Mr. Howard applied for a system ID which is necessary to get access to ELOCCS, the HUD finance and reporting system.
- Access to PMS achieved and drawdowns have begun from programs in the system.

Grants:

- The tribe issued its 1st Quarter invoice to Great Basin Land and Water totaling \$29,104.35.
- Tribe received \$32,000 for Native Language Program
- Financial Reports were submitted for:
 - Fund 58—Emergency Rental Assistance Final report submitted
 - Payroll Quarterly Reports were submitted and State Unemployment taxes paid
- Chairwoman Lone Eagle and Mr. Howard attended the BIA Budget Training on May 10-11, 2023 conducted by Michael Hughes in Phoenix, Arizona.
- Award Modifications:
 - Higher Educations for 2023--\$8.637
 - o Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) CY Award of \$160.202
 - (New) Summit Lake Sagebrush Spring(s) into Action --\$70,000
 - Fisheries Management increased \$122,238
 - Range Improvement Program increased \$185,783
- Expenditures:
 - Total expenditures for the month of March 2023 were \$521,037
 - Capital Purchases:
 - There were no capital asset purchases for the month of March 2023
 - New grant awarded to install fences around springs at the

Reservation

Next Meetings:

Regular Council Meeting, Saturday, June 17, 2023 at the Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting.
Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion.
Chairwoman Rand Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:34 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, <u>Eugene Mace, Sr.</u>, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the May 20, 2023 General Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting June 17, 2023 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

<u></u> - FOR <u></u> <u>O</u> - AGAINST <u></u> <u>O</u> -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

6/17/2023 Date

Eugene Mace, Sr. Secretary/Treasurer

Summit Lake Tribal Council