

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
General Council Meeting
Saturday May 20, 2017
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation, Summit Lake, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, May 20, 2017 to order at the Summit Lake Reservation Office Administration Trailer at 10:18 am.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace called the roll. Chairwoman Page Linton, present; Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto-Emm, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Thalia Dick, absent.

STAFF: William Cowan, Department Natural Resources Director and Rhonda Knight, Finance Clerk

REPORTS

Council Reports

Council Chairwoman Page Linton reported David Gray of the Bureau of Reclamation did a very thorough audit going back to 2011. There was only one issue regarding the process approving our contract with Great Basin Land and Water. Mr. Gray will send a report detailing what the Council needs to do and what corrections are recommended.

The Chairwoman attended the Native Nations Land Act Celebration on April 22, 2017 at the Hungry Valley Gym. It was very nice. She received a plaque with the Land Bill inside of it. Ms. Knight prepared a list of quotes to create a way to display all four pages of the Land Bill for the Council's review.

Ms. Linton prepared a list of past and present members which was sent out to the membership on May 2, 2017. No responses have been received as yet.

She received an email from a former employee to be discussed during an executive session.

The new state hunting and fishing regulations are removing the exemption from off reservation hunting and fishing fees for Native Americans. The tribes were not consulted on this.

The temp that was hired to go through the boxes found the 1989 Base Roll certification. A copy was sent to Ms. Harjo of the Enrollment Committee via email.

Brian Melendez of the BIA conducted an audit of the Consolidated Program, specifically Enrollment. He would like to attend the June meeting to provide informational services if the Council so wishes. The BIA can scan boxes and send electronic copies of documents from a list as requested. The original copies are all stored in Kansas.

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On May 3, 2017 Ms. Linton was contacted by Robert Eben. He is working on getting the name of an investment institution for the minors' trusts. Ms. Linton was going back and forth with the BIA's Raylee Swan and Robert Eben. BIA cannot do the trust for the Ramah Settlement because the funds are not BIA trust funds so are legally unable to create the Ramah funds trust. If the Council goes through their bank the bank will charge interest. This would be a last resort. Ms. Linton is waiting for a response from Mr. Eben with the bank details.

There was a request for the Tribal credit card for supplies for the Natural Resources Department. There was a Higher Education request which Ms. Linton forwarded via email to Mr. Barr. A new employee for the Natural Resources Department attended orientation and then did not show up for work the next day. They could not get hold of him until he called and was asked to come in and fill out a timesheet for the orientation. The Enrollment Committee will be holding a meeting on Saturday, June 10, 2017. The time is yet to be determined and will need to be confirmed. Mr. Mace will attend the meeting. Mr. Barr will be out of town June 5, 2017 to June 12, 2017.

Ms. Quinn typed up the new Procurement Policy as discussed at the last meeting. The Council will go over it and approve it. Ms. Quinn also typed a letter to Harney Electric which Ms. Linton signed and it went out after a few revisions. It requested a refund of around \$4,000

Ms. Linton had six female and three male ICVAs that were all non-affiliated. They were from California, Colorado and Illinois. There is one possible pending case from Washington. Ms. Linton sent a letter to ICWA requesting more information for this male so that she can request more documentation from his parents.

The Chairwoman met with the Enrollment Committee on Saturday, April 29, 2017. She gave them her enrollment list. They are reviewing this list. She worked on updating the list with further investigation with Ms. DeSoto-Emm's assistance. She will print it and present the new list at the next meeting.

She also had three requests for Tribal ID cards. She ran out of ribbon ink. They replaced it with Victor's help.

Ms. Linton typed up a letter to request Proof of Descendancy because the committee questioned this for one member. The letter has been sent out to this individual with a timeline. She asked for the reasons that three applications were marked incomplete. The applicants were notified of this. After she receives the information from the committee as to the reasons, Ms. Linton will send the applicants the specific information

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She returned a call from one member requesting an ID. The photos being sent do not all have a blue background, and that is required. She will try to be more specific.

Ms. Linton has been checking emails. Mr. Mace and Mr. Barr attended a Veterans' Gathering on May 1, 2017. They requested the chance to present some information to Council and a letter of support. The Council has received a copy of the information.

Ms. Knight is present to present the financial report in Ms. Quinn's absence due to her vacation.

Council Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto-Emm attended the Native Nations Lands Bill Act luncheon in Hunger Valley. There was a good turn out and it was nice to see the different tribes and hear about their plans. It was a good luncheon and they took pictures.

She helped the Chairwoman with enrollment and the Prodigy printer. Ms. DeSoto-Emm assisted in updating the spreadsheet already developed. She noted that contrary to many people's thoughts, the Prodigy ID cards already printed do have an expiration date. The tribe's cards are fairly basic. They are being used more as official identification.

Ms. DeSoto-Emm has been working with Ms. Quinn on direct deposit with the bank. It has been difficult due to her work schedule. The bank only lists her with complete access. She will work on getting the process working so this can change.

She has been checking emails and text messages. She is still being contacted by Tribal members with questions. It is becoming overwhelming so she is directing them to the Chairwoman or the office. She came into the office to sign checks.

People need to realize there is a process to cashing their settlement checks. People are thankful that the money has been dispersed because it has been very helpful right now.

The newsletter was good. She is not always getting things sent out to her.

Mr. Cowan requested clarification on the expiration of ID cards. Ms. DeSoto-Emm explained that when the cards were first being made, there was no expiration date, but this changed with Prodigy. If a Tribal ID card is going to be used as an official ID, it is required to have an expiration date on it. He also asked what will be done about it. The members can always ask for a new one with an expiration date. Mr. Barr believes that there is a policy that the period of activation is five years. Ms. Linton said they will see if there is a resolution or policy and possibly revise it and notify the membership of the policy and ask them to check expiration dates. It would be best for everyone to have

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one with an expiration date. Mr. Cowan raised the issue that he wants to be sure to retain his enrollment number. The Council needs to look at this.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace attended the Native Nations Land Act luncheon in Hungry Valley. He found it very interesting and enjoyable.

He worked on going through the boxes and finishing that up.

He went to the National Native American Veterans Memorial with Mr. Barr. He found it interesting how the veterans were used at the point because of stereotypes. They talked about the museum in Washington D.C. Mr. Mace has received his computer and now has internet. He will need some instructions on using the computer and wants security training. Ms. Linton will check on getting a link for a security tutorial.

He signed checks and journal vouchers. Ms. DeSoto-Emm said SF-425s are ready to go over.

Mr. Cowan asked what the veterans' conference was about. Mr. Mace said it was about the tribes talking about the Native American Museum in Washington D.C. Mr. Barr clarified that they discussed putting up a Native American Veterans War Memorial on the grounds of the National Native American Museum. The federal government considered it an official consultation. It was number 30 of 35 meetings across the USA with the Curator of the Native American Smithsonian Museum in Washington D.C. They need more private sponsors.

Council Member Jerry Barr reported he had one Higher Education application but she had no need. He has not yet received the new application. He will look at it when he gets back in town.

He met with Brian Melendez and Ms. Quinn, Financial Director, on April 27, 2017 on the BIA audit. Mr. Melendez was fairly happy. Mr. Barr mentioned changing the constitution and how to do that. He said they can call him and set up a meeting just for that and he will tell the Council exactly what to do, step-by-step. He said he could have it done in a year. This would be going from articles to a constitution. Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is one of two tribes that still have Articles of Association. Mr. Melendez said it could be a long meeting and maybe it should be kept separate. Ms. DeSoto-Emm said the procedure is to write a letter asking for technical assistance and then the BIA will approve it. Ms. Linton will write a letter and asking for a Monday or Tuesday evening.

Mr. Barr went to the Veterans event. It was very good. It was good to hear the veterans talk. It was suggested to take an oral history by recording the Tribe's veterans talking about their experiences and the recordings can be sent to Washington D.C. to be part of the Native American Museum. They would also put up the different tribal flags. Mr. Barr

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volunteered to take one to the museum when he is in Washington D.C. The Chairwoman approved and the Vice-Chairwoman thanked Mr. Barr.

Staff Reports

Financial Report presented by Rhonda Knight

1. Ramah Settlement checks are going out as planned. So far 73 have been processed.
2. First Quarter 2017 SF-425s for all programs were sent out. Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto-Emm to review the SF-425s.
3. A letter was mailed to the Fred Flippence, General Manager of Harney Electric addressing the overcharges in the years 2015 through 2017 and the Finance Department is now waiting for a response.
4. BIA Consolidated Fund 101 program audit was done by Brian Melendez, Tribal Operations Officer, on April 27, 2017. An overview of operations was completed and an audit report will follow. This could take several months. Council Member Jerry Barr attended the meeting.
5. Mr. David Gray of the Bureau of Reclamation audited the Desert Terminal Lake grant R11AV20023 on Wednesday, April 19, 2017. Mr. Cowan and Ms. Quinn were present. He requested backup documentation for expenses paid Great Basin Land and Water for 2011 through 2015. Rob Scanland provided the requested records. No final response has been received.
6. The Direct Deposit for Payroll has come to a standstill. Randi DeSoto-Emm is the only one who can verify with US Bank the changes the Finance Department is attempting to make. The US Bank service center is not open on Saturdays and Ms. DeSoto-Emm has a full-time job so it is difficult to accomplish this task.
7. The auto insurance company paid the accident claim submitted for the damages on the GSA vehicle. \$3,904.25 was received with a deductible taken out of the repairs of \$4,904.25.
8. A lot of prep work has been completed for the annual audit scheduled for May 30, 2017 through June 2, 2017.

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9. Verizon cell phones and lines were ordered. The delay was due to an outdated point of contact needing to be updated as the Tribe account is a governmental account. Ms. Linton is the new point of contact.

10. The Procurement Policy was emailed and is ready for final review and/or additional revisions. Approval before the May 30th audit is preferable.

11. Budget Review. The Council was given copies of the budget spreadsheets. There was a discussion regarding Higher Education and that there is one application to be reviewed. Ms. Linton also discussed taking funds from the consolidated budget for school supplies for minors. Schools will have a list of needed supplies. Mr. Cowan will review the budget for comments/questions on the Natural Resources Grants. Funds 93, 119 and 125 have been closed.

When asked for clarification, Ms. DeSoto-Emm discussed her role in the Direct Deposit verifications with US Bank.

Financial Clerk Report: Ms. Knight reported on what she has been doing. In addition to the day-to-day things such as answering the phones, checking in mail, greeting customers, and filling, Ms. Quinn is teaching her accounts payable, entering invoices in Abila, the entire payroll process to issue checks and learning the payroll system. She is learning to post on the Go Daddy website and other various financial tasks. She assists the Natural Resources Department when asked. She types up drafts for Council members when asked. She also helped with preparing for the audit and working with Ms. Linton and Mr. Mace on letters for ICWA.

Program Office Assistant Report: She has been scanning documents. There are still problems. She has been working with tech support. Suggestions were made to clean the scanner often and move the scanner to a new location. Other tasks she has been doing are answering the phones, checking in mail, greeting customers, updating lobby postings, updating job postings online, updating to Mr. Cowan about job applicants, cleaning the office, running errands, prepare purchase orders, coordinating vehicle repairs and maintenance, complete mileage logs, scheduling interviews for open job positions and doing online research. She has assisted the Natural Resources Department when asked.

Natural Resource Department Report by Director William Cowan

Mr. Cowan sent out his report prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

Discussion topics:

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1. Field trip to see Mahogany inflow and overflow water channel.
2. Personnel issues-Executive Session
3. Great Basin Land and Water Contract-Executive Session
4. Resolution to present.

Mr. Cowan took the Council on a field trip to view the Mahogany Creek inflow and overflow. This is because of the restoration project so they can identify priorities of the study. The Council left at 11:28 am.

The Council returned from the Field Trip at 12:45 pm.

Tribal Jerri Barlese and Jennifer Rovanpera and Craig Drake of the Applegate BLM Field Office joined the meeting.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto-Emm moved to make an agenda change to move to the Applegate BLM Field Office report. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:46 pm.

Applegate BLM Field Office Report

Craig Drake reported that not much has changed since the last meeting they attended.

The NorCal Riparian Restoration Program EA: They have prevailed on the repeal so they can now proceed. There are a couple of projects submitted for funding for next year. Mr. Drake has no idea what the next year's budget will be. What they do have is a Programmatic Environmental assessment which allows them to work on many springs in the area. They will still need to do a soil analysis on each one. When they look at what needs to be fixed, they will do a cultural study. They will engage more with the Tribe.

Ms. Rovanpera discussed:

Range and Wild Horses and Burros: They have the Stateline Fence Reconstruction project between grazing allotments. This fencing is from the 1950s. It could extend to the Oregon border and would require new roads.

NRC Soil Data Collective Program: They are testing small shovelfuls of soil to identify soil to be sure the soil and vegetation is correct for the area and matches former data.

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Grazing Permit Renewals have not changed. The Denio, North Cowhead, and Bitner grazing permits have been renewed. They are still working on the Horse Lake Grazing Permit renewal which needs to incorporate the sage grouse data.

Fields and Forestry: They are still working on the Juniper Management Programmatic EA. Similar to the Bio Management Programmatic EA. It is making progress.

Ongoing: They were able to burn cut juniper piles at North Cowhead. They will be doing several cutting projects.

Fire: Mr. Drake reported on the West Fire this April. It burned the cheat grass. It was on the site of an earlier burn. There is no plan for restoration. They do have a test plot for a fungus which could be effective on cheat grass, but will take two to three years to show results. It was put on five plots last year.

Ms. Rovanpera continued by discussing the Dodge Fire. They are doing some planting but most of the restoration is cleaning reservoirs and repairing fences.

Lands, Realty and Recreation: There is a new right-of-way request to put in a road from Highway 88 a thousand feet to the south to a private parcel.

Cultural: Still planning on the Massacre field trip, hopefully this year. Camp overnight and then go on up the rock. The Nevada Rock Art Foundation will be back at the end of the summer. They recorded two-thirds of the site already. The American Rock Art Research Association Conference is coming up the first week of June in Bend, Oregon. Photographs have been discovered around Alturas. Sportsmen's Expo and Children's Fair will be on Father's Day weekend. The University of Utah will be out to continue their plant study collection next week. Chico State University will be out the first three weeks of June to continue doing surveys.

Mr. Barr asked if the Sportsmen's Expo was at the Pit River Reservation. Ms. Rovanpera said it was in in Alturas at a park.

Mr. Drake said that the Tribe can contact them anytime.

Ms. Rovanpera reported that they would be doing a grazing compliance at Wall Canyon East near Sheldon, north of Summit Lake.

Ms. Rovanpera will try to plan the Massacre trip for some time in this summer.

There was a discussion on Outfitters and Guides and their use of BLM land and off road driving.

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Mr. Cowan explained the fish situation as it currently stands with a low adult fish population and identified possible problem areas including channel overflow and reed canary grass. Ms. Rovanpera will help in getting information on reed canary grass for Mr. Cowan and send maps on the ACs and WSAs.

Mr. Drake and Ms. Rovanpera left the meeting. They should return in August.

Tribal Member Jerri Barlese said that she protested the enrollment of Ms. Dick and her place on the Council saying that according to the BIA, Ms. Dick is not allowed to be enrolled at Summit Lake. She feels the Council is neglecting their duty according to the Articles of Association. She said that there are five or six people who did not go through the enrollment process. She said that she has a list of all the enrolled members which she will send to the Council. She does not want Ms. Dick representing her on the Council. The Tribal Member left the meeting.

Chairwoman Linton called for a lunch break at 1:45.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:28 pm.

Mr. Cowan resumed the Natural Resources Department report.

He will resend the report on the Mahogany Creek restoration design to the Council. The recommendation is to reconnect abandoned meanders downstream from the fish trap and to construct a bearm to reduce the amount of water flooding out of Mahogany Creek. Mr. Cowan has some concerns about elements of the design report. He supports reconfiguring the stream to return it to its natural geometry. He would like a blend of alternatives and options due to expense of proposed restoration. Eventually he will ask for approval of a restoration contract with monies coming from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through NFWF Fund 122. Mr. Cowan hopes to wrap things up in a couple months and get the Council's approval.

Mr. Cowan presented a resolution for a Transportation Improvement Program Allocation for Funding. He reviewed the spreadsheets supporting the resolution. The resolution is for the Council's agreement with the Transportation Improvement Program and they are directing the BIA to put this into the TIP program for the Tribe's share.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr made a motion to approve Resolution SL-07-2017 Approval of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribes 2016 to 2021 Transportation Improvement Program - TIP with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution enacted at 2:44 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Randi Desoto-Emm moved for an Executive Session for Personnel and Great Basin Land and Water Contract for 20 minutes. Council Member Jerry Barr seconded the motion.
Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:48 pm.

Council returned from Executive session at 3:08 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the meeting minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, April 15, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:50 pm.

The council discussed quotes on framing the Native Nations Land Act Bill. It was the consensus of the Council to get four frames, one for each page, from Hobby Lobby.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.
Meeting adjourned at 3:52 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the May 20, 2017, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting June 17, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 1 - ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

Date
06/20/2017

Eugene Mace, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council