

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, September 16, 2023  
Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, September 16, 2023 to order at 8:06 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 Philip Frank, present; and Council Member Steven Crane, present via phone.

**STAFF:** James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Mr. Daniel Howard, Finance Director; and Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator via Zoom.

**GUESTS:** Liz, Tribal Member; Donna Monahan, T-Mobile; and Scott Nichols of Ormat Technologies

**Presentation by Donna Monahan of T-Mobile**

Ms. New Moon introduced Ms. Monahan explaining that she was working with her so SLPT can provide free internet to the members for two years. She has decided to be SLPT's partner in this program.

Ms. New Moon stated that the members' addresses had been sent to Ms. Monahan and that she would go over the availability of service to those addresses. There was a brief meeting with the Chairwoman, Ms. New Moon and Ms. Monahan on Thursday, September 14, 2023 to toss around ideas on how the two-year framework will work.

Ms. Monahan stated that she met Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon a couple of months prior to this meeting. They mentioned that they wanted to provide internet to the families of the membership. T-Mobile developed a high speed wi-fi internet service. The coverage provided must be sufficient or they will not provide service. To this end, they received the addresses of the members and checked the locations to see whether they could provide coverage. They could cover 85%-95% of the families.

This is Government Internet. It is high speed internet at \$30 per month with unlimited high-speed data with reliable connection. The installation is easy with plug and play. 30 people can connect. 85% of the families can be provided coverage. Since it is a Federal Government plan there is no installation or cancellation costs.

Mr. Mace asked about whether he would be covered living in a hotel. It was discussed that although it is in Reno, Nevada which would be covered, there could be issues with the hotel and making any changes to their provided wi-fi. It would be up to the landlord. He already has wi-fi provided.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked what extenders can help with, could it help those who do not

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qualify. Ms. Monahan said they are used to boost a little signal into a more robust signal. They have to have a signal first so it does not help those who do not qualify.

She wants to get those qualified up and running. Since T-Mobile coverage is continuing to expand, she will periodically check the locations that did not qualify to see if they can qualify in the future.

In the Thursday meeting, along with Clyde of T-Mobile, they had 31 of 100 households interested. They also discussed the shipment of the routers and decided to ship them to the SLPT office once they set-up a federal business account. Ms. New Moon took over this task. They will order the 100 routers allowing for others to join in the program and not have to request equipment piece by piece, but have an inventory.

Ms. Monahan stated that they have a warehouse partner that can do asset-tags to track the equipment for SLPT and create inventory spreadsheets at no cost. This was welcomed by the Council. Ms. New Moon said that with a Federal Government account it could be an option to switch cell phone service to T-Mobile. They provide all types of phones, tablets and computers. Ms. Monahan said these can be asset tagged as well. They can discuss this later. Ms. Monahan gave them information on the current promotions and estimated costs.

Ms. Monahan said that if they can be ordered this month, they can get a free month. Feel free to contact her if there are any questions.

Ms. Monahan left the meeting at 8:27 am.

There was discussion on the T-Mobile presentation. Ms. Crane likes the idea. Ms. New Moon had a concern. Ms. Monahan said she wanted to provide 100% of interested members with coverage. There are 85-90% that can be covered now. Areas that are not covered now are McDermitt, Sparks/Reno outskirts, Warm Springs, Rio Del California, South Reno on Sunbeam, and Carson City, Nevada. These areas are now on T-Mobile's radar and, with expansion, these areas should be 100% covered in the future.

Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that T-Mobile estimated the area coverage by pinging the local area. They are projecting the broadband which will expand the coverage.

She then talked about the broadband project on the Reservation. There is one individual who wants to live up there 100% of the time. The question has always been if they were included in this. The answer is yes. They are on the Reservation so why would they not be included. She is not sure how the logistics with Native Connections will be, how it will all take place because the project is at a standstill. ITCN is reapplying for additional funding for the second round. It is being done in phases. They were part of the first phase. Native Connections have not been to the Reservation to do their assessment.

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Mr. Simmons has agreed to assist with taking the gentlemen to the Reservation.

She thinks the T-Mobile plan is a good one, but is sure there will be backlash from those who are not eligible asking why not wait until everyone is covered; why not go to another carrier? They discussed other options like helping ineligible people with increasing what they already have and help with payments.

Ms. New Moon said she would like, as best as they can, to keep it uniform. If they approve the project, they would order 100 routers and start the program on November 1, 2023 so the program would end on October 2025. There will be some strangers coming in later. Ms. New Moon asked if their time starts when they apply and ends in October 2025 or go a full two years. Mr. Mace said two keep in the two-year time frame ending in 2025, If the applicant applies a year later, they get one year. This will keep things more organized.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that it should be promoted before the roll-out and keep the two-year time frame. Ms. New Moon stated that only those people who are currently ineligible can take the option of having SLPT pay for their current service instead. If someone opts out of the program when eligible, SLPT will not pay for their current service. She would like to see it be uniform.

They can use all the ways of communicating the program to the membership right away. They can order the equipment and send it out in October and start the program on November 1, 2023.

Ms. Crane would like to move forward with this. Ms. New Moon will prepare a policy to be ready for next month's meeting. She will send it out before hand so they can read it and notify her of any changes before the meeting so all they need to do is take action. It is the Consensus of the Council is to move forward with the T-Mobile internet and router service.

## MINUTES

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, August 19, 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 at 8:45 am.**

## Council Reports

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** presented a resolution updated from SL-15-2005 for the CFR Court. Since the original resolution was 13 years old, they asked for an

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updated version of the resolution. Mrs. Lone Eagle used the old resolution, updated the dates and gave it a new resolution number. There were no other changes. It is the same as the first one. The CFR Court will be back out to SLPT on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. They wanted the new before come back.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to introduce and approve Resolution SL-28, 2023 Update of Resolution SL-15-2005 Adoption of the CFR Court for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-28-2023 enacted at 8:49 am.**

There will be a consultation with Scott Nichols of Ormat regarding the Geothermal project in Gerlach, Nevada. He is aware that the tribe and Burning Man are currently in litigation in regards to this project. She talked to him earlier in the week and stated that they did come and meet with the tribe and BLM. They had a conversation where the tribe was given a number of sites and what would happen with the project. Later on, through hearing from Burning Man and their conversation, the number of sites was doubled. SLPT now had questions about cultural sites, sacred sites, hot springs; whether these were going up toward the Reservation, what would the proximity look like. Burning Man wanted to have a partnership with SLPT. Mrs. Lone Eagle met with them and had a conversation with their legal team. He is aware of this and will keep this in mind, but he wants to give a presentation at 9:00 am.

## **COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle's** report runs from August 21, 2023 to September 15, 2023. The Finance Director was on approved leave August 21, 2023 through August 23, 2023. Mrs. Lone Eagle was on leave from August 23, 2023 to August 28, 2023. Upon returning she and her family had COVID. Thus, she was out of the office for a week or so. She said COVID is not going away. There is a new variant. Mr. Simmons said a new shot for this variant should be available in a week or so. She was working from home. One day Mr. Howard stopped at her home to give her work from the office. She thanked Ms. Crane for filling in for her while she was gone.

Upon returning she was set to immediately fly to the University of Notre Dame in Indiana with Theresa of Tribal Minds to meet with their Notre Dame people, Front Lines of America, on the agreement they signed with them; however, that did not happen due to testing positive for COVID. They will do research on renewable energy. They shifted gears because of how renewable energy or grids infrastructure needs to be stored. They will make a trip to the reservation October 7 to 13, 2023. They tentatively want to meet with the Council on the Wednesday, October 10, 2023 and Friday, October 13, 2023. They are trying to plan an evening event, dinner or something, with the Tribal

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Council, staff and members interested to see where this agreement formed, what SLPT wants them to accomplish with what they are looking at. They shifted gears in regard to cultural economic development vs renewable energy. They are kind of 50/50 on what they will find and do. They will stay overnight and pitch tents. There will be eight people from Notre Dame and people from Tribal Minds as they are a third partner.

September 5, 2023: Approved access for the Finance Director and Housing Manager for ELLOCs. They had to be re-certified. She also handled calls and emails.

September 6, 2023: Mailed some laptops regarding the capital project. There are 29 laptops remaining. Unknowingly she sent out a laptop to someone who was currently incarcerated. No where on the list does it say that someone else, power of attorney or some relative will fill out the form for them because they will get it any way when they are released. She learned about it after the fact. She wondered if she supposed to track incarcerations and work with Enrollment or are the family members filling it out and take it at face-value.

Ms. Crane said the Enrollment Department has done their part. Mrs. Lone Eagle said the laptop forms come to her and do not go to the Enrollment Department. She takes the form and the date received. She tags the computer and sends it out.

Ms. New Moon said the reason it was brought up was she received a form for a cleaning bundle for a member who was incarcerated. She was on the last section of ordering on Amazon and had a problem with the address being undeliverable. She discovered he was incarcerated and could not receive the bundle. The family said that he will be released eventually. Ms. New Moon said he can apply for it after he is released. They said Enrollment said it was okay. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that if the name is not on her list of people she has sent to, she will send it out because her list does not identify the incarcerated members.

As far as Enrollment goes, instead of taking it upon herself to send forms, she should refer those who ask about bundles and laptops, etcetera, to the one who is administering the program and refrain from making promises. The laptop is probably not going unused, but it was not going to be used by the member.

Scott Nichols of Ormat joined the meeting.

**Presentation by Mr. Nichols of Ormat Technologies:**

He contacted Chairwoman Lone Eagle because Ormat works across northern Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Idaho and California in the development of renewable, sustainable geothermal energy. They also work in recovered energy generation and also solar energy and battery storage. It was started in the 1950s. Today he wants to provide a

short summary and answer any questions they have. He hopes it is the first opportunity to talk and listen about concerns, opportunities and interests in geothermal energy.

Ormat has a number of projects in northern Nevada that they have an interest in. They have no geothermal resource that has been identified. He wants to give a Geothermal 101 presentation to:

- Talk about energy perspectives, the US Electric grid and why geothermal is important to that grid, and what it provides to the communities.

Nevada is a critical component and why many of historic tribal lands are a potential contributor to renewable, sustainable energy development in Nevada. Geothermal is far better than solar or wind renewable sustainable energy efforts.

- Geological perspective and geothermal systems
- Geothermal is sustainable Zero emission energy
- Development process
- Sustainability:
  - Corporate
  - Community
  - Environmental

The US electrical system is made up of multiple interconnections and balancing authorities. As the utilities companies built out the energy resources, they connected them. Energy has to be used when it is generated. Power needs to be in storage to balance the power. Geothermal energy provides base load and it stays on consistently. Base load is everything you never go below or the minimum power to maintain the system power.

#### US Perspective

- United States has more than 7,300 power plants, nearly 160,000 miles of high-voltage power lines, millions of low-voltage power lines and distribution transformers.
- Network structure which maintains reliability and demand and supply are always balanced.

#### Need for Balance and Baseload Energy

- Regional utility is typically the Balancing Authority
- Ensures supply and demand are balanced in real time
- Balance is needed to maintain safe and reliable operation of power grid
- Failure to balance demand and supply can result in brownout or blackouts
- Geothermal energy provides consistent power that facilitates system balance and grid stability

Nevada is the hub of the United States geothermal market as well as the hub of gold and minerals economies. Basin Range is the valleys and mountains from the Utah boarder on the East to Pyramid Lake, with the California border and the Sierra front in the West. This is due to the tectonic plates being pulled apart causing faults.

Mr. Nichols explained how the hot water was created and confined under pressure over thousands of years and years. The leakage is geothermal water or brine that is 270°F to 350°F is used to create energy. Many of hot springs are leakages of this water or steam vents.

### Geothermal Systems and Power Generation

Low Temperature Resources: 100°F to 180°F used for Direct heating, Greenhouses, In-floor Residential and Commercial, with Zero emissions, Closed loop.

Medium Temperature Resources: 270°F-350°F as desired by Ormat:  
Commercial power generation with Binary Cycle; Pentane or Butane working fluid, Heat exchange with Zero emissions, Closed loop

High Temperature: 370°F-400°F+: Commercial power generation with Flash steam that spins turbine, Condensate injected; Emissions monitored.

- Sonoma County, Imperial Valley, Indonesia

### Zero Emission Energy-Binary Cycle Geothermal

This is how they generate power from medium temperatures. The reservoir with the hot brine that is pumped up to the surface is run through a heat exchanger. Temperature of brine drops and the heat is transferred to working fluid. The fluid expands and drives the turbine creating electricity. This is a closed cycle. Nothing is added to the brine and it is put back into the reservoir to be reheated to continue to be used.

### Sustainable and Environmentally Friendly Energy: Comparison of Capacity Factors of Solar, Wind and Geothermal Facilities

Geothermal energy has the highest capacity factor of renewable energy. 10 or 11 megawatts. Geothermal facilities generate 98-99% of their capacity. It would take 30 megawatts of solar panels to generate 10 megawatts of solar power and only when the sun is out. To get 10 acres of wind they would need 25 acres of wind to produce the 10 megawatts of power. Geothermal has the smallest environmental and visual footprint of any traditional or renewable energy resource. A geothermal plant will generate and deliver two to four times as much energy as a solar or wind facility with the same installed capacity.

### Development Process

Ormat has been looking at sites for up to ten years.

The process includes:

- Reconnaissance Exploration, prefeasibility, feasibility, development drilling, a power plant, and then operations.

The process usually takes seven years with two distinct phases:

- Exploration
- Development

Ormat has a commitment to sustainability. It was founded on sustainably generated power. They have green solutions including recovered generation, solar generation and energy storage. It was family owned the US. Operations is based in Reno, Nevada. They own and operate their own facilities. They want to be part of the community. They are committed to protecting water, communities, environment. They have established water, environmental and climate policies that have to uphold. Their mantra is that every community they operate in should benefit from their presence. They believe in win-win opportunities.

#### Environmental Sustainability

- Geothermal resources can provide sustainable zero emission power.
- Geothermal generated energy produces more energy, using less land area and with less environmental impact than any other commercial energy source.
- Ormat must protect surface springs and groundwater.
- Geothermal systems are separate from groundwater systems.
- Ormat's new plants uses dark sky compliant lighting.
- No geothermal brine is released or consumed for power production; geothermal power is sustainable.
- The smallest environmental and visual footprint of any energy resource.

Ormat staff and everybody he works with strives to engage with, listen to, discuss and address community concerns. They believe that local values and geothermal are mutually compatible. Mr. Nichols would like the opportunity to fill SLPT in on things in the future, and keep them apprised or tell him would he would be meeting and communicating with within SLPT.

He asked for any questions.

Mr. Frank asked if, in northern Nevada, whether they were looking a areas around the Diode. Mr. Nichols said they were. They are not looking to develop the springs but to find deep structural faults in deep geothermal reservoirs.



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Mrs. Lone Eagle told him that going forward he should contact her, typically. She mentioned the litigation that SLPT was partnering with Burning Man. SLPT Council has a rule that anything that is within a 75-mile radius of the Reservation, then this is a question and is of concern to them. Where the Reservation is located, there is a lot of public BLM land surrounding the Reservation. This concerns the lake, fish, sage grouse, etcetera which a lot of people cannot see elsewhere. Litigation is something new to SLPT because consultation was not followed and that they were an after thought when they should have been part of the discussion from the beginning.

Mr. Nichols appreciates her comments and he should have started the discussion with an apology in his timing and his planning before now. Although SLPT was on his list, there were no commercial resources being looked at in the area of the Reservation. He took responsibility for that. His presence there was not due to the litigation, but on the three sites they are interested in in the area. There may be more. SLPT has the last best portion of Nevada. It is incredible. The land and the historic lands; there is nothing like it. It has to be seen to know. He is looking forward to working with them. His intent is showing the Council that geothermal is a longtime development. It is the most difficult energy resource to develop. There are no emergencies here. They are not coming in late to the discussion. They are not coming in at the end of the discussion. There is plenty of time to discuss it. Let him know if there are sites that are off the table, they probably would go find one somewhere else.

Mr. Simmons asked what is the typical size for a plant. Mr. Nichols generalized the largest are 25 acres, but the average is 10 acres or less for a plant. In the northern Nevada region in the Summit Lake area, it would be around five acres with a spider web pipeline and road with three or four producing wells and two or three injection wells with a total foot print less than 20 acres. That is if there is a commercial resource. They want to drill as few wells as possible.

Mr. Simmons asked what 10 megawatts equates to in actual power. Mr. Nichols said energy information says about 1000 homes per megawatt. A small facility in a rural area means a small community would have all the power needs of the community satisfied.

Mr. Simmons asked if they would go through NEPA. Mr. Nichols said yes, three times during the three phases. Mr. Simmons was concerned about migration corridors for animals and for sacred sites for the tribe. He also mentioned that the springs south east of the reservation were about 15 miles away. It is fairly close.

Mr. Nichols wants to hear the concerns of the tribe. He said he understands that the tribe has nation to nation consultations. What Ormat has found that they can do a better job of understanding documenting and working with and through modifying their facilities and operations when they consult with the tribe.

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Mr. Nichols left the meeting at 9:48 am.

Chairwoman Lone Eagles report continued 9:53 am.

Mrs. Lone Eagle handled emails and reviewed the Council mail.

The Chairwoman interviewed Jenn Pielop who was through Robert Half. The other individual never got back to her, but she did start a different job. She emailed Mrs. Lone Eagle regarding a different job coming in on in the evenings. An offer was made to Ms. Pielop. As of Monday, September 11, 2023 and she is now an official SLPT employee. They utilized Ramah funds for her buy-out of just under \$6,000 as approved by Council.

- September 11, 2023: Approved the sign-in sheet and the agenda. She created the ZOOM link with no duplicate link.
- Handled Emails, phone calls and messages on a daily basis.
- Pow wow classes were scheduled to be on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. They are going to be every second Tuesday of the month until the end of the year. However, the teacher, Theresa cancelled class as she had been exposed to COVID by her traveling companion that week and did not want to expose anyone. It was rescheduled to September 26, 2023.
- She had a meeting with Nevada Conservation Legal Electricity: Nevada Conservation Conversation from 5:00-7:00 pm.
- One night she had a meeting, in addition to the usual weekly meeting with Norte Dame, with Tribal Minds and Notre Dame.
- She has a tentative proposal/agreement/letter lease agreement for 2155 Green Vista Drive, Suite 201 to rent out the three office spaces along with the little room that was storage. She met with Brian Melendez, CEO of Tribal Minds. He drafted a proposal for the Council. He would like to rent out the office space. The offices themselves and would utilize the kitchen and restrooms as needed. She did address the idea of the pantry. There was a list of pros and cons to rent the office space to Tribal Minds as an indigenous organization and the space currently unoccupied. Of course, SLPT has been working in collaboration with him and have working sessions with Tribal Minds. On Thursday, September 14, 2023 he did a walk-through. He liked the space. He wants to give his money to a tribe. They normally work mid-day to evenings. She explained that the pantry and the SLPT operate during normal work hours of 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. They would have access to either the back or front door. They can come or go. He would like to pay for a year lease from October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024. The rate is \$1550 per month so he would pay \$18,600. He designated offices 1, 2, 3 and storage room.
- Thursday, September 14, 2023
  - She met with Donna Monahan of T-Mobile

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- CPR First Aid AED Certified Staff and Council are all certified. It was a good class.
- She signed for funds in the amount of \$6,413 and \$3,484 in regards to increasing the contract for FY 2023 Supplemental Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) for \$6,413. This is a one-time distribution for the Enrollment Department Modification increase-Contract A23AV00641 for \$6,413. Indian Child Protection Funds in the amount of \$3,484 it goes into the general ATG as an additional one-time distribution.

**ICWA**

In August there was a total of seven and in September there was a total of one, for a total of eight cases for SLPT.

**CFP:** There are 29 laptops available.

**Council Mail:**

- Tribal Net flyer.
- ICWA Flyer
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians letter regarding Tribal dues. She verified with Ms. New Moon that SLPT does not have a membership.
- Letter from Saving Our Children Campaign.
- August 17, 2023: Letter from the US Department of Transportation
- August 17, 2023: letter from BLM, Applegate District on Lower Lake allotment Range improvements project
- August 18, 2023: letter from Nevada Indian Commission regarding their two new staff members.
- August 21, 2023: BLM letter due to juniper reduction projects.
- August 24, 2023: Letter from the far Western Ethnography and TCP studies for the Fallon Range training complex modernization Naval Air Station Fallon
- August 24, 2023: Pipeline awareness letter
- August 24, 2023: Department of the Interior hearings on C. Wyatt probate
- August 28, 2023: Received a US Bank pin
- August 28, 2023: Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Section 106 of the NEPA of the Sheldon Deferred Maintenance Boundary Fence Replacement as well as another Section 106 of the NEPA for Bateman Spring Camp relocation
- August 29, 2023: BIA Documents for signing of Contract A23AV00923 Climate Adaptation Planning and Community for Ecosystems at Summit Lake
- September 1, 2023: Received a Nevada Indian Commission point of contact for civic engagement taskforce. The week of September 18, 2023 there is a three-day training September 20-22, 2023 at Stewart between Stacy Montooth on

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travel and Serina Nez trying to coordinate Mrs. Lone Eagle's lodgings and mileage reimbursement, she said she would just travel back and forth to the event.

- Also received an invitation for Duckwater Shoshone Elementary School Fifth Year Celebration on November 3-4, 2023.
- Received a letter for the Amazon Business Account to pay by invoice
- Letter from the Department of Agriculture in regards to the discovery of human remains that may be culturally affiliated with SLPT.
- September 5, 2023: BLM office in California for a proposed aurora-uranium-lithium exploration project
- A workshop-notice from Michael Hughes for two workshops. December 6-7, 2023 and December 13-14, 2023 one in Tempe, Arizona and one in Albuquerque, New Mexico
- Received a letter from the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) regarding the adoption a consultation policy by the NIC. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not have any issues with that. She has reviewed it.
- September 8, 2023: Received a letter from the BLM Reno, Nevada office on the Green Link West project geotechnical investigations
- Received another letter from the BLM Office in Oregon on the High-tech minerals Plan of Operations for the McDermitt Exploration project
- Flyer on a mining informational event in Lovelock, Nevada on September 22, 2023
- She signed travel documents when she attended the pre-service training with ITCN which she sent back to them.

She hopes the Council is in support of the Rental Agreement with Tribal Minds. She will sign it, circle back with Mr. Melandez so they can move in on October 1, 2023. Mr. Mace asked if the pantry was still going to be over there. Nothing has been moved over there and they are not on any lock and key restriction right now.

#### Discussion on Pantry

Things have been purchased for the pantry with ARPA funds and this is a different thing than the Catholic Charities donations. Things are coming out that one person is taking food for multiple families and stating that they did not but signing out as if they did. There is a tribal member employee. It was hard to address it when they were working off donations only. Ms. New Moon feels this person has abused the pantry in a way. It has been always a standard rule that it is first come-first served. Because they work from donations, there may not be enough of any one item for everyone. The ARPA money has been used to purchase meat. Ms. New Moon was not there for the first incident. The volunteer and Mrs. Lone Eagle went to purchase a variety of meat. There were 40-50 packages of meat for less than \$200.

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From the timeline when everything was unloaded, the scanners have been great helping keep the pantry stocked, from the time they left until a Council member came to get some meat, it was all gone. During that time there were very few, one or two, people in the pantry. Everything was gone. For the next few weeks, they had donated meat from Catholic Charities. August 24, 2023 they stopped by the Blue Ribbon meat company to talk to them. They got 15 pounds of bacon, 15 pounds of ground chuck and ten packages of chicken breast with two large breasts for each package. They packaged the meat with one pound of ground chuck, one pound of bacon and a chicken breast in one bag and put them in the freezer. They also put a note in the freezer on the bags that said One bag per family, No pick-ups for other families.

Ms. New Moon left at 4:30 pm and Ms. Pielop had left. Dan Howard and the other individual were the only ones there. The next morning six bags of meat were gone. It was disheartening. She asked Mr. Howard if a lot of people came in that day. He said there was one that came in and that the employee was taking the cart out full of stuff. He questioned her and she replied she was picking up for other families. He said it makes this person look bad.

Ms. New Moon created a sign-in sheet for the pantry. She asked the employee to sign for everyone who came in for food the day before. She put five or six people on the list. Ms. New Moon accessed the security camera outside. It can be seen that this person had a cart with a bunch of bags and boxes. On paper, there is only two people in the household. Ms. New Moon does not like it, but does not know what to do. She is asking for guidance. She knows of instances of this person's family coming in to pick-up things. If people cannot come themselves, Ms. New Moon and Mrs. Lone Eagle have offered to deliver pantry items.

Although it is first come, first served, Mrs. Lone Eagle said that does not mean take it all. Ms. New Moon says it does say not to take it all. Mrs. Lone Eagle is ready to shut it down but does not want that because there are people who need the pantry. They do not want to have it under lock and key. The kitchen at Suite 401 has the personal food and drinks of the Chairwoman and for the Council. People are taking it as if it is for the taking.

Logistically they cannot watch all the food.

Ms. New Moon said that 20% of herself does not want to do it anymore. The other part is proud it was made into a great thing. Mr. Mace does not like practice of taking too much. If the pantry gets to 201 they will only need one person. It is a big task with various duties. Ms. New Moon does not want it back when a person is hired. If SLPT gets grants there will be grant rules, government regulations, so not everyone can be served. There was further discussion of how there are different ways to service the pantry. She wishes that everyone would play by the rules. They will never please

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everyone.

Discussion on Attendance at meetings:

Mr. Mace wonders why Mr. Howard is not in the meeting but working next door. There was a discussion of having directors being at the Council meeting.

Continuation of Pantry Discussion:

Mrs. Lone Eagle sees that issues will be ongoing. She is suggesting that a policy be written.

Mr. Mace said to shut it down for now. They can reopen when a policy has been written and they are ready to move over to Suite 201. It was pointed out that if it was closed now, they would lose Catholic Charities. Ms. New Moon has checked out other tribal pantries. Donation items anyone can pick-up, but the member must qualify for grant foods. Mrs. Lone Eagle is ready to shut it down.

The timeline to move: first employing someone, a month to move it to the new building, and time to get up to speed.

Mrs. Lone Eagle looked up the different positions for working in a pantry.

Food Pantry Lead-Essential duties and responsibilities are to oversee all aspects of the operation of the food pantry, order food for the pantry, track inventory receive deliveries, etc.

Pantry Worker—driving duties, pantry duties, warehouse duties, etc.

Food Distribution Director- this is pretty in depth.

The person can be paid with ARPA dollars while they look for grants (USDA and others).

Mr. Mace that the Tribe need to invest in something to bring in a cash flow and then they can do it. Ms. New Moon is all for the leasing out of part of the building. This will generate some cash flow. Ms. New Moon would like this person to come, do well and stay.

Mr. Mace and Ms. Crane said they still need to address the employee in question. A strong policy will need to be created.

There was discussion with the type of person that challenges the authority of the Council and that they should adhere to the policies and ask to be put on the agenda and come to a meeting to talk out any problem and come to a solution. That way Council can hear the person out. Ms. New Moon is torn.

Mrs. Lone Eagle says to just shut it down. It has already been stated that there is an

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issue of how the SLPT staff and volunteers are being treated at the donation pick-up by some of their workers. Ms. New Moon knows the need is there. Maybe they should leave the pantry where it is. She is uncertain.

Mr. Mace said maybe it could be a daycare facility for the members run by someone who is not a tribal member.

Liz commented that they should not let one individual affect the entire tribes need. They have proven the need. So far the tribe has provided for those truly in need of help and they should not go unaided.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said in the next few weeks they will develop an official policy for the pantry. Right now, they should hold off making bulk meat purchases. She needs to know what is in the pantry to post it between her and Ms. New Moon on social media. They need to put something in place. Then there should be no ambiguity. There is now a sign-in sheet.

She asked if the Council was in favor of Tribal Minds renting the office space in Suite 201. It was commented that there should be a security deposit. Mrs. New Moon will talk with Mr. Melendez and Mr. Howard next week. They would have the Suite 401 available to them with prior scheduling like staff. Mr. Mace mentioned paying for the conference room space. He wants to pay the rent for the entire year up front. The rent should cover utilities, internet and HOA fees.

Mr. Melendez will join the meeting.

Mr. Howard was reminded that all directors are supposed to attend all Council meetings starting at 8:00 am.

The other applicant for Finance Clerk belongs to an organization like read a book to the community or community members. She would like to establish a family reading program at SLPT. They read a children's book, do an activity and then the families can take the book home. This would an evening once a month.

There is a new take-a-book, leave-a-book little library. The children seem to like it.

There was a discussion on Ms. Pielop becoming an employee. The buy-out was under \$6,000. She has assumed the duties of creating the agenda and sign-in sheets for the meetings in addition to the ones she is already doing. Mrs. Lone Eagle wants her to hone in on the finance piece and understand the finance policy in and out. If Ms. Pielop sees any edits or changes that need to be made to let the Chairwoman know so they can make it flow better for finance. She should make sure to have more hands-on doing more numbers, figures and reporting and budgets. She is working with Mr. Howard on

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training.

Mr. Melendez joined the meeting. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained that the Council was in support of Tribal Minds leasing the office space but did have some questions. She introduced the Council members.

Mr. Mace had a question addressing his concern about Tribal Minds using the conference room. He asked if Mr. Melendez felt that he had free usage of the conference room. There was an initial intent of being able to charge for the use of the facility for some revenue. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it is a good space for meetings. It is used by the staff and interviews.

Mr. Melendez explained how it was where he rented previously. They had a conference area where anyone in the building could schedule a time and use it. They only used it two or three times in a year. They are a non-profit so they are no cost to the community. Give him options. They would not use the facilities often. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned the security deposit. At the last place, he did not have a security deposit because they paid for a year in advance. It makes it easier so they do not have to think about it every month.

Mr. Melendez loves the idea of the pantry and it felt good. He is on the board for United Way and may be able to help the pantry. Mrs. Lone Eagle is all for it. Mr. Melendez loves the idea for several reasons. He would much rather pay Summit Lake, a member of the native community. He also feels good about what Summit Lake is doing and trying to do. They are right there if the Council needs them. He feels good about it. He loves everything about it. He likes it. Mr. Howard wondered if the HOA will allow it. Most feel that since SLPT owns the building, there should be no problem. Ms. New Moon knew of a case where someone was leasing their offices.

It is the Consensus of the Council to accept the lease agreement. Mrs. Lone Eagle will sign the agreement and Mr. Melendez will drop by with a cashier's check the week of September 25, 2023. They can move in on October 1, 2023. He is really excited. Mr. Melendez left the meeting at 11:41 am.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** stated that on Monday August 21, 2023 she met with BIA people on the CFR Court. Jacob Park out of Oklahoma was there to get the CFR Court in place. Felicia Wright out of Elko, Nevada was the Court Clerk. They want to meet back again in November. The resolution was updated. Ms. Wright will send out a packet to Mrs. Lone Eagle. They can do it with a WebX Court.

Thursday, September 14, 2023 she attended the CPR First Aid AED training. The instructor was great.



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She filled in for the Chairwoman when she away. She was available to sign checks

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the Native American Fish and Wildlife convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. He found it very interesting. There was a lot of information. He realized Mr. Simmons had a lot on his plate. He learned about hunting/hunter education classes. They have classes--One in person and one online. There was a training to be a trainer. They went over endangered species and pollination. He discussed other classes available. It was a very good meeting. He was available to sign checks.

Mr. Simmons asked for information on the Hunter Education. Mr. Mace has the information and the booklet for the Navajo Nation with all the animals in it.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they are waiting after applying for grant money for cultural things and hope to do apps and booklets.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended the convention in Las Vegas, Nevada. He learned that when hunting and fishing they should abide by the State rules. Mr. Simmons said that SLPT should have a more formal process with ID, Tribal ID and harvest tag. This should protect the members for off reservation identification so as not to be questioned for poaching. He wants to know if they should do an annual harvest evaluation for big game. Mr. Frank learned that regarding wild horse, burro things, especially in Modock they use drugs to reduce the reproduction of new horses. Climate change and butterflies were discussed. Mr. Simmons said that the monarch butterflies migratory corridor comes close to the reservation and could be a source of funding if they become an endangered species. They emphasized milkweed. Summit Lake showed up in a presentation on the white nose bat. San Carlos, New Mexico found a Burmese food processing camp processing anything living to package as food on their Reservation.

He attended the CPR First Aid AED training.

**Council Member Steven Crane** had nothing to report.

Mrs. Lone Eagle got a message from Delgadina Gonzales saying she is trying to get to the meeting.

The Chairwoman called a break at 12:04 pm.

Council returned from break at 12:27 pm.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

## **Natural Resources Department Report by James Simmons, NRD Director**

### **Highlights (August 20, 2023 – September 16, 2023):**

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 86 degrees to a low of 35 degrees Fahrenheit. The USGS SnoTel station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 0 in of SWE (snow water equivalent). It has been pleasant.
- Award of USFWS Partners Program: Summit Lake Spring(s) Into Action – Phase II grant: \$176,580.00 for pipe rail fencing for Slide, Lakeview, Tollhouse and Upper Tulle springs. This should be done next spring.
- Audrey Dufresne attended the NAFWS drone training in Reno, Nevada and passed the certification test. There are now two drone certified pilots in the department.
- New biologist, Jason Piasecki will start on Monday, September 18, 2023. Then NRD should be pretty well staffed. Two technicians might come back next year.
- Installation of heavy equipment shed is scheduled to complete by the end of September. He can give a tour at the October meeting.
- Next week they will complete the enrollment of employees for health insurance who want to have coverage effective October 1, 2023.

### **Discussion Topics**

1. EPA Tribal Environmental Plan Categories presented by Madison Hutchinson. This is the full Environmental Plan under the EPA GAP fund. Within that is the Waste Management Plan. This is the Tribal Environmental Plan which details what NRD wants to succeed with over multiple projects. The list is what the Tribe wants to focus on in the future, what they are focused on currently. It is a general idea to tell EPA what NRD wants to focus on using different grant money and resources. The main topic is a solid waste management plan, air quality plan. water quality plan, community education throughout the tribal members, invasive species management, non-point source management, resource management and an emergency response plan. These are the current ones. Mr. Waddell wants to add climate change adaptations, cultural resources, and renewable energy for future projects.

Mrs. Lone Eagle informed Ms. Hutchinson that SLPT has entered into an agreement with Frontlines of America Notre Dame University for research for renewable energy. They are looking into renewable projects that would also cultivate some revenue. They are also looking into culture economic development. They will be coming to SLPT to meet the staff and Council for a better understanding and visit the Reservation October 7-13, 2023.

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Ms. Hutchinson said the plan is to complete the plan by the end of September. She is working on the waste management plan. Mr. Simmons wants to look at a wetlands plan. Under the waste management plan Ms. Hutchinson wants to write a plan for trash management partnering with Winnemucca trash management facility to put out a large trash bin that they would manage once a month. Ms. Hutchinson asked if they wanted to do recycling on the Reservation. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned the land use plan for development separate from the field station. They are not expecting to finish it all in one year.

They have to write down punishments and enforcements for people not abiding by the rules. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained that they now have the BIA CFR Court. She can put down that punishment can be reported to the Council and they can determine the punishment or send to CFR Court. One goal is to put up signs with the punishable rules.

If the Council has questions or suggestions, let them know so they can make corrections before the end of September.

They discussed the homes that are on the Reservation where people actually do stay there as least part of the year.

2. Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to approve the contract for Matt Heggli with Innovative Hydrology and read the pertinent parts. NRD has worked with him for many years. The contract is for maintenance activities for the stream gauge, lake weather station, and lake bubbler network and the website.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-29-2023 Approval of Contract with Innovative Hydrology for Hydrology and Climatology Services 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-29-2023 enacted at 1:30 pm.**

3. Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to approve the contract/SOW with Dr. Sudeep Chandra for LCT water quality requirement report and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-30-2023 Approval for Dr. Sudeep Chandra to Produce a Report Detailing the Water Quality Required by the LCT Population at Summit Lake to Meet the Cultural Needs of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0**

**AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-30-2023 enacted at 1:34 pm.**

4. Firewood Bank Grant Program

Mr. Simmons received a notification for Melyssa Navis of the US Forest Service. She forwarded this mail from an organization called Alliance for Green H, which is accepting applications for FY2024 for a Firewood Bank Grant Program for existing firewood banks and new start-ups across the United States. Grants are up to \$20,000 for eligible expenses such as chainsaws, splitters, tarps, moisture beaters, bear belts, trailers, anything related to creating or maintaining a firewood bank. He wants to know if the Council thinks it is worth pursuing. Mr. Frank said that is several places to find the wood and thinks that it would be used. Mr. Simmons does not know much about firewood banks. It is the consensus of the Council to look into this.

5. UNR Comments to HR 565

This is for Council awareness. Dr. Chandra sent this to him. It refers to a Bill in Congress, House of Representative: the Land Restoration and Resiliency Act of 2023.

The bill directs the US Fish and Wildlife Service to enter into a cooperative agreement with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to establish the Community Resilience and Restoration Fund to: improve community safety in the face of climatic extremes; protect, conserve, and restore restoration and resilience land to help communities to respond and adapt to natural threats; protect and enhance the biodiversity of wildlife populations across restoration and resilience lands.

UNR submitted comments on the draft. They also included that the native component should be strengthened.

6. FY 2024 National Animal Disease Preparedness and Response Program.

Earlier in the year the Council approved NRD to partner with NDOW to apply for a different fund to help identify and treat wildlife diseases on the Reservation. That fund has not come through yet. They do not know if they have been approved or been awarded the funds yet. NDOW has not heard if it has been awarded yet. If the funding does not come through, Mr. Simmons asked the Council for approval to look into this program. He is looking to see if it would fit. It is the consensus of the Council to look into to it.

Mr. Simmons has some questions as he is filling out the Health Plan insurance application. He asked if the Council wants to offer insurance to domestic partners. It is governed by Nevada law and they must apply for domestic partnership and receive the certificate. The Council said it was okay. The next question is how many months are

employees able to continue group coverage while on an employer approved temporary medical leave of absence (active benefits). The Council opted for up to six months. The last question is how many months are employees able to continue group coverage while on an employer approved temporary personal leave of absence. The Council says up to three months.

### **Enrollment Report—Delgadina Gonzalez**

Nevada Early Childhood Self Help Worker Program. The girl she was in contact with thought SLPT would like a table. Since it is a community event, there will be many types of tables there. There will be things represented for Childcare, children with disabilities, if people need after school care. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they could post it the social media resource page. There is nothing SLPT can put a table up for.

Two new applications came in. Both are pending.

Six applications were requested and sent out. None have been sent back. Three of these or minors and have ICWA files.

Five old pending applications. She has reached out to the families again. They are still pending.

#### **Phone Inquiries**

Ms. Gonzalez received calls from individuals asking if they are part of SLPT or any tribe; how they can find out if they have ties to a tribe; and how they can get Native American benefits. They seem to think that she can access information for any/all tribes or find membership by family names. Once she determines that they are not SLPT, she tells them she cannot do their research for them and refers them to the BIA website that has a section on how to trace their ancestry.

She had calls for insurance companies trying to verify if SLPT would be making payments for random individuals. She referred them to the RSIC Tribal billing office.

When Ms. Gonzalez speaks to members on the phone they usually ask what is new or have specific questions about SLPT programs. She tells them what she knows and where to find forms/applications online. If they do not ask her about offered opportunities, she will ask them if they know about SLPT programs. She feels she should be asking this and letting the membership make the choice to apply or not.

SLPT has members who are incarcerated and at times they get calls from their family members asking questions on their behalf because they usually get the mail intended for the incarcerated. She tells them what is offered and where to find forms/applications online. These family members have contact with the incarcerated member and usually have Power of Attorney to act on behalf of the member. She tells them to be sure that in

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the Power of Attorney there is a statement that specifically covers all matters with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. Since the COVID pandemic most jails and prisons have developed a virtual visitation system. With this in mind, Ms. Gonzalez has asked if the members knew about and applied for a laptop.

She asked Council if incarcerated members are excluded from all programs and activities, and if so, why are they receiving payouts. She asked if the programs and services offered have policies specific to incarcerated members.

There have been incarcerated members who find ways to communicate with the tribe. If the family calls, SLPT needs to have a copy of the power of attorney to verify that they have the authority to act on the person's behalf. It is also the responsibility of the member to make the effort to contact the tribe with current information.

Ms. New Moon said that she should only advise the family to talk to the administrator of the program and make no promises. Power of attorney must be verified by a physical copy received by SLPT. There are also many types of power of attorney.

#### Enrollment cards/Progeny

No cards were issued for the month. The Data Card printer works great some days, and other days not at all. Ms. Gonzales printer/scanner is not working. She changed the ink, reset it, and it still did not work.

#### Enrollment Training

On October 23-27, 2023 Falmouth Institute is presenting a Tribal Enrollment Certificate Program in Las Vegas, Nevada. Ms. Gonzalez did not register for this training as she will not be able to attend on those dates. She will look for the next one offered or she will find a similar course.

#### Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee met on September 14, 2023 at 10:00 am. The committee chose Cherice Trejo as the Enrollment Committee Chairman, Christina Lomaintewa as the Vice-Chairman. Thalia Dick committee member, Chanelle Barlese as the alternate.

After the committee chose the officers, Ms. Lomaintewa went over the process of reviewing applications. There were two minor applicants reviewed. These applicants were found to be in need of corrections before recommendations could be made. The are pending at this time.

#### Membership Files

She is still researching and saving records from websites to help create complete membership files. Records include Indian Census and Census records from Nevada, California and Idaho Indian rolls, SLPT, McDermitt, Ft. Bidwell, Cedarville, Altura,

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Burns, Warm Spring, Yakima, etc. A former Council member brought in a bag of documents like census to the office.

#### Progeny Update

SLPT is a few upgrades behind. It will take time to get the upgrades and all data loaded and transferred over. With the Progeny updates, SLPT will also need to upgrade with compatible equipment.

The web camera is estimated at \$69.99 on Amazon, bar scanner for easier scanner is estimated at \$119.99, the signature pad is estimated at \$239.99, and data cards which vary in price. The Data Card printer will most likely need to be upgraded. It could cost from \$2,500 to \$9,000 or more.

The card printer they have will work fine for the child and staff cards that will not have pictures or addresses on the badges. The youth and adult cards must have pictures and addresses to have the stripe.

#### ICWA

There were ten ICWA inquires. Six (6) were not affiliated with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. Four (4) are possibly affiliated. They are working with the social workers on these inquiries. Emails and letters were sent out in response to these inquiries.

#### NICWA Training

There is a Positive Indian Parenting training at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel on September 12-14, 2023. This training filled up before she could register. They are offering a virtual class to be held in December. Ms. Gonzalez will attempt to register for this training.

Community Classes: The second part of "Dig in Indigenously!" started June 21, 2023 and will go through the end of September. Classes are every Wednesday evening in Lemmon Valley. This hands-on nutrition educational course that teaches gardening and provides cultural experiences. This is just one of many opportunities they will get to partner with local programs and individuals to support their efforts with Food Security for SLPT membership. They offered to provide seeds to plant gardens, soil for the gardens, help with teaching how to build gardens to meet the household' individual needs. They teach how to: grow, harvest, prepare, and store the foods they grow.

Ms. Gonzales participated in the CPR First Aid AED course September 14, 2023 held in the SLPT Suite 401 with the staff.

#### Childrens Books for the Library

Ms. Gonzalez has received free Native American themed books and resource material from the IHS and CDC websites.

Books:

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Eagle Book Series for children, focus on Diabetes Prevention, along with the animated DVD:

- *Through the Eyes of the Eagle*
- *Knees Lifted High*
- *Plate Full of Color*
- *Tricky Treats*

*Humming Bird's Squash*, for teens, focus on diabetes prevention

*A River Runs Through Us*, a 90-day Journal for Wellness

#### Little Free Library

SLPT received a small grant that will provide the tribe with a Little Library for members to take a book and leave a book. The new Indigenous Little Free Library came in. It is intended for indoor use. It was made by the Amish back east.

The concept of these little libraries is to provide books for anyone to take or leave a book or the books. Along with Little Library they received an assortment of Native American Books written by Native authors, an assortment of books that address race, discrimination, individual differences and lifestyles. Both assortments had children, youth and adult books. All of these new books are on the book shelf.

Our Little Library is mapped and can be found online as part of the grant requirement. For the first year Ms. Gonzales will continue to seek and secure books to add to the library. As a steward for Our Little Library, SLPT will have monthly opportunities to receive free books and materials to expand their library.

Mrs. Lone Eagle advised Ms. Gonzalez that money was awarded for Enrollment.

#### **ARPA Report—Housing Manager Austin New Moon**

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

- Cleaning Bundle forms: continue to order those that come in.
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: Waiting for Finance to complete the 501(c)3 status
- Pantry Items: Continuing to pick up bi-weekly with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. The continuation of the Pantry was discussed. Ms. New Moon is seeking Council's guidance.
- Internet Service with T-Mobile: 31 members returned the survey forms and all 31 are a "yes". There was a discussion previously.
- Ms. New Moon asked if there were any other ideas for the remaining ARPA funds; what should they look at next. ARPA was used to purchase two shelving units for the pantry. She would also like to get another larger chest freezer.



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Mr. Mace asked what is left of the ARPA funds. Mr. Howard checked and there is \$650,000. The state ARPA funding has been applied for less than a million dollars.

Mr. Mace said he would like to buy some kind of business to get revenue coming in. Justification of relation to COVID is required for ARPA which does not really apply to business. Mr. Frank talked about getting artic coolers. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they can go back to the survey or a new survey for ideas telling what money was spent and for what. Ms. New Moon ready a list of things that had been suggested previously.

#### Other Duties

- CPR/First Aid/AED Training was a success.
- Ordered shelving and cabinets for Suites 401 and 201.
- Travel is booked for the Chairwoman and the Vice-Chairwoman for Las Vegas Tribal Leadership conference October 3 to 5, 2023. EPA RTOC October 22-27, 2023 for Council minus Mr. Crane, Mr. Simmons and Ms. Hutchinson.
- Ms. New Moon will start working on the calendar. Ms. Hutchinson has the photos the children took at the Reservation event.

#### Paiute Language Class:

The first class began July 14, 2022.

Classes continue twice-a-week on Tuesday and Friday. Classes continue to be recorded and uploaded to the SLPT YouTube Channel.

They are hoping to have the other teacher return with a release at the end of the month.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said to be mindful of the upcoming holidays.

#### **Housing Report by Austin New Moon**

##### **Updates:**

- Received numbers for Emergency Housing Fund 58 and Fund 153 (NAIHC C19HAP). She will start looking at the numbers to find where the discrepancies are.
- The Indian Housing Plan is due October 18, 2023. She will sit down with Mr. Howard sometime the week of September 18, 2023 to go over the portal, so he is familiar with it as well. She did talk to him about this.
- She asked if the Council wants to change anything in the plan. SLPT currently has: Security and first month's rent, Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Employment Training, Down Payment/Closing Cost, Sports Registration and Equipment, and Housing Management Services programs.

- NAIHC Legal Symposium is coming up October 4-6, 2023 at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada
- First Annual Tribal Leadership and Management Conference October 4-5 at the Palms in Las Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon will attend.

#### **Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs**

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF)
  - Total award \$38,353
  - Applications continue to come through
  - Approximately \$11,000 remaining
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
  - Program began February 18, 2023
  - Applications continue to come in
  - Many families have utilized their six months for this calendar year.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for Housing for fifteen minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:46 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:53 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Application for \$500 per Month for Twelve Months. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:58 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Sports Registration and Equipment Application for \$445.71 Total Reimbursement. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:48 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Security and First Month's Rent Application for up to \$4000. Council Member Philip Frank Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:00 pm.**

**Finance Report for Mr. Howard, Finance Director-as of August 31, 2023  
Cash Receipts \$835.29**

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He had been working with US Bank to get Direct Deposit on board. Ms. Pielop and Mr. Howard will be working on it together. She will probably be taking charge of this. He will develop procedures and a resolution to present at the next Council meeting to adopt the direct deposit.

Behind the narrative is the financial report for the month. He made a correction on Fund 167 so the amount has decreased. The expenditures have increased on 167. The Chairwoman's stipend is now coming out of the correct fund. Ms. New Moon asked if that was backdated and retro activated all the way to September. Mr. Howard confirmed that it was.

He did send in responses to the audit. One was due to draw downs which was expected. He plans to draw down all that he can by the end of the month.

He will be meeting with Ms. New Moon regarding the new Housing plan next week. He will be going over things with Mr. Simmons on Fund 104 and all the subs. Right now, it is showing negative, but knows some awards came through and wants to make sure they were put to the correct funds. It will be correct by the next month's meeting.

Expenditures for the month were around \$56- 57,000.  
Balance \$1.4 million as August 31, 2023 and no capital purchases in August.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked why Ruby still has money in it if Ruby was expended per the CPA a few months ago. Mr. Howard explained it was not supposed to be there, but the system still shows Ruby. He has not received the corrected entries from the audit yet. The system shows \$13,000 in Ruby. He has not received the entries that will correct it yet. Mr. Howard will look it check on it and let them know.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that Fund 167 is still not added correctly. That was fixed in September. The report does not reflect the September changes.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked about Fund 150 what is this fund- that says various at the top. Mr. Simmons said it was BOR grant which has several sub-grants. She asked about Fund 140 which is CTGP. She gave him the two new awards for Enrollment and Child Protection, both of which are CTGP.

It was recommended that he draw down every month so he does not get locked out.

Sam.gov notice was sent to Mr. Simmons to renew. It is free.

Some accounts have incorrect addresses which they are having trouble changing.

Mr. Simmons are trying to figure out some of the Fisheries, Range and Roads accounts

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so they are correct.

There is still no word on the audit exit. The audit had two findings in regards to reporting and insufficient cash to cover unearned revenue. When Gemma is ready they will schedule the Exit Interview. Before December they need to apply for the CTGP budget. Mrs. Lone Eagle read the response to the audit. There was a discussion about the audit.

The next General Council meeting will be October 21, 2023 at the Summit Lake Reservation. Bring your own lunch and meet at the Sparks office at 5:00 am.

The week of October 7 to 13, 2023, Notre Dame will be there and the Council should be available. They will be spending overnight at the lake Tuesday, October 10, 2023 and they want to have dinner probably on Wednesday 11, 2023 and a report on Friday, October 13, 2023.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 16, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting October 21, 2023 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 - ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

10/21/2023  
Date

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