

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, March 14, 2022
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Monday, March 14, 2022 to order at 1:41 pm.

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

STAFF: Linda Quinn, Finance Director

GUESTS: Sandra Newport and James Colombe, US Treasury Department; and Amber Schulz-Oliver, Indian Director of the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians Economic Development Corporation (ATNIEDC)

Ms. Quinn stated that the individual Consultation portion of the meeting was cancelled by Sandra Newport of US Treasury Department. She is inviting the Council members to ask any questions at the group consultation which is open nationwide. Ms. Quinn has listened to a few of these and has heard several interesting questions from others who are further along in the process than we are. We could take over their meeting and ask how do they get started on this program.

Mr. Mace stated that he had read over some of the stuff from the Nevada Indian Commission that he was asked to read which contained comments that were made. Now he cannot find the document.

Ms. Crane asked when this was going to start. Ms. Quinn stated that it starts at 2:00 pm until 3:00 pm and that the individual consultation will be rescheduled to a later date.

Ms. Quinn stated that it is good news that SLPT has received the equipment to be able to solve the electronic communication problems that they have been experiencing with everyone, especially those on ZOOM, being able to hear clearly. Meetings will be more productive.

Ms. Crane asked if there would be a meeting on ARPA. Ms. Quinn stated it was on the agenda for the March 19, 2022 Council Meeting.

Ms. Lone Eagle read the questions which Mr. Mace had earlier referenced.

- How did your Nation or collaboration of Nations establish your community's needs?
- How is your Nation selecting and prioritizing projects for funding for either historical projects which were not funded or new projects due to COVID?
- What are some of your project ideas?
- Do you have funding?

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- Has your tribe started working on the ARPA projects with the direct funding your Nation already received?
- Does your entity have the expertise to develop and manage these projects?
- How do you track outside grant funding as part of these needs to be ensure there is no duplication of funding used for the same projects?
- Is your Nation planning on collaborating with other tribes for requesting State funding and on what projects or type of need?

Part of what Ms. Lone Eagle sent to the Ms. Montooth was questions that the Council had jotted down. Although unprepared, Ms. Lone Eagle was put on the spot at a meeting with NIC. Ms. Montooth had a list of who she was going to call on and Ms. Lone Eagle was part of the list. The Chairwoman sent an email thanking her for the opportunity to meet on funding rural areas and stated that SLPT had sent out a survey to tribal members as Summit Lake is unique. Ms. Lone Eagle explained the situation with an office in Sparks, Nevada and that, principally, the Natural Resources staff are the ones who are housed the Reservation. SLPT Council is discussing historical plans as well as future projects. Since they are a non-revenue tribe, funding is minimal with HUD and would like it if the funds were equally distributed for smaller tribes.

She stated the list of projects including new and improved field station, additional rental, utility and mortgage program assistance, funding able to employ qualified individuals, pre-allocated budget, updated monthly budgets to Council, quarterly budget meetings. She also stated that they had not explored the option partnering with other tribes.

Ms. Montooth sent Ms. Lone Eagle a link on how to do something with Truckee Meadows and purchasing land to see if SLPT was aware of this. It was a link to the website of a land act. It was not clear with what this entailed and what other tribes were doing with the Truckee Meadows Land Management Act (TMLMA).

With a lot of the things that are coming down the pipeline, Ms. Lone Eagles feels that the tribes need a seat at the table. She keeps hearing that they need them at the table because they say they cannot have meaningful consultations if the tribes do not meet with them at the table. The Chairwoman feels they cannot assume all the tribes are the same. Each tribe is different in how they function, how they do things. Some have department directors and are fully staffed, but that has not been the case for SLPT since before the pandemic.

Mr. Mace also stated that the office is four hours from the Reservation and there are only two residents on the Reservation.

Ms. Lone Eagle told them of the scenario that one resident want to use the Field Station water because there is no running water. There were several large projects planned or started out on the reservation but never carried through especially concerning water services.

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Mr. Mace heard that the water quality of the streams has become contaminated. There is also the lithium mine going in and another pipeline being planned. This needs to be addressed. Mr. Mace says they will need to find funding.

Ms. Lone Eagle said this outreach group is really wanting to make sure SLPT is in the loop and aware as well as inviting them to different venues and events. She made them aware of the conference space at the SLPT offices. Ms. Montooth asked about the youth and suggested the possibility of partnering with Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.

The Council discussed how hard it was to have active projects when the tribe is minimally funded. Mr. Mace said that they need to ask for the funding. Ms. Lone Eagle commented that to ask for funding an action plan and budget that is written and submitted is needed.

There was a discussion about getting the road moved and graded. It is BLM and State land so they should take care of it. It was also stated that there are no paved roads to a lot of the smaller reservations.

The Council joined the open meeting hosted by Sandra Newport to talk about the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). She said that they will have tribal consultations on Mondays where the tribe can talk to experts and ask any question that they have. She then asked if any of the people in the meeting would like to bring forth what projects they are working on or any questions.

Ms. Quinn introduced the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council (as an entity) and that they had multiple questions about starting a program. They went over the rules of the different types of lending and the requirements of ten-to-one. SLPT Council members are not financial planners or bankers so they are not sure what the first steps are to get enough information to even start the program. She asked if Treasury could help with that.

Ms. Newport said yes they could. Mr. Colombe asked if they are at a high-level overview of the program or want a narrower view. Referring to in-house experience, They are happy to support tribes trying to administer the program on their own, however this program depends on external partners such as lenders, investors or other equity partners. In fact, for the iteration it can be totally contracted out. You do not need to do it, but the program is built to allow for third party partnerships in many ways. So, they do not need to have internal expertise.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked where they can look for partnerships or that external avenue of partnering with another agency.

Mr. Colombe stated that there were two types of partnerships.

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1. An external lender
2. Tribal Governments applying jointly: You do not need to do it yourself. They can pool expertise, administration and lender contacts.

He gave some examples for both types.

Ms. Quinn asked how it would work if the tribe is the, investor, lender and borrower.

He answered that it would depend on the exact circumstances, the Conflict-of-Interest Policy of the tribe and adherence to certain criteria as laid out in the Capital guidelines. It could be okay. It depends on exactly what the tribe wants to do and they would be happy to go through this area at a one-on-one meeting.

Ms. Quinn asked if the tribe was the lender and they lend to a tribal business entity, and the business entity would repay the tribe with interest with this being the whole premise of the loan, how does this benefit the tribe.

He said it was a good question. You can only do things that are in line with your own economic goals and if using the SSBCI capital to invest in a tribal enterprise is not beneficial for your tribe, then you do not have to do tribal enterprises. It is also possible to do loans for community members or tribal members in your immediate tribal area or where ever tribal members live or the tribe has jurisdiction. Tribes can also combine bank loans and SSBCI capital.

Mr. Crane wants to know how they can get trailers on the Reservation. Ms. Quinn said they would need to create a program. She explained to the Treasury representatives that a Council member had asked about putting buildings on the reservation. They asked how this program could assist them to that goal. Ms. Quinn is not sure that it can.

Mr. Colombe asked to explain what type of buildings they want to put up.

Ms. Quinn said the would be modular and Mr. Crane said they would be for the employees. It would be for administrative housing.

Mr. Colombe said that SSBCI is to be used for eligible business purposes. The tribe would develop an application describing all the details. When the application is approved, then there is a transfer of the first third of the allocation to the eligible government (tribe, state, etc.). Then the funds used must meet the SSBCI requirements such as establishment of a new tribal enterprise that use the buildings.

Ms. Quinn explained that the donated old FEMA trailers are used for Administrative meeting and for the employees (not families) to stay in while working on the Reservation. Financing is horrible for a small tribal entity.

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He said they could look at the tribe's plan but it sounds like SSBCI would not be able to be used unless it is a tribal enterprise building it or member doing the construction or is a business enterprise itself.

He knows how difficult it can be for Tribal nations. He asked what SLPT's depository is. Ms. Quinn said they use US Bank. He said that maybe the Treasury can look at what is available in the Northern Nevada area. He said to feel free to submit any technical scenarios to SSBCI_Information@Treasury.gov or send it to him or their outreach manager. They would be happy to look at the scenario that was described to see if there was a way they could help. He asked for the Reservation address. Ms. Lone Eagle said he could google them. Ms. Quinn advised that SLPT does have a website.

There were no additional questions from SLPT at that time.

Other tribes asked their questions:

Regarding SEDI: Tribes will be eligible for additional incentives, but the SEDI breakdown added up is the basis of the allocation and will not be received in multiple transfers of funds.

Understanding ten-to-one: For every one dollar invested from SSBCI the enterprise or borrower also makes a ten-dollar investment. Private investment where tribe invests one and another lender or enterprise also invests one is one-to one. Also asked was could the partnering entity be another government agency. No, they cannot use SSBCI and another federal funding sources for a ten-to-one.

The tribes on the chat were asked if anyone would like to describe where they were in the application process.

Ms. Schulz-Oliver said she would like to talk about what they are doing at ATNIEDC They are staying apprised of the SSBCI and working on leveraging regional economy to scale and some of their regional partnerships to create a regional effort using SSBCI funds. They found out that they can be the primary administrator. There is a tribe giving them their administrative authority. They are going to employ three programs. One with a focus on small businesses, one focusing on larger tribal enterprise projects and a long guarantee program. She can email out a small summery presentation to those who would like one. They will also be having weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 9:00 am.

There was a discussion/question expressed in the SLPT Council room about who would retain the authority when partnering with another entity especially if the partner makes a mistake.

Mr. Colombe asked David if they were planning to work with the ATNIEDC or to do it on their own. David replied that they were doing it themselves and had submitted a draft to

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Ms. Newport. Their tribe's concern is whether they can effectively deploy it with their small business community. They talked to the board Tribal board about working with ATNI later. Mr. Colombe said the Treasury usually thinks about it in administrative capacity and administrative experience for a program with lending capacity like this. David feels fairly comfortable with handling the program themselves. Mr. Colombe asked if anyone on the call was thinking of implementing off reservation SSBCI programs. This is an option.

Mr. Mace mentioned the possibility of creating a tribal member owned water drilling business on the Reservation as a business opportunity. Ms. Quinn said you need to find someone interested first.

Ms. Newport asked if anybody saw a roadblock in making the application deadline or have any problems completing the application by the deadline.

Ms. Lone Eagle wondered if they had extended the deadline. Ms. Quinn said she thought it was June 9, 2022.

David thought there was a lot of identification documentation. He managed to get it all together but worried about other tribes.

Mr. Colombe said that on April 5, 2022 at 2:00 pm Eastern there would be a webinar on identification focus for tribal government.

Let Ms. Newport know if they can think of any other webinars they would like to see or send into SSBCI_information@Treasury.gov. They would like to provide the information you need to get done by the deadline. There is about two months.

Ms. Schulz-Oliver asked who would be the best contact to run the pre-application program before final to make sure that the application meets the requirements.

Mr. Colombe said Treasury would like to have one-on-one conversations while the tribes are developing ideas. Feel free to reach out and schedule a meeting with the ideas you are thinking about as the deadline approaches.

Ms. Newport said that they have her contact information sandranewport@Treasury.gov with scheduling a meeting, if they would like them to work with the tribe on their application. She can arrange that. When they complete the application and the Treasury is reviewing it, if they find some things that need to be adjusted in the application, they will work with the tribes to make sure the applications are at the point of being accepted. They will work with the tribes to make sure the applications work to satisfy the tribes' needs and the Treasury's needs of the SSBCI.

It was verified that the Treasury will be holding weekly meetings until the deadline.

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David asked if there were any insights for technical assistance side of things. Mr. Colombe said not but they are working on getting this on the calendar. He also clarified that the technical assistance for the application is there. David was talking about technical assistance for the grant program which is for the businesses themselves.

Ms. Quinn wanted to discussed the Library project. She said it was planned for the small room which could be locked and would be equipped with laptops and books.

There was a thank you for the Treasury representatives for holding these meetings and making themselves so available.

Ms. Quinn has been working on the Library project. A proposal needs to be written. It would include tablets or laptops which will be able to be checked out by Tribal members 13 years and older for six months and then call and ask for an extension every six months thereafter. You cannot just give it to them There is around \$167,504 with \$160,000 for the laptops, software and anti-virus. The rest would be for books.

Ms. Newport asked if anyone would like to share what they were working on or if there were any other questions. Hearing none, she thanked everyone for attending. The SSBCI meeting ended.

Ms. Quinn continued with the information on the Library project proposal.

She was thinking of getting used books from a store like Grass Roots. She suggested they have an agreement or form when someone checks something out. This information would be used for the reports of how many books and laptops were checked-out by the membership.

Ms. Lone Eagle explained the reason for the age minimum of 13 in order to check-out the laptops. They are still in the pandemic, some may or may not have phones, they need to be in communication with friends and family, join the SLPT Zoom meetings especially with the Paiute Language Classes coming up. They would be able to attend the Council meetings via Zoom to increase involvement and engagement. She is just not sure where the proposal for the Library is coming from. It still needs to be put in process. There were tribes that went to the ANA, NAHI or another specifically award funding to tribes for a library. She asked where is SLPT going to build a library, because that was the main key point for other tribes. Other tribes used ARPA funds to give out laptops for Pandemic distance learning, but children are back in the schools now.

Ms. Quinn said that the purpose as Ms. Lone Eagle explained could possibly be used to get laptops for infrastructure to get more people involved.

Ms. Crane said there is no such thing as taking a class without a computer anymore.

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Ms. Quinn said using the Library funding as a remote library for the membership will fit. The funding is \$167,504. It is possible to get 100 laptops. There are approximately 90 adults in the tribe. The 90 children are mostly little and there is Fund 110 for the Fire tablets for them.

They want details on how to implement the program. SLPT how many machines they want and the government will buy them. There will be shipping for out-of-state members. Mr. Mace suggested giving each household one laptop. It was clarified that this was not feasible. Young students have different classes.

Ms. Lone Eagle talked about printing ID cards and the problems she had. There needs to be training and there needs to be someone in place in Enrollment. It is a lot of work. She is not sure how accurate the enrollment numbers are. She went through the enrollment mail with the Enrollment Committee Chair. In order to know how many members are 13 or older she will need to run a report.

Ms. Lone Eagle said Mr. Cowan was telling Housing he should be able to utilize the HUD HIP funding because Summit Lake is his primary address. He has a house on Sunbeam Lane. That is where his mail is delivered not at the FEMA trailer so this is his primary address.

Ms. Quinn talked about ARPA HIP funding for homeowners to fix their homes. She is not sure if the money can be used for FEMA trailers or if it is only for the primary address. If it can be used for the FEMA trailer, maybe it can be used to fix the trailers in the Field Station because SLPT owns them. Ms. New Moon is working on checking it out.

Ms. Quinn will send a link for the Library application so Ms. Lone Eagle can see how things are worded, the verbiage. Ms. Lone Eagle asked when the deadline was. It is the end of May. Ms. Quinn can do a rough draft of the proposal to go over at the next meeting.

Ms. Crane says she feels it make no sense not to go for it.

Ms. Quinn only one laptop will be checked out to a person. This is a one-time funding.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR; 0 AGAINST; 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 3:25 pm.

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CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 14, 2022 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 16, 2022 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.

05/03/2022
Date

Eugene J. Mace
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Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council