

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday May 20, 2024
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 402, Sparks, Nevada

Oath of Office

The ceremony to do the Oath of Office began at 2:02 pm.

BIA Police Chief, Wayne Hubanks administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Council members. Each member of the Council stated their Oath of Office and individually signed their Oath of Office .

The Council of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe for May 2024 to May 2027 was duly installed.

The Council elected each member of Council to their position on Council which is as follows:

- Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle
- Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane
- Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank
- Council Member Scott Cory Burdette
- Council Member Cherice Trejo

The following liaison positions were assigned:

- ICWA Randi Lone Eagle
- Higher Education Nedra Crane/Randi Lone Eagle
- Enrollment There is no liaison necessary as there is a Committee and Coordinator

It was noted that Ms. Trejo would need to resign from the Enrollment Committee. A notice will be posted that there is an opening on the Enrollment Committee and requesting members to send a letter of interest.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Meeting of Monday, May 20, 2024 to order.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman, Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank, present; Council Member Scott Cory Burdette, present; and Council Member, Cherice Trejo, present.

STAFF: Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Wayne Hubanks, BIA Chief of Police; Christina Lomaintewa, Election Committee; Melissa Eller, Election Committee

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Outgoing Election Committee Report—presented by Melissa Eller, Committee Chair

The report detailed the General Election set-up and process on Saturday, May 18, 2024 at 8:30 am at the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation. They were at the designated area at the old administrative trailer.

Out of the members 21 and older, there were five members who were not eligible to vote. They were sent letters stating that they were unable to vote with the reasons why. 13 members requested absentee ballots. The absentee ballots were secured in the ballot box at 4:30 pm, Friday, May 17, 2024. On Saturday, May 18, 2024 three members voted at the Summit Lake Reservation.

The Election Committee consisted of:

- Melissa Eller Chair
- Elizabeth DeLaLuz Secretary
- Christina Lomaintewa Committee member
- Albino Gonzalez Committee member

Ms. Eller detailed the timeline of the Committee meeting by meeting starting on November 18, 2023 and ending with the Election.

The voting stopped at 3:00 pm. The final Vote Tally was completed at 3:18 pm. The votes were counted two times. The final tally was:

- Philip Frank 13
- Scott Burdette 10
- Randi Lone Eagle 14
- Cherice Trejo 9
- Nedra Crane 12
- Eugene Mace, Sr. 7
- Utahna Enriquez 3

There was a total of 18 ballots. 17 ballots were counted and good. One ballot spoiled as it was on a different color paper than the official ballots.

At 3:20 pm the Tribal Council was informed of the results.

Ms. Eller concluded by saying it was a pleasure to serve on the 2024 Election Committee. They thanked the staff and Council for the collaboration when required with quick responses.

Ms. Eller then listed the recommendation from the 2024 Election Committee

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- Simplify the forms for the Absentee Ballot Request and the Registered Signature form by combining them into one form.
- Require all candidates to provide a background check.
- Each Election year should create their own thumb drive. This will allow new committees to be able to reference necessary documents.
- Create an in-person voting site at the administrative offices in Sparks, Nevada as well as the Reservation for the membership. This could be set days and times after the candidates are know and ballots printed. Too many people cannot get out to the Reservation. This would require some changes to our policies.
- Computer and internet access for the committee once they begin meeting.

Ms. Eller stated they had received complaints of interference. Staff should refrain from being involved with Election actions. Ms. Lomaintewa also reported interference in elections.

Ms. Gonzalez denied interference, but just giving information.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said there were a lot of questions asked. This can explain some election issues. She feels some changes need to be addressed to minimize conflicts. Mrs. Lone Eagle said the Council tried to stay out of the Election.

She also mentioned that SLPT is the only tribe still using Articles of Association, not a constitution for governance. The Council is there to do the best they can.

Mr. Hubanks left the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Mr. Burdette said it is a learning experience. People need to understand there is a process.

Ms. Eller suggested that the term of office should be changed to more than three years for consistency of leadership.

There was a discussion about appealing a vote in the Election. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that documentation is conflicting. The Election code states a ten-day appeal period and the Ordinances say there is NO appeal.

Ms. Eller left the meeting at 2:41 pm.

The Reservation Camping Event will be June 14, 15, and 16, 2024. The Regular Council meeting is also scheduled for June 15, 2024. The event dates were chosen because of graduations etc. earlier in the month. The Council decided to change the Regular Council meeting date to June 8, 2024 at the Admin office, Suite 401, in Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.

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Mr. Crane and Mr. Mace, Sr. will need to turn in their Council phones and computers.

Mr. Simmons and the Council have an opportunity to attend a two-day BIA Training June 27 & 28, 2024.

There is a day trip to the Reservation with Daphne Hooper, Director of Indigenous Relations-UNR and Brian Sandoval, President-UNR, for SLPT to work with UNR for more than just NRD.

The Council will need to the bank to be signatures for checks and remove Mr. Crane and Mr. Mace. Mrs. Lone Eagle will set-up an appointment with the bank.

There was a discussion of the availability of insurance at full price, but under a plan so it is at a discount.

There will be a BIA Law Enforcement officer attending the Reservation Event in June. Mr. Hubanks is building a relationship with the tribe.

For the EPA RTOC meeting, the Chairwoman will attend virtually.

The Annual RTOC meeting is in October. Vice-Chairwoman Crane will attend as the alternate.

Mrs. Lone Eagle will need an Alternate go to the NCAI meeting.

The Washoe County Elections committee like Summit Lake administration Suite 401 as a polling site.

A reminder was made that the Regular/General meetings are the third Saturday of the month.

Ms. Lomaintewa recommended that there be a dedicated file cabinet for election files and materials. Ms. New Moon will purchase a fireproof, locking file cabinet for the Election files. They can put it behind the reception desk in the hall.

Ms. New Moon will need the full names and birthdates of the new Council members for travel bookings.

Mr. Burdette said that he needed a copy of the policies and procedures manual, access to the common drives, access to the doors—keys and codes, and a contact list for Council and staff. It is confidential and not to be given out except Tribal numbers. Personal numbers must never be given out.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle has contacted a new company for IT and safety. They will be coming to a meeting. She is concerned about safety for people and property.

Mrs. Lone Eagle recommended that Ms. Terjo and Mr. Burdette should study tribal books, select a priority to discuss and tackle the issue. She said to ask questions. There will be a learning curve.

SLPT runs solely by grants.

SLPT is a THPO tribe.

The Chairwoman explained the office situation with the three buildings. The third building is partially rented by Tribal Minds. They would like to continue renting and are willing to negotiate the rent.

They are still trying to get the ANA grant for the Native Language classes.

Ms. New Moon stated that Housing has its own rules for HUD. She suggests training. The new Council should be familiar with them.

According to Mrs. Lone Eagle, SLPT is becoming visible and this is good for the tribe.

There are a lot of parts, a lot of pieces.

The two new hires for the pantry Jane and Michelle Huff will be going with Ms. Gonzalez to a Nevada Food and Agriculture training in Fallon, Nevada for two days.

Ms. New Moon suggested the new Council members read through old minutes. It is a good way to see what is going on.

The auditors will be coming soon.

The consultations with BLM Applegate have remained consistent and friendly. BLM Winnemucca is trying to repair their relationship with the tribe.

MEETINGS:

June 8, 2024, Regular Council meeting at 2255 Green Vista Drive, Suite 402, Sparks, Nevada

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman

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**Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.
The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.**

CERTIFICATION

I, Philip Frank Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the May 20, 2024 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting June 8, 2024 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.

6/8/24
Date

Philip Frank
Philip Frank
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council