

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, November 13, 2024
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, November 13, 2024 to order at 8:21 am.

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 Cherice Trejo, present; and Council Member, Scott Cory Burdette, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator; Naveed Frank, Finance Director; Larry Curley, Grant Writer-excused; and Anne Macko, Contractor

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the General Council meeting of October 19, 2024 with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:28 am

COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle Report-October 19, 2024-November 12, 2024 She reported that she had her baby. She still did a lot behind the scenes. She was dealing with the Finance Clerk and IEC. She was frustrated by the phone calls while she was in the hospital. When people reach out to her they should have everything together first.

ICWA

She had to do the quarterly report. She reported lower numbers in October, but she found October letters in a stack. In October SLT had an influx of inquiries. They are mostly unaffiliated. She will push them to November as that is when that be responder to. In October to November 14, 2024 there were a total of 14.

November 14, 2024-IEC reminder for the next meeting to be held on December 10, 2024, at 2:00 pm in Sparks. NICWA newsletter. RSIC Camp newsletter.

There will be an upcoming NICWA conference 3/30/25-4/2/25 in Orlando, Florida. Deadline to register would be January 31,2025.

She has a meeting with NTIA and Jeff Kramer on November 20, 2024 regarding the internet. She will be the one to get the links. She will do the follow-up on the application.

An elder Tribal Member called saying she had questions COVID and ARPA payouts in

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regards to dealing with getting a letter or information about how the payouts were COVID related so as not to lose their SSI benefits. She also asked if there would be another payout. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she did not know. There are some decisions yet to be made.

Mrs. Lone Eagle reached out to Gemma Han of BlueBird CPAs for the audit booklet and date for the Audit Exit meeting. Mr. N. Frank has a copy to go over before the meeting. They will set up a meeting and would like to have it before the next Council meeting.

The November 14, 2024 Member Thanksgiving Dinner RSVP's are estimated to be over 40.

There was an inquiry about Pow Wow Club. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it was the second Tuesday of the month. If Theresa is busy it could be changed. Mrs. Lone Eagle just checks-in with her. There is still a flyer online. Mrs. Austin says sometimes Theresa reschedules it and Mrs. New Moon posts it.

There will be a Special meeting on November 6, 2024 for ARPA, SLFRF and Budget for CTGP.

SLPT brought on Naveed Frank on board as Finance Director. He is rolling with it. Mrs. Lone Eagle asks for communication.

There was a situation with the EPA. All EPA funds have been drawn down. They were only supposed to draw down 15%. They got a flag. They had to send the money back to the EPA. They sent a check. Currently only Mrs. Lone Eagle can draw down money. There is one just called "grants" so there is no links to what grants are. Some older funds. They do not want to go backward.

SLPT is in the red with BIA CTGP. They do have technical assistance. they may need assistance with reconciling CTGP. They wondered if they will need to put funds back as Ms. Pielop believes or not. This needs clarification. Higher Education reporting has not been done since 2022.

Mrs. Lone Eagle got a report from Mr. Hubanks, BIA Police Chief. It does not really change.

She got a call from an attorney saying he had a client arrested through SLPT for trespassing. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked for information like location, date, time. This is probably a misunderstanding as SLPT has no court and relies on the BIA for legal enforcement. What caught her attention was the date of birth making the well into their 80s or nineties. It was weird.

She has been filtering emails on training, webinars, etc.

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Mr. Simmons said the check was sent back. EPA works on reimbursement. It is very specific about how much they can draw down. If they draw down quarterly, it should work. Everything is cleared up. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked, regarding reimbursables, can they charge In Direct. Mr. Simmons explained the process in general.

Mrs. Lone Eagle still remembers when the tribe had a situation with the EPA. It took a lot of time and work to get it all cleared up. She does not want that type of situation to happen again. If finance and the department heads are on the page knowing where the money is and is going. They have to make sure everything compliance, across the board, what is coming in and what is going out, that reporting matches. She does not want to go backwards. The auditors like to work with SLPT.

Mrs. New Moon said there were 48 RSVPs for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. New Moon said regarding the member who wants copies of letters on the disbursements for SSI audit. They need the letters on SLPT letterhead. They also want copies of the resolutions. Mrs. Lone Eagle said the letter should not be hard to find. Mrs. Lone Eagle has her folder on her computer in questions available to her. It should be 2022. Mrs. New Moon also has the folders. She will look for it. Should be June 2020, 2021, and 2022.

There was a short discussion about the Thanksgiving dinner and what to bring. There was a conversation about how to make sure everyone gets enough food.

Library Project:-three laptops remaining.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane traveled to San Jose, California October 20-24, 2024 with Mr. Simmons and Ms. Mast of the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank and Council Member Cherice Trejo for the EPA Conference RTOC. She listened to the opening discussion between EPA and Tribes. She attended the Breakout sessions. To name just a few, she attended:

- Building Resilience and Adapting to Climate Change impacts for tribal drinking water and wastewater utilities.
- Tribal Resilience supporting Indigenous Communities through Environmental Justice
- Digging into Community Composting
- Tribal Resilience Garden Greenhouse Newbies
- Tribal Case Study Reducing Plastic and food waste at a Tribal Hall.

October 27, 2024 – November 1, 2024 she traveled to Las Vegas, Nevada with Council Member Trejo to attend the NCAI Conference to fill in for the Chairwoman. She listened to numerous speakers including Katherine Cortez-Masto. She sat in on a few break-out

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sessions, voted on a couple of resolutions other tribes were working on. She kept in contact with Chairwoman Lone Eagle regarding anything concerning the Western Region and trying not to miss out on anything that needed the SLPT vote.

She was available for check signing.

On November 5, 2024 she come to the office to vote. There was a line. It looked like they had a really good turn-out.

On November 6, 2024 she attended a Special Council Meeting for ARPA and the CTGP Finance budget.

On November 19, 2024 there will be the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner

Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank attended the NCAI Conference October 27, 2024 – November 1, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada with Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane and Council Member Trejo. He went to breakout sessions.

He also attended the November 6, 2024 Special meeting for ARPA and Finance.

He signed checks.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that the EPA-RTOC is trying to shift direction at a national level, having Native inclusion. She is not happy that they are mostly complaining and not getting much done. She wants a shift in direction. There will be a Winter RTOC session.

Council Member Cherice Trejo attended Tribal EPA Region 9 Conference on Sunday October 20, 2024. She traveled with Ms. Crane, Mr. P. Frank and Mr. Simmons and Ms. Mast of the Natural Resources Department (NRD) to San Jose, California. It was hosted by The Viejas Band of Kumeeyaay (Koome yi) Indians and the EPA.

Monday October 21, 2024 there was the RTOC Tribal Caucus Meeting
They talked about different grants.

- Clean Water grant deadline December 31, 2024.
- There is Clean Water Work shop day May 19-23, 2025.

Other topics:

- Discussion about mining. Especially Nevada mining! Be on the lookout for permits.
- Mentions of the need for research on Human & Environmental effects of lithium mining and how it's going to be a future issue for Indian country.
- Discussions about the importance of Tribal Youth and Training for Employment.
- Discussions about the Budget. The President's Budget.

Which brought up questions for tribes. What is the plan after the election?

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- Appropriators. Do those committee members change during the election? Tom Cole-Rep
- Attended the Storytelling that evening by Luke Madrigal Indigenous Storytelling a Nonprofit.

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 – Opening Ceremony – and discussions.

Session –

- Building Resilience & Adapting to climate change impacts for Tribal Drinking Water and Wastewater Utilities.
- Web Tools. QR code to sign up. Online, interactive tools. Data Maps, Environmental Justice Story Map. Resilient Strategies Guide. Climate Resilient Evaluation and Awareness Tool. Tribal Utility Technical Assistance. Also, Case Studies on the site.
- CREAT- Technical Assistance Program for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater Utilities.

Second session –

- Tribal Resilience: Supporting Indigenous Communities Through Environmental Justice presented by The West Environmental Justice Center. They help find funding through their database of grants, but will not write the grants for us. They offer a paid student internship for grant training. Every other Monday a zoom meeting for Drop-in Grants Support (<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/8292415730>)

Session - Tribal Stewardship Strategy: Advancing Tribal Access, Co-Management and Ancestral Land Return – Trust Land- something Ms. Trejo wants to fully understand and learn.

Open Discussion between EPA and tribes. Division Introductions and Highlights.

Wednesday October 23, 2024 –

First Session –

The Treaty of Ruby Valley and Current Environmental Complexities in the Great Basin. Presented by Cliff Banuelos the Signing of the 1863 Treaty of Peace and Friendship in the Ruby Valley. Great presentation. He told the story from the Tribe's point of view. This gave a better perspective for people to learn and understand. So, we can honor our ancestors correctly. With the pain and suffering they all went through with the moving of their people and the treaty signing process. EPA people were in there. These sides of the stories need to be told more.

Do not forget the sacrifice that our ancestors made to grant us the authority to come to the table WITH the federal government. And on the other side the federal agencies need to understand those treaties are not just words. Those are treaties signed through blood and sacrifice.

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Important to understand our history, bring awareness to our people. protect and understand our tribe's history.

The importance of Mining. About Thacker Pass and other Lithium Projects, NEPA, EPA Tribal Treaty Rights. Water contaminates, air pollution, animal life, eco system.

Session - EPA Funding Assistance for Drinking Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Project. There was discussion on why SLPT does not qualify and what SLPT can do to change it because they do not have a community or people living on the reservation. Learning more and more what our tribe doesn't qualify for because we don't have a community or people living on the reservation.

The Big Valley Water and Tule River Project have great plans for water and showed what grants they used to accomplish those projects.

Award Banquet.

Session – GAP Management, A Tribal Perspective. They had a Panel and discussed what worked for them to build capacity with GAP.

Establishing our Laws was an important topic.

Education outreach is important within our community.

Importance of Building a plan for funding.

Focus on what the tribe needs from the youth to the elders.

What is best for the members and the tribe? There was a discussion.

Session – Tribal Case Study: Reducing Plastic and Food Waste – plan was to reduce plastic in the work kitchen. And replace all plastic in their building. An example was explained. They went over the steps for setting up a goal Step-up plan.

Session – Digging in to Community Composting.

Different compost projects were explained.

Thursday October 24, 2024

Session – A Tribal Perspective on Using GAP to Build Capacity. Nina Harper Announcement, The Treasury is hosting tribal consultation dec 16 17 18 this year. Info website for Treasury office of native affairs.

For Capacity Building - Adding Programs to departments to build the program. GAP Is meant to help build capacity.

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Session – Solid Waste Infrastructure For Recycling (SWIFR) Funding Opportunity and Successes

NCAI – youth leaders. Motivated for our youth.

October 27, 2024 travelled to Las Vegas, Nevada with Vice-Chairwoman Crane for the NCAI Convention.

October 28, 2024 attended the First General Assembly. There were lots of discussions. Bidens Apology about boarding schools was a huge topic.

Encouraged tribal leaders to go to any committee or subcommittee meetings which she did.

She attended the New Member Orientation.

They Broke down NCAI Constitution. Purpose. Structure, etc.

October 29 attended the Second General Assembly

Session – Promoting Suicide Prevention Among American Indian and Alaskan Native Service Members Veterans and their family.

Western Region Caucus - there was no business.

October 30, 2024

Attended Third General Assembly.

Sessions

- Basics of Electricity/Transmission Regulation – Discussion of TRANS WEST Express transmission line.
- An overview of USDA Rural Development Program's - programs that can benefit tribes.
- Tribal Leaders Caucus – introduced ourselves. It was not a meeting. There were some issues.
- Environmental Protection & Land Use Subcommittee - 2 resolutions.
- Western Caucus Meeting – voted
- Fourth General Assembly Meeting.
- Panel. Talked about tribal digital sovereignty. Importance of updating tec learning and growing with technology.
- Facing the Future: Dialog on the Implementations of an Indigenous Just Transition Toward a Sustainable Future –.

November 1, 2024- Signed Checks & Voted!

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November 5, 2024 - Election Day stopped by the office. And got some tacos
November 6, 2024– Meeting for ARPA & Finance

Thank you to Tribal Council. She was able to host a birthday party for her daughter. There was a discussion of renting Suite 401 for parties and meeting. There is a rental agreement already created.

Veterans Day – She asked if there were any service members in the Tribal membership and how could they honor them. The Council had already requested the names of any veterans in the tribe. There was only one who replied.

Ms. Trejo asked about when she would be getting her Tribal Laptop. Her personal computer is acting up.

She asked what the name of the area at lake was. It is the Field Station.

There was a discussion of service with PacState. They are still dealing with the transition from DTS.

Ms. Trejo showed different pamphlets, flyers, etc. from RTOC.

Council Member Scott Cory Burdette

He had visitors show up on the Reservation from McDermitt's language department. He explained that the Reservation is closed to the public and is only open to SLPT tribal members. Mrs. Lone Eagle got an email thanking them for a hospitality tour. He wanted to connect saying McDermitt has family ties at Summit Lake. Mr. Burdette felt they wanted to go fishing.

ARPA/Budget meeting showed him where they really are financially, discovered the debt. He feels that sending a larger request shows a justification for and increase in the budget.

He is helping close the field station the week of November 12, 2024. He is putting things in storage. Basically, it is shut down and in its dormant stage. Mr. Burdette will check the field station occasionally during the winter months.

His computer is okay for not. Mrs. New Moon suggests to wait and get his Council laptop and get it offboarded. She would like to designate computers so PacState can set-up what each computer needs to do to.

There was a discussion about other tribes fishing at the Lake. It was discussed that there are not enough fish for both tribes. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned management of

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resources.

The Chairwoman likes the collaboration of the tribes. McDermitt is taking the initiative. It would be good. Maybe they can invite the McDermitt elders to the next event at the Lake.

Project 150: Tribal Minds asked if McDermitt could use the pantry.

Bill of PacState explained the plan for finishing up transitions to get everything up to speed.

Finance Report-Naveed Frank

Mrs. Lone Eagle listed the things Mr. N. Frank wanted to discuss in his report: SSBCI to be tabled the December Regular meeting, 2025 Budget to go over, 2025 Payroll Schedule with Holidays, Indirect Costs (IDC), and his report undated.

Mr. N. Frank continued the report

State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI): Mindy Elliot will be joining the December meeting for an update. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained that Ms. Elliot helped SLPT to apply for the grant and helped to get the project set-up. SLPT did get a grant. They are using Plumas Bank. This is a loan type grant. Even though no one has asked for a loan, they still need to do the report. Mrs. Lone Eagle gave a brief explanation of the SSBCI situation. Mr. N. Frank wants to get the program rolling.

Workers Comp: Mr. N. Frank talked to ANH Insurance, she is trying to get information and numbers for insurance. He has not received a quote yet but has been reassured they are working on it. As of December 31, 2024 Liberty Mutual (current insurance) will no longer be available.

Update on the Payroll Schedule. They received the IDC rate.

Pantry: They had a meeting with the state people to get reimbursement and request for advance payment-APR. They are asking for second and third requests for funds. The state is too slow. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked where the reimbursement money was coming from. SLPT does not have a general fund like most of the other tribes. Mr. N. Frank said they have a new format now. There was a meeting with Ms. Davis and John on November 12, 2024. He saw it had good vibes and things will be good to go. He is on top of it. They have to allocate all the money. He will be communicating with them. He likes the pantry.

All property taxes and HOA fees were expensed to the pantry. The energy bill was split

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between IDC and Fund 267. The tenants already paid for the year but their contract states they do not pay utilities. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that the former Finance Director was taking utilities out Fund 267 which was called Tribal funds and treated as a general fund-when it should be Tribal Funds. They will stop splitting and expenses will go to Fund 267 per Council Consensus. After the start of 2025, everything will be clean.

PACState: Originally the funds came from Ramah to pay for PACState services. There was discussion of funding of IT with PACState. It was decided to use Indirect and CTGP with the on-boarding start, returning funds to Ramah. Mr. Simmons offered the possibility of more money for IT expenses (\$10,000). As far as the Pantry does, they have a 15% budget for IT operations. The initial funds for PACState on boarding was to be split between IDC and CTGP. Mrs. New Moon said that with HUD Housing Programs there is no IDC taken.

Budget There was discussion of the Budget. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked were the THPO-Tribal Historical Preservation Officers funds were. What budget there does not have everything right now. Mrs. Lone Eagle is the only one designated as SLPT THPO. They need to create a position and hire a Historical Preservation Office. Mr. N. Frank thanked her for her clarification. She would like to have a dedicated person for THPO.

When asked, Mrs. Lone Eagle clarified why Mr. Curley incorporates all departments in all proposals. They are automatically listed even if they are not involved. She hoped this helped explain things.

There was a discussion on Higher Education. There was a spilt between Higher Education and Ramah.

Mrs. New Moon explained that for reporting there is a need for itemized GL codes to be totaled and then the total reported. The Department heads need the itemized totals.

Mr. N. Frank stated that the finance numbers are a mess. He has been working on cleaning things up. It will all be different starting in January.

The Chairwoman called lunch at Noon to return at 1:00 pm.

Council returned from lunch at 1:01 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, November 13, 2024 back to order at 1:01 pm.

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 Cherice Trejo, present; and Council Member,

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Finance Continued:

Upon discussion of the FY2025 CTGP budget, it was suggested to present it will all requested changes to see if they can get some increase and to give justification of more funding.

There was an item name change to "Council Member Stipend". There was a change in the number of Special Council meetings from nine to four.

The Committee (all committees) member stipend is \$75. It was listed as \$100 in error.

Changes:

Utilities is now budgeted at \$2,500.

Travel budget changed to In-State at \$1,500 and Out-of-State to \$3,000

Training Seminars at \$3,500.

Burial at \$3,000

Pantry Volunteer: There was discussion on payment for the Pantry volunteer helper. Mr. N. Frank will ask Ms. Davis if a Volunteer Stipend could be added to the Pantry budget. There was a suggestion to use online ordering. Ms. Lomaintewa said the volunteers are volunteers so no money. Mrs. Lone Eagle said to communicate to Ms. Davis. If it is okay to put it in the budget, that would be okay. If not, there will be not money for volunteers.

Each department should know what is in their budget, where the money is spent.

They agreed on the percent of various funds to pay for PACState services.

Grant Writer Report by Larry Curley presented by Mrs. Lone Eagle

This report covers activities since the last Tribal Council meeting on October 19, 2024. The activities include a review of existing foundations, federal funding opportunities and charitable organizations. This report also provides status updates on submitted grants by the Grant Writer to date to ensure that Tribal Council is aware of the status of these

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efforts.

1. **Administration For Native Americans (ANA).** Language Preservation Grant.(Jointly developed with The Language Conservation)
 - A. Successfully submitted.
 - B. NOT FUNDED.
2. **National Park Service.** Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Language, Culture, History Preservation.
 - A. Successfully Submitted
 - B. FUNDED. \$ 99,623.00
3. **First Nations Development Institute.** Language, Culture and Future Leaders Mentoring.
 - A. Successfully Submitted
 - B. FUNDED. **\$60,000.**
4. **Paul Newman Foundation.** Food Sovereignty, Traditional Foods
 - A. Successfully Submitted
 - B. NOT FUNDED.
5. **Department Of Labor.** Capacity Building. OSHA Training to Tribal Members
 - A. Successfully Submitted
 - B. NOT FUNDED
6. **Santa Fe Tobacco Foundation.** Arts and Culture, Youth Focused
 - A. Submitted
 - B. Action Pending
7. **State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (Slgop)**
 - A. Successfully submitted
 - B. Action Pending
8. **NCAI Mini-Grants**

These are small grants from the NCAI Foundation. Grants to participate in the elections which were held. Request for application submitted and response was not received
9. **Institute Of Museum & Library Services.**

This is a two-year grant for the preservation of historical information and documents. Grant writer is currently developing a proposal to secure funding for Summit Lake Tribe. Part of proposal is to coordinate and collaborate with outside organizations and will include UNR department to explore mentorship opportunities in relationship to this project. Envision the creation of a tribal repository that will secure documents and artifacts of significance to Summit Lake Tribe. Proposal due date is November 15, 2024. Grant Amount: **\$250,000**
10. **Pinkus Foundation.**

A Letter Of Interest has been sent to the Foundation as a pre-application requirement. Proposal envisions the development of a comprehensive planning initiative addressing health, recreation and youth. Awaiting response from

Foundation.

11. Wells Fargo Tribal Initiative Grants

Contacted WELLS FARGO GRANTS program for indigenous population. A concept paper which describes a capacity-building initiative for the tribe was submitted for their review. Awaiting their response to the paper.

Amount to be requested: **\$400,000.**

Future Grant Opportunities:

1. NAGPRA Repatriation Grants.

Grant writer is currently reviewing grant requirements. The due date for this grant is May 5, 2025.

2. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

This grant is to develop tribally-oriented suicide and substance prevention programs. Due date for this grant is March 6, 2025.

This report covers the period previously referenced. Obviously, with the new administration, the funding landscape will possibly change, but will ensure that the tribal council is made aware of these changes.

Numu Namagah Nobe—Pantry Report by Christinna Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator

They defrosted the stand-up freezer and cleaned it out. That took three days to get it defrosted. They took advantage of the low-frozen meat items.

The pantry was given \$5,000 from the ARPA fund, due to zero-funding coming in from the grant. The pantry was very low and out-of-stock of many items. She has been just getting the necessities and not buying so much of any one item at a time. She does not know how long it will take to get their grant money. When the grant money comes in, they will have to do a huge shopping haul to fully stock the pantry. The members are still happy with the food we did have in stock and are very understanding and thankful for what they get.

On Wednesday, October 30, 2024 a federal agent came in to see if the outside cameras were in working order. He said that between Friday and Sunday October 25-27, 2024 someone stole a mailbox that was located on Green Vista Drive. The legs were sawed off and on Monday, October 28, 2024 the postman noticed it missing. He said he will be contacting Sparks Police to check the houses on top of the hill to see if any residences have cameras that may help with his investigation.

Picked up at Catholic Charities with a good variety of food items to help distribute to members. The last two times they picked up they got very little, mainly bread, fruit and vegetables due to them stocking up for the holidays and not having much to give. Carlos Carrillo informed her that he was supplying 23 other organizations to continue

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partnering with Catholic Charities for the next 48 months.

A tribal member asked if they could deliver to Winnemucca if three to five families needed assistance for food. She thinks this is a good idea if there are more than three families at a time who will need food that they can deliver to the members. It was decided this could be done once a month.

The Dutch door arrived on Wednesday, November 6, 2024. It was damaged so she had Mark Lomaintewa look at it and he said he could fix it. Mark and Jacob Lomaintewa came to install the door. They took the old door and the frame out and found the door had too much damage to repair after it was out of the packaging. Ms. DeBord and she returned the door to Home Depot and ordered one from Lowes. The new one will be there December 4, 2024. The Lomaintewa men reinstalled the door frame and door.

The pantry served 60 families and made six deliveries in the last four weeks.

Shopping: They shopped at Save Mart, Flowers Bakery, Smiths, Walmart and Grocery Outlet. They spent a total of \$2,027.48 included turkeys and ham for the Thanksgiving dinner. There is \$2,972.52 remaining of the \$5,000 from ARPA.

They do say thank you to Council for approving the \$5,000, they have been shipping very frugally to make the money last until the grant money comes in. The last time they did this there were four of them shopping and took six hours to shop, not including unloading and putting away food items.

A member called and wanted to know if we had any cleaning products to give out and another member needed toilet paper. She told them both they only have food items at this time.

Mr. N. Frank is helping her with getting a donation from Costco. She started the application and did not have any information they needed. She let him know and he is happy to assist her with what is needed to complete this process.

She reached out to Carlos and Lisa from Catholic Charities for turkeys or hams for the pantry to give to the membership for Thanksgiving. She has not heard back from them and will be going there on Thursday, November 14, 2024 and will touch base with someone there. She also called Food Bank of Northern Nevada and she is waiting for a call back.

Continuing to do their daily cleaning of the pantry storage area, front entrance, bathrooms and office.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for

ten minutes for Pantry. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 2:30 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 3:10 pm.

Housing/ARPA Report by Austin New Moon

Other Duties/ARPA

- Turkey Day Dinner is all ready to go for November 14, 2024. They will have three turkeys and three hams along with sides from the attending tribal members. There are 53 RSVPs attending.
- Voting Day they had a great turnout of people. Native Organizers Alliance provided a DJ, tacos and Free Naïve Vote Swag. They also received an email from one of the observers. It said, "Dear Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, Thank you so much for the welcoming atmosphere you created at your tribal office on November 5. I have been a poll observer in Reno for multiple presidential elections since 2008, and have never experienced such a wonderful welcome to the polls from any other organization or agency. It was truly special and created a warm feeling on the site. Many thanks for your thoughtful welcome (including the posters, buttons, tacos, music and lovely people staffing the effort) to folks exercising their right to vote. With appreciation, Nina Fendel Poll Observer."
- Fund 167 LATCF: Pending amendment to the final report. It was fully spent, but Mr. Howard reported \$94,000 spent, but \$6,000 might need to be paid back.
- Fund 110-ITCN Fire Tablets for minor tribal members. She will prepare a flyer for the families with eligible children and get them sent out so they can get the money spent down.
- Awaiting Narcan shipment so they can be distributed to members. There three cases of four.
- Fund 155 (HAF) Budget modification was accepted. She completed the quarterly and annual reports that were due November 15, 2024. She does have an email into the Treasury regarding the final close out report. It is not allowing her to open the report to complete it. It remains an outstanding issue with the Treasury per the Treasury. Their IT was notified to fix it.

Mrs. New Moon want to have a special ARPA meeting due to her injury she was unable to get the resources for the appropriations.

Housing

- Received a clean audit for NAHASDA/IHGB grant.

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- Rehabilitation Update: He originally asked for insurance not covering plumbing, now he wants to upgrade ductwork, an ADA shower in order to bring it into compliance so insurance will pay.
- Certified Housing Counselors Training through HUD. No update to report.
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
 - Program began February 18, 2023
 - Continuing to get applications in for assistance
 - Working with Finance on the \$220,000 that was allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning bundles.
 - Remaining Funds-\$45,827.17. Mrs. New Moon does not think she has quite this amount.
 - Cleaning Bundles are no longer available
 - There were eight people on the Rental assistance with two already completing their 6 months per year and eight six eligible

Training

NAIHC Legal Symposium dates are set for December 9, 2024 through December 12, 2024. Vice-Chairwoman Crane, Council Member Cherice Trejo and Austin New Moon will be attending. They will be flying out in the afternoon of December 8, 2024 and returning the afternoon of December 12, 2024.

On voting day there was an issue with swag booth and the taco truck parking by Suite 403. The man who was running the Poll workers had the observers kicked out on Election day allowing only one observer at a time so they had to rotate who was in the room.

Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) by James Simmons

Accomplishments

- Field season is over. The field station closed (mostly) the week of November 4, 2024. NRD is in winter office mode.
- Submitted all BIA narratives and financials on time.

Discussion Topics

1. Meghan Munn Credit Card: Mr. Simmons asked for a second NRD credit card for Meghan Munn. Mr. Simmons had fraudulent entries on his card. She would use it only with permission as a back-up card. They discussed the limits and to tie the two NRD cards together so they work off of one shared limit, two cards on one account. However, Mr. Simmons said that it would be better to separate the accounts, because if one account is compromised, then the other would be usable. It was the consensus of the Council to order a second NRD card in Meghan Munn's name.

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2. "No dozer scar" areas of Reservation for BLM wildfire crews: Dan Gustafson, Assistant Fire Management Officer for BLM, contacted Mr. Simmons regarding their Youth and Young Adults program to get young tribal members into fire service.

They are working on an infrastructure map for firefighters showing where firefighters could work, locations of structures, water, and historical sights. He asked about "no dozer scar" firebreaks. He asked if there any areas that the Tribe does not want touched by dozers and what areas would that be okay.

No Scar areas would include the field station, scared sites, historical sites, riparian water areas - please do not divert water.

SLPT got a grant to maintain fire fuel breaks. The work is to be done next year.

3. Review of Fisheries, Roads, and Range summary budgets: Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if this was the three-year contract renewals since the numbers are higher. Mr. Simmons explained that it is the three-year renewals but showing annual budget figures to show the foundation for asking for more funds. When Mrs. Lone Eagle talked to Ms. Bittisillie, she said she wanted to have budgets allocated by December 20, 2024. The money is given in an annual individual lump sum, first contract renewal, first allocation.

Fisheries, Roads and Ranges will close out at the end of the year for the submission for the next three-year contract.

In regards to the CTPG request to submit early, Mr. Simmons would also like to submit sooner.

The funds are separate for Fisheries, Roads, and Ranges, so they are downloadable separately per Fisheries, Roads, and Ranges annually in a lump sum. Totals include additional projects in each. The budget is a big increase due to inflation, wage increases, etc. but they want to go for it. Mr. Burdette is all for it to push them, make them see what is needed, to make these additional added projects to continue rolling funding not small grants.

Mr. Simmons would like to get the same wage ranges the agencies used to generate total costs. Mr. Burdette said that is good to retain personnel.

Council thinks the budgets are fine. When Mr. Simmons gets everything tweaked, he will submit to the BIA and send them to the Council finished.

When James Gaske, the new Natural Resources Officer for the BIA, toured the Lake, he had a talk with Mr. Simmons. Mr. Simmons told him to expect a bigger budget.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle said they need to do the surveys to help change the budgets.

Mr. Simmons discussed upgrading housing at the field station for the staff, mostly due to health issues. He could ask for a one-time project for housing. They can consider Hunter/Shelter homes.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA: Mrs. New Moon would like another meeting to finalize the ARPA appropriations.

She has set-up an excel workbook to list the items and the appropriations. It will be easier to make any changes.

They discussed the most current expenses from ARPA.

Money left in October after expenses was \$1,880,000

Money total money left after expenses at the end of December (estimate)

\$1,023,087.83

2025 yearly known expenses: Wages, Council, ARPA internet through October, food cards for adult members, helipad, Insurance costs (Council can be included.),

NRD has factored in health insurance subsidy in all contracts. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked what will they do after 2026 when the funding is gone. Mrs. New Moon said that is a job for Mr. Curley to find more funding. Mr. Simmons is going to figure in insurance cost in all NRD contracts. NRD pays 50% of the Bronze plan no matter what they level they choose Tabled to Special meeting. Reconsidered and this is out.

There was an idea to plan new vehicles for NRD. Council felt that grants could pay for them.

Mrs. Lone Eagle would rather spend it, get it off the books. It is not good on the audit.

Note: Gemma Han of BlueBirds CPAs will be available Friday, November 22, 2024 at Noon for the Audit Exit meeting.

Appropriation Ideas

- *Internet: Extension of paying internet services until October 2026.
- *Helipad: Helipad is not covered in current funding. There was discussion. Keep this idea.
- Childcare: Mrs. New Moon will check on this.

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- Tutoring: Mrs. New Moon will check on this.
- *Food Cards

Mr. Simmons discussed why he felt NRD could use new vehicles.

There was talk of stimulus checks.

Originally they wanted investment property, but this is not feasible now.

The Council decided on Wednesday, December 4, 2024 for a Special Council meeting for ARPA at 1:00 pm.

Mrs. New Moon said if they had any other ideas, to email them to her.

Mr. Simmons suggested a campground at the Lake.

They talked about hunter shelters.

Mrs. New Moon said the time for talk is over. It is time to decide.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they need decisions. They need it off the books. Make it go away. She mentioned helipad.

Mr. Burdette suggested having a re-fueling station at the helipad for fire-fighting helicopters and other copters that fly out there who need fuel.

Mrs. New Moon wants it done.

CTGP resolution for the budget.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-58-2024 Re-Contract Consolidated Tribal Grant Program (CTGP) PL93 for FY2025 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fund with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-58-2024 enacted at 5:55 pm.

Ms. Trejo would like to hold a craft fair in the Council Chambers at \$20 a table on a Saturday. Council said to try a one-day event. There was a Consensus of the Council to let her move forward.

They now have a rental agreement. It can a revenue generator to rent out the room.

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OPEN FORUM

There was a discussion on getting Toys for Tots. They have been working with the group in Pahrump, Nevada and they need to go and get the toys. Mrs. Lone Eagle will check with Ms. Gonzalez on this.

MEETINGS:

- Friday, November 22, 2024 Audit Exit Special Meeting Noon.
- Wednesday, December 4, 2024 a Special Council meeting to finalize ARPA at 1:00 pm.
- Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, 18, 2024 at the Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Council Chambers, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the November 13, 2024 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting December 18, 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.

12-18-24
Date

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