

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 21, 2020
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2020 to order at 10:20 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.

STAFF: Austin New Moon, Housing Program Manager

Chairwoman Lone Eagle explained that this meeting was called in regards to finding Tribal member homelessness aid and emergency assistance within the current HUD grant and looking at what can be revised or amended and put into resolution format to offset the previous two items for the SLPT membership.

Ms. New Moon referenced the 2020 Indian Housing Development Handbook. Aid for the homeless and emergency assistance are hard without having Tribal housing units under management so that the Tribe could provide temporary housing. A possible option to provide emergency assistance is to negotiate with a local hotel with the Tribe covering some or all of the rent. Ms. Lone Eagle pointed out that this option would also put the Tribe in the position of being responsible for damages, insurance, liabilities etc. This is a lot to consider and research. The best and simplest way is to have some type of Tribal housing like tiny homes.

Funding would need to be found. Guidelines would need to be established such as determining how long and defining what is an emergency. The Council will need to establish exactly what they feel constitutes an emergency for assistance. They will also need to decide on the length of time the assistance will be provided. The need to look into how they handle the situation when the units are full and another emergency case presents itself.

Ms. Crane said that Ms. New Moon should research into exactly what SLPT can do.

When they looked into the Tribal member who said they were homeless it was found that they were previously given an application and instruction for one of the assistance programs but never turned in the completed documentation into the Housing department. They have assistance with other agencies like Reno Housing. There are three children involved. Mr. Mace, Sr. said the Council should help them find help now. It would have been different if the member had come to the Council in advance and let them know the circumstances and what could possibly happen.

Ms. Lone Eagle stated it seemed people are not understanding how the Housing Program works and what it can do. There was a discussion on the situation. Ms. New

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Moon said she would like to reach out to this person and find out exactly what the situation is for her. She could reach out to a shelter for them.

The 2020 Indian Housing Development Handbook does not have anything discussing homelessness or emergency housing. This book is published by NIAC, not HUD although they work together closely. Ms. New Moon will reach further in the HUD regulations and policies. She recommends trying to establish some housing under management. There was a discussion on options on this topic.

Ms. New Moon wants to looking into all options she can think of so that even if she cannot find a solution now, people can be informed that every effort was put into trying to find a resolution. This could be a start for being able to establish a solution in the future. City of Reno has no emergency policy but does have a waiting list for housing.

Ms. New Moon did suggest making a list of resources for food, clothing, possible places to look for shelter, etc. so that they can try to help people find assistance. Ms. Lone Eagle discussed what the Council criteria is for an emergency situation. Maybe the Council could partner them with ITCN and NEY and their programs and resources. Ms. New Moon will reach out to some rancherias in California which have similar situations to SLPT. The ideal would be able to purchase land and build units to manage from the ground up. It would be ambitious and expensive, but something to consider in the future.

Ms. New Moon will contact HUD and look into it further. It will be difficult. She will also check with shelters to get an idea of their criteria for eligibility, how the programs work. There are some hotels open with weekly and monthly rates which could possibly be used for emergency situations.

As far as the Tribal stimulus, Ms. Lone Eagle will need to get an update on the Cares Act. It was noted that the news reported that the Cares Act database was hacked which had a lot of confidential information on the Tribes in it.

Ms. Lone Eagle went through her email. One email was a thank you from a Tribal member for the gift card. Another was from someone describing a major breach in Tribal information being leaked to regional corporations intentionally.

Ms. New Moon was discussing the Covid-19 curfew on the Pyramid Lake Reservation.

Mr. Crane asked what did they decide to do. Ms. Lone Eagle said they would look into buying a duplex and work on the necessary criteria. Domestic abuse cases may need to be referred to NEY or ITCN.

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Ms. New Moon will reach out to Mike (realtor) and update him that the Council is currently looking into the numbers.

They discussed the tiny homes in Reno. They viewed a video on the Tiny Ten complex. They are very nice, but expensive. Mr. Mace said that it would be cheaper to buy a trailer and move out to the Reservation.

They will have to wait until they get more information to take any formal action.

Ms. Lone Eagle discussed an email from Rachael Youmans, Natural Resources Director. Ms. Youmans was asked for information to create a no-fly zone over land assignments for when the NRD flies their drones. It was the general feeling of the Council that a no-fly zone was not necessary. She also stated that she would be going to the Reservation the week of April 27, 2020 and asked for permission to have her husband accompany her as her "buddy system". There was no objection.

Mr. Mace asked if the playa was closed. It is not closed at this time, but it could be very wet.

Ms. Crane asked if there was a decision on the status of the next Regular Council meeting. Ms. Lone Eagle stated a decision must be made by the first week of May 2020 to notify the membership whether it will be on the Reservation or in Sparks, Nevada or push the meeting out one week. They would go to the Reservation a couple times when they can after the Corona restrictions have been lifted.

Ms. Lone Eagle is concerned that the Reservation is not closed, that there has been no notice of closure. There is no one out there at this time due to the Covid-19. NRD is already behind on field work.

Some Tribal members have asked when there will be another Connecting to Nature event. It is in the works but takes time and resources to organize as well as the Covid-19 situation.

The Council will try to go to the Reservation in June and July.

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 11:48 am.

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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 April 21, 2020 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting May16, 2020 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: **3** - FOR **0** - AGAINST **0** -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

6/2/2020
Date

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