

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, June 8, 2024
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 402, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, June 8, 2024 to order at 8:03 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 Scott Cory Burdette, present; and Council Member, Cherice Trejo, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Director Natural Resources Department (NDR); Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; Larry Curley, Grant Writer; Jenn Pielop, Finance Clerk, Jamie Astor, Pantry; Madison Hutchinson, NRD Environmental Specialist; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Melissa Eller,

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the Wednesday, May 1, 2024 Special Council Meeting minutes with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:07 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the Saturday, May 18, 2024 General Council Meeting minutes with the waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:08 am.

COUNCIL REPORTS

The Chairwoman commented that there were no appeals to the Election results received by May 31, 2024.

Chair Woman Randi Lone Eagle made her report during the period of **May 20, 2024 through June 7, 2024.**

May 20, 2024 –The Oath of Office was held. The Tribal Council was sworn in and Council seats decided upon. Tribal liaison seats were discussed for higher education, enrollment, and ICWA. The June Regular Council meeting was changed to June 8, 2024 due to the Tribal Event on June 14 through 16, 2024. The Election Committee submitted their final report to the Council. It was sent to the BIA.

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May 21, 2024—Emails and replies throughout the day. Time sheets were signed. Language class was held. Discussions with Mrs. Lomaintewa on Bingo prizes for the event in June. It was approved by the Tribal Council to utilize Ramah funds.

May 22, 2024—ITCN Information Meeting on the status of the CCDF issue. There was no quorum to have an official meeting. Submitted the SLPT ANA grant application for the language program to continue.

May 23, 2024—Emails and replies throughout the day. Signed payables for the finance department.

May 24, 2024—Chairwoman out of the office. The Staff knows how to reach her.

May 25 through June 7, 2024 Poll workers held primary elections for 2024. Returned on June 11, 2024 for election day as SLPT is listed as a polling location site. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the pick-up/set-up.

May 27, 2024—Memorial Day—Admin Office was closed.

May 28, 2024 Virtually attended the Summer EPA Region 9 RTOC. Also, spoke with JC who stopped by the office for the signage of the 401 and 201 suites. He states he will get an invoice to Mrs. New Moon. The signs will take about eight to ten weeks to be finished. She also worked with the SLPT Grant Writer on the SLPT grant application for the THPO funds. Confirmed that no money has been received. They will need a person to handle THPO. Signed purchase orders.

May 29, 2024—Received an email about the SLPT NTIA application for the broadband project. Spoke with Jeff Kramer who has been working with them on the application along with Deserea from ITCN. Zoom link created for the June Council meeting. Received an email from a tribal member requesting to re-connect electricity to their home. They are not sure it was finalized ownership. They will need to look into it. Mr. Simmons asked if the bill received for electric is just the NRD related facilities, or does it also include the homes on the reservation especially since NRD and CTGP has been paying for all of it. There are questions on who pays. Mrs. New Moon commented they only have one member who claims a permanent residence and he pays once a year to pay Harney for the entire year. It is per an agreement for minimum monthly payments which he pays for in one yearly sum. Mrs. Lone Eagle said this needs to be looked into.

There was a discussion about the electricity on the reservation. This needs to be looked into to see what is the correct payment system, who has what responsibilities. Mr. Burdette said that there is a need to check all the homes for power meters. Mr. Simmons commented that there needs to be a process and documentation for the

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homes out there. Mr. Frank related that Harney gets power from the Snake River grid but will be gone in about twenty years. Harney is cheaper than NV Energy. They could look into building their own micro-grid. Mr. Simmons will look to create a plan and then find funding.

May 31, 2024 Virtual meeting with GAO and Mr. Howard with Finance Department.

June 3, 2024—IEC meeting via Zoom. Handled emails throughout the day. Signed purchase orders and payables.

June 4, 2024—Daily emails and replies. Signed checks for finance department.

June, 5, 2024—Daily emails and replies. Met with the Vice-Chairwoman to go over some logistics for the Council meeting. She also had Ms. Crane stop by the offices as a second check signer. Met with Enrollment Coordinator briefly. Drafted and signed seven ICWA letters all which were non-affiliated with Summit Lake. Also submitted the monthly report to NIC.

June 6, 2024—Completed the BIA count for their enrollment data support. Faxed that back to their department. Replied to emails throughout the day.

June 7, 2024—Met with Mrs. Lomaintewa at 10:00 am for the prizes for the event on June 14, 2024.

Council Mail.

May 10, 2024—Department of the Navy-Naval Air Station Fallon Draft programmatic agreement—support of the other tribes.

May 13, 2024—Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) on a session on funding opportunities with BIL and IRA on the morning of June 6, 2024.

May 17, 2024—Letter from BLM Winnemucca office.

May 20, 2024—Letter from NARF and NARF Book. Inquiry from Oregon DHS office.

May 22, 2024—Letter from BLM Malhuer field office. Letter from the BLM Reno office. Letter from the DLM Winnemucca office.

May 24, 2024—Letter from USDA-section 106 Consultation: NRCS Joseph Kircher Project. Letter from Naval Air Station Fallon Naval Housing Expansion. Letter from BLM Applegate office on NAGPRA near Massacre Lakes.

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May 25, 2024—Indian National Finals Rodeo-October 22, 2024 – October 27, 2024.
Letter from BLM Applegate office on an EA for a proposed project.

May 27, 2024—US Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Service on Section 106 of
NHPA for Sheldon NWR Paleoenvironment Coring UNT SUP_Sheldon NWR.

May 29, 2024—Received ICWA inquiry from Dept. of WA. Letter from Silver Summit
HealthPlan.

May 30, 2024—Received ICWA inquiry from Dept. of OR.

June 3, 2024—Received ICWA inquiry from Dept. of WA., ICWA inquiry from Dept. of
OR.

July Council Meeting: Tribal Minds CEO Brian Melendez will be at the SLPT meeting to
discuss the continuation of their rental agreement with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe and
rental increase. Mr. Melendez wants to work it out. Mr. Burdette will investigate square
foot pricing. Now that the pantry is there, they would share the utilities costs.

Training: June 27-June 28, 2024 will be in Reno, Nevada with BIA workshop with Mr.
Hughes. She would like to request approval for the Finance staff to attend in place of
the secretary/treasurer due to medical appointments. It will be stipends per day for both
days. This should be attended by Mr. Frank and/or Finance Department.

CFP: Four laptops remaining. One was given out to a Tribal Member on May 29, 2024.

ICWA: Eight letters responded to as non-affiliated with Summit Lake.

Higher Education: No inquiries or requests from Tribal members.

Mrs. Lone Eagle received two quotes from Neil at Forest Office Equipment on two
different printers. The Pantry needs a printer. The one in Suite 401 needs replacement.
It is up to the Council to decide what they want to do.

She brought up PAC State, a one-stop shop for IT, some internal electric, and security.
SLPT is looking for security for all three offices and connecting them. This also includes
phones. They serve several tribes and tribal organizations.

Mrs. New Moon said there is a need to upgrade the phone system. She is waiting for
DTS's estimate. Mr. Howard said the staff should be provided instruction on how to use
the system and retrieve voice mail.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane reported that she attended the May 18, 2024 General

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meeting and the May 20, 2024 Oath of Office meeting and signed checks. She attended training at the Atlantis Casino and Resort May 27-28, 2024.

Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank attended the May 20, 2024 Special meeting and Oath of Office. He is looking forward to the Reservation Event.

Council Member Cherice Trejo had nothing to report.

Council Member Cory Burdette said he went up to the Lake to help with the event.

Mr. Howard asked Council if Tuesdays and Fridays were good for check signing. Tuesdays were chosen.

The Chairwoman called a ten-minute break at 9:09 am.

Council returned from break at 9:22 am.

Housing Report by Housing Manager Ausin New Moon

- T-Mobile: Mrs. New Moon ordered two phones for the pantry. They were shipped June 7, 2024.
- Microsoft Suite Licensing: Enrollment and the Pantry Leads need Microsoft licensing. DTS sent a quote. Finance signed the agreement and sent it but DTS says they never got it. Mr. Howard will send it again.
- Julia Signs came out to measure for signs for Suites 401 and 201. Mrs. New Moon is waiting for the quote.

Paiute Language Class: June 7, 2024 was the last class due to lack of funds. They had to stop abruptly. Both teachers are on board to do the classes again if funding can be obtained (ANA grant).

Annual Performance Report FY 2023- for HUD/NAHASDA. There is no update. There will also be an Indian Housing Plan (IHP) which is due at the end of the year, the IHP for 2025, which will detail the current programs.

NAIHC: Mrs. New Moon is not going the NAIHC in June. It is in Florida. Mrs. Lone Eagle said there was to be vote. Mrs. New Moon will see which Nevada Tribes are going and give one of them her proxy if she cannot vote electronically..

Awarded \$110,290 for IHP: The money was not received at this time and is funded per submitted plan—minimally funded but the most SLPT has ever received. Social Media has comments with assumptions about being tied up with Winnemucca. People are assuming the SLPT is doing the same as Winnemucca. They are making assumptions

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what the Tribe is doing. They are wondering why the Council is not saying anything. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that they have not even received the money yet. Mrs. New Moon said that the IHP plan is submitted in order to receive the funding and is public information posted on HUD's website under SLPT. It goes into details.

Mr. Burdette asked if Mrs. New Moon submits a plan and HUD funds SLPT per that plan. That is how it works. Mr. Burdette is grateful for the funds and acknowledged that it needs to be meticulously, carefully spent.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said there is a learning curve for the membership on how these housing programs work.

Mr. Burdette wants to work with Mrs. New Moon to see how SLPT can get more funding.

Ms. Gonzalez said that members need to look at other places for other programs.

Mrs. New Moon said all Housing Authorities need more funding across the nation.

Mrs. New Moon will send Mr. Burdette and Ms. Trejo copies of the APR and IHP.

IHBG Formula Census Challenge due June 29, 2024, so it should be done by the end of the month. This is to update the Census. Currently it states SLPT has 30 members which is not true. In New Orleans, Louisiana it was said there was zero. They should do the Challenge every year to keep the census accurate as SLPT grows.

Certified Housing Training: Mrs. New Moon is still looking for details.

Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF)
 - Close-out report from Finance
 - No income changes
 - No reporting before because it was too small, just need closeout report
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
 - Continuing to get application for assistance.
 - Trying to get out of state members to apply.

Mrs. New Moon is working with the Pantry Leads ordering desks.

Mrs. New Moon left the meeting at 9:50 am.

Enrollment Report by Delgadina Gonzalez

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Enrollment

No new applications requested or returned
130 adults 18+
75 children 0-17
Total 205 active enrolled members
Base Roll 322

Enrollment Cards

3 adult cards, 3 children

Employee Badges

Employee Cards for the NRD

Progeny

Updating the system with new versions and ensuring the records and information transfers over. She is having ongoing issues with the data card printer. It keeps going offline and does not connect to the server. When this happens, she cannot print any cards, open any documents, or create any documents.

She cannot use her Microsoft Word, Excel, etc. right now. Waiting for a Microsoft program licensing to be purchased.

Membership Files / Historical Records

Membership files along with contact information are being updated when a member calls, emails, or comes into the office.

Researching and collecting historical documents to re-create and complete membership files.

Updating the Base Roll. She added names back to the SLPT Base Roll. She has been able to add names to the unused Progeny numbers. Old probate documents and files have been helpful in collecting information on members that may have been removed or left off the rolls over the years.

She has come across more data entry mistakes from past years. She researches and makes needed changes as they come up.

Ms. Gonzalez is working with the BIA probate department researching historical documents, gathering missing documents and information to complete probates for two SLPT members.

Training

Attended the first day of the Intertribal Agriculture Council Food and Agriculture Summit

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in Fallon, Nevada on May 29, 2024. It was interesting but SLPT is not there yet. There was a lot about farming.

They had speakers that were remotely interacting on Zoom. They were from Nevada, Arizona, and Montana. It was more for tribes and individuals who are already participating in farming, agriculture, and Native owned food businesses, Native Food Banks, those that are already established or actively becoming established. There is opportunity and funds out there for Native science aspect of it all. 4H and other youth led adventures, Hoop Houses. Lots of help is available. Picked up all info she could from the information tables.

She is continuing to take free online courses, training, and webinars on genealogy, archive records management, ICWA related, advocacy, and other related topics as they are offered.

Enrollment Committee

Last meeting was on November 17, 2023, 1:00 pm.

The next meeting has not been scheduled. The committee needs a new member. The position needs to be sent out.

ICWA—Indian Child Welfare Act

No new inquires.

SLPT's Little Free Native Library

She continues to receive donations and Ms. Pielop continues to donate to the library. May 26, 2024, she received two new bookshelves. Her grandson Numu came, and he was supposed to help build them, he took over and got them built. He is very good with power tools.

Camping Event

She will have family tree worksheets and some of the old Indian 1910 Census available for the members to look at along with forms to update members information. Her family will provide items to make 'Smores one evening. She has donated a popcorn machine that can be taken up and utilized for the event.

Friday and Saturday evenings from 5:00 pm on will be tribal led activities. This will be a time to gather, socialize, and come together as a community. Dean Barlese will be available to offer prayers, storytelling, singing, etc.

Christina Lomaintewa will be offering Paiute Bingo and hand games. She hopes to see the newly elected Council members and staff there to meet the members and she hoped to interact with everyone on our traditional homelands. There will be a food truck on Saturday of the event for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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Ms. Gonzalez has an appointment at TMCC Archives to look at Indian Archives.

There was a discussion about how, during school breaks, people bringing their children to Suite 401 to play in the children's library. Mrs. Lone Eagle and the staff should not need to watch them. It would be nice to have somewhere available for the children to go hang out during breaks, etc. This has been talked about before. Ms. Eller said most children would be good sitting in front of a TV watching a movie.

Mr. Simmons asked if there was any funding out there for scholarships to camps, etc. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated when they first talked about how to use ARPA, this was on the list, but the Elders were not in agreement as they did not have children. On the other hand, minors make up a majority of the membership. This idea was shot down at that time. Mr. Simmons was thinking about other organizations having programs.

Ms. Gonzalez stated that ITCN has the Children's Cabinet. There used to be a few other organizations. Even Girls and Boys Club, depending income and the child's age, have a training program. There are all sorts of different things to look at and navigate through. This brought up different options to feed children during break. Mrs. Lone Eagle said this is a place for children on school break.

Mr. Burdette asked if the staff works from home. Some people do. It was explained the NRD staff rotate in-person and virtual work. Mrs. New Moon occasionally works from home when necessary.

There was a discussion on programs for children and youth.

Mr. Burdette worked on SLPT for 14 years with a Youth Program.

They also talked about the cemetery on the Reservation.

Natural Resources Department report by James Simmons

Ms. Hutchinson discussed the plans for the Reservation Event.

The event will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June 14, 15 and 16, 2024. Friday they will leave at noon so the request is to be at the Administrative offices 30 minutes early. All SLPT vehicles being used to transport people to the Reservation. They will be driving in a group caravan with the lead and last vehicles having a walkie talkie to help keep them together and to notify the lead of anything that might happen to separate the group such as a flat tire. For those driving on their own, Ms. Hutchinson has sent them directions for both ways to get to the Reservation.

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Saturday activities will be run by the NRD staff. The morning activities will be at the Lake with boat rides and sage grouse. Scavenger hunt at the Lake.

There will be three meals provided with lunch being sandwich packed-boxes.

The afternoon activities include a water quality presentation, live animals and the fish trap activity and will complete at 4:00 pm. Dinner will be at 5:00 pm.

There will be lights for the walk ways.

Sunday will be the tear down and the transport back to the Sparks, Nevada Administrative offices.

There will be a liabilities slip, a child permission slip with who will be in charge of the children if the parent is not present, and a medical agreement to give permission or not give medical assistance.

Friday and Sunday the attendees bring their own food.

The tee-shirts are in. There is a color for the members and a color for staff and guests.

Sign-ups:

- 74 attending
- 24 people need transportation
- 36 need housing

They will be using a UNR van and the SLPT vehicles.

The housing provided is tents. Elders and handicapped will be provided cots in Trailer 1 for five people. There will be six tents housing eight to ten people.

The shirts came in a week early.

Mr. Burdette asked about port-a-potties. They will have more than last year. Council members and elders can use the Trailer 1 facilities. Ms. Gonzalaz said they should announce that children should NOT play in the hand washing stations(s).

Fishing equipment disinfecting stations set-up. The limits are one fish per person and they must bring their member fishing license. There will be NO Hunting that weekend for safety purposes.

Prize boxes need to be transported to the Lake.

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Mr. Burdette had questions. Mr. Simmions is the Emergency Coordinator—contact person. The BIA police will also be in attendance. The staff will give information on safety/first aid emergency protocols. All the staff have first aid/CPR training and wilderness safety emergency training. This information will be at the greeting table.

Mr. Burdette suggested that the buddy system be used for everyone, especially children. There are larger animals out on the reservation. There have been sightings of bobcats and coyotes, especially at night.

Ms. Hutchinson left the meeting at 10:47 am.

Accomplishments:

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 83°F to a low of 21°F. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 0 inches of SWE (snow water equivalent).
- Field crew of NRD staff and Great Basin Institute staff are performing very well.
- The fish trap count is 347 up stream and 157 downstream as of June 8, 2024. This is lower than expected. It feels like the fish may be in the north channel instead.
- SLPT was invited by NFWF to submit a full proposal for the FY24 America the Beautiful grant program (1340). This is for connectivity enhancements for Mahogany Creek. This is for approval to submit implementation of pre-proposal accepted. Invited to submit full implementation proposal due July 20, 2024 for one to four years.
- Fish trap enhancements proposal awarded by BIA for \$114,000.

Discussion Topics:

1. Approval to apply for a FY25 United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners Program BIL grant and funding to remove old fencing to improve the wildlife habitat and maintain/create fuel breaks (fire breaks) Resolution SL-25-2024. There was discussion. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-25-2024 Approval to Apply for FY 2025 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Program Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL) Grant with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-25-2024 enacted at 11:08 am.

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2. Approval to partner with USFWS and NDOW on a FY 25 USFWS Partners Program BIL Grant application. SLPT NRD will not submit but will partner to do aerial herbicide and reseeding for cheatgrass. Mr. Simmons explained the process. Mr. Burdette asked how effective it is. The herbicide works well. It is a common method of the agency. Native plant species found on the Reservation will be used to reseed.

Ms. Eller left the meeting at 11:17 am.

Mr. Burdette said cheatgrass shows up where there is a greater disturbance. There are two types of sagebrush, big and small which help to control cheatgrass. The small sagebrush is better at keeping cheatgrass out but the seed is expensive and takes 20 years to grow.

Mr. Simmons wants to reseed with native grass. Mr. Burdette suggested a short grass which would be more manageable. Mr. Simmons said he is using bunch grasses. There is a tall bunch grass which is a native grass which grows around the Lake. SLPT can specify what seeds and plants and where the different seeds are applied. They will use only small grasses at fuel breaks.

Mr. Simmons read the relevant portions of Resolution SL-26-2024.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-26-2024 Approval to Partner with NDOW and United States Fish and Wildlife Service on the FY 2025 United States Fish and Wildlife Service Partners Grant Application with a reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-26-2024 enacted at 11:28 am.

3. The USFWS wants to showcase work being done at SLPT through the BIL funding through a publication from the Intermountain West Joint Venture (IWJV) non-profit group working with USFWS. It would be posted on the IWJV website and social media as well as the Fish and Wildlife Service Regional website. It would not go out on general news media. Mr. Simmons talked about what the article would include. Any information would be reviewed before any publication.

There will be a site visit in July with a draft in August. Mr. Burdette would like to know exactly what the site visit would entail. Mr. Simmons said it would be a visit of the spring fencing, which was funded by the program and a general tour of the lake and Mahogany Creek.

It was the consensus of the Council to grant approval for the USFWS/IWJV site visit and publication to highlight work on restoration.

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For interviews of the Council members, they requested that SLPT please send a list of questions ahead of time.

4. Mr. Simmons was looking for approval to proceed with Native Ecosystem Inc. (NEI), Wildscape and McBain contracts for Mahogany Creek reed canary grass treatment and restoration. Mr. Simmons reached out for proposals. NEI, a respected company was the only one to furnish a proposal. This is under the SOARR (1341) and 148 grants. The Consensus of the Council is to move forward with NEI, Wildscape and McBain restoration contracts. Mr. Simmons will present resolutions at the next meeting.

5. Mr. Simmons has done some initial investigation into the Walker Basin Conservancy. They are experienced in water rights. SOARR (1341) has funds for land and water rights. He talked to the Director of the Walker Basin Conservancy. The Director felt SLPT could go to the State Engineering office and acquire all the remaining water rights to Mahogany. Mr. Simmons felt that SLPT could get this done in a year and work through the state. Mr. Simmons talked to Chris Mixon, a lawyer who helped the Walker Basin Conservancy acquire their water rights, to petition for the water rights from the state. He is paid by the hour as a lawyer. He can write things up to add Summit Lake into the petition.

Timing is good and the state is receptive to conservation. Chris Mixon will draft a legal petition in legal language. Chris Facque is dealing with the technical, land portion. The grant closes next June. It needs to get done quickly. It needs to be submitted by the end of the year.

Mr. Simmons would like approval to proceed with the contracts for Mr. Mixon and Mr. Facque. The consensus of the Council is to approve moving forward with the contracts. Mr. Simmons will present resolutions next month.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle called lunch at 12:04 pm to return at 1:00 pm.

Council returned from lunch at 1:04 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, June 8, 2024 back to order at 1:04 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 Scott Cory Burdette, present; and Council Member, Cherice Trejo, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Director Natural Resources Department (NDR); Daniel

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Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; Larry Curley, Grant Writer; Jenn Pielop, Finance Clerk, Jamie Astor, Pantry; Madison Hutchinson, NRD Environmental Specialist; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Mr. Charles Carslaw, CPA; Geoff Smith, UNR Archeologist; Mr. Jeff St. Louis, Native Purchasing Group

Presentation of Research on Last Supper Cave Artifacts and MOA by Geoff Smith, Ph.D.

Dr. Geoff Smith, UNR Archeologist/Professor introduced himself.

He did research on the Last Supper Cave about 18 miles northwest of the Summit Lake Reservation. The roads there are not good. There is a stunning Vista.

History of Work: Mr. Smith said before he did research at Last Supper Cave, there was a man, Tom Layton, who did research Last Supper Cave. The site was tested in 1968 by Mr. Layton. It was excavated in 1973-1974 with LSU and NSM. Mr. Layton remained unpublished and incomplete. The manuscript was circulated. In the 1970's. Grayson did a Faunal analysis of the animals in the cave. The Last Supper Cave is one site that has at least 11,000 of years of human use.

The research efforts of UNR span 2006 through the present. These efforts include:

- Nondestructive obsidian sourcing.
- Stone tool descriptions.
- Radio carbon dating.
- Reconstruct past work.

The results of these efforts determined the following:

- The use of stemmed points and other tools.
- Obsidian use.
- Radio-carbon dating demonstrated human activity.
- Determined weather/climate conditions with temperatures hot and cold.

Last Supper Cave is the earliest site in northwest Nevada history and the third oldest in the state.

A 11,700-year-old landslide occurred and the Lake began to fill. The sites are connected. They are trying to understand the environment.

Dr. Smith is looking for approval to continue research to fill in gaps from carbon dating:

- Descriptive analysis of collective
- Diet and seasonality

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- Examine gaps in site history
- History of weaponry

He explained what Archaeology can offer:

Evidence of deep time and cultural continuity: verify/prove history and presence in the area.

Protection of significant locations.

Opportunity to correct inaccuracies and support tribal history

Wants to see site visits and collaborative pursuits

Dr. Smith would like to visit and offer archeological training-youth workshops and traditional foodways.

He talked about data sharing agreement which is a good thing. It engaged Council early. It gives a degree of control over whatever the researchers are doing. There was concern about tribal requests and Fish and Wildlife Service agreements on data sharing.

He asked what the next step is. He also asked if there is interest in refining data sharing agreements between the tribe and Mr. Smith and then with Fish and Wildlife Service. Last Supper Cave is actually not on the Reservation. He wondered if the Tribe has data to share information. He has a lot of information to share, especially history.

Researchers need to get permits. The government requires public dissemination. They are required to produce information. Having the Tribal Council review the information before publishing should be enough. A general list of things that are acceptable and what are unacceptable to do. This would make things easier.

Dr. Smith would like to know if the Council is interested.

He left the meeting at 1:47 pm.

Grant Writer's Report by Larry Curley

The following activities were implemented in the past month. It involved research, writing and identifying funding sources.

1. Administration for Native American. They worked with the Language Conservancy (TLC) to develop a three-year language preservation grant. The proposed budget over the three-year period is \$835,199. The Chairwoman and Mr. Curley provided support to the TLC with requested information but most of the work was performed by TLC. This was because they have the expertise in native language preservation and assisted other tribes as well as SLPT. The due date for this proposal was May 22, 2024. The

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proposal was successfully submitted on May 22, 2024. He feels it is a strong proposal.

2. U.S. Forest Service, Department of Interior. In June 2022, SLPT Council submitted an application to the U.S. Forest Service to establish a Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). In his last report to the Council, he reported that he was working on a proposal to the U.S. Park Service to implement the THPO. In early May, SLPT was informed that its share was \$99,623. The proposal being written describes how the THPO program will be implemented. The due date was May 30, 2024. The proposal was successfully submitted on June 5, 2024.

3. First Nations Development Institute. In mid-May, an announcement was received indicating there were funds available under the title of "Native Youth and Culture Fund". The purpose of the grant is re-engage tribal youths in their culture, language and to develop future tribal leaders by empowering the youth. The funds available were \$60,000 for a two-year period with the potential of future funding after the two years. The due date for the submission of the proposal was June 5, 2024. The project was completed. It was successfully submitted on June 5, 2024.

4. Paul Newman Foundation. Notice of funding opportunity from this foundation that targets native children/youths. The purpose of this grant is to address the issue of Food Insecurity and related health issues by establishing educational programs that revitalizes the knowledge and use of traditional foods. Proposal development is currently in progress. Funding is \$50,000 for one year with the potential of an additional \$50,000 in the second year. Due date for this proposal is June 11, 2024 to empower young people in Tribal Government.

5. Other funding sources for challenges currently being reviewed:

- a) Nevada Department of Environmental Protection. These funds are targeting counties for the purpose of increasing access to recycling programs.
- b) Fund for Resilient Nevada. The funds for this Notice of Funding Opportunity are to increase programs that address the opioid issue.
- c) Department of Health and Human Services/SAMHSA. Tribal Opioid Response Grants were announced that funds were available. Licensed professionals required.
- d) Nevada SNAP-Ed. Funds are being made available to address food availability for children in certain zip codes in each county.

Grant writing requires a lot of reading.

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed her communication with Mr. Curley. She also talked about the THPO request for funds and that they should get the funds soon. They will need to create a position for the THPO representative.

Native Purchasing Group presentation by Jeff St. Louis, CEO

Who is Native Purchasing Group (NPG):

- NPG is the ONLY Native American owned group purchasing organization.
- NPG brings together multiple Government Tribal organizations to leverage their collective purchasing power to order to obtain better pricing and terms from suppliers.
- By consolidating the purchasing volume of the multiple government tribal organizations.

GPO negotiates with the vender and then the GPO gives the savings to the Tribes.

Tribal Entities NPO Service

Tribal Health

- Clinics
- Pharmacy
- Dental
- Diabetes
- Hospitals

Business and Industry

- Casinos
- Hospitality and Foodservice
- IT
- Construction

Additional

- Janitorial Supplies
- Schools
- Manufacturing
- Office Supplies

What They Offer

Business Operations

- Office Supplies
- IT equipment, hardware and software
- Mobile service
- Shipping

Foodservice

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- Exclusive US Foods Agreement
- Rebates
- Price Reduction

Clinics

- Commodities and PPE
- Lab supplies
- Distribution

Facilities

- Elevators
- Maintenance supplies
- Air filtration systems
- Ceiling tiles and dry wall

Pharmacy

- Vaccines
- Branded drugs
- Generic Drugs
- Consultative Services

Purchased Services

- Pest control
- IT Consulting
- HR Services

Typical Savings

Facilities: furniture, maintenance, janitorial—8 to 10%

Operations: office supplies, promotional products, credit card processing—13 to 15%

Food: foodservice products, equipment, distribution—up to 20%

IT/Telecommunications—up to 17%

Shipping: inbound and outbound freight—up to 73%

Med/Surg and Pharmacy—10 to 20%

How This Works

1. Members supply NPG with an accounts payable file/vendor list—NPG matches the tribe to savings opportunities.
2. NPG price activates agreements the Tribe wants to take advantage and works to ensure the pricing benefits.
3. The Tribe's GPO account manager keeps the tribe abreast of new savings opportunities.

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There is no cost to utilize NPG.

There is NO membership to the GPO-100% no cost.

There is no purchase commitment.

The suppliers, manufacturer and distributors pay an administrative fee to the GPO.

How to join

Submit a 1-page membership application.

5-7 business day membership application process.

30–90-day contract identification and activation process.

Ongoing support through member services.

Mr. St. Louis went through some FAQs.

Mr. St. Louis left the meeting at 2:21 pm

Food Pantry Monthly Report by Jamie Astor

Overview:

Jamie Astor and Michelle Haas were both hired on May 13, 2024 as the Food Pantry Leads, both being part-time positions.

- Jamie Astor has a background in Education, Tribal Programs, and Administration.
- Ms. Astor is a member of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California and a resident of Reno-Sparks Indian Colony.
- Michelle Haas is pursuing a dual degree in Biocultural Anthropology and Sustainability and has studied Food Sovereignty and Traditional Ecological Knowledge. She has experience running a small retail business.
- Ms. Hass is a member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.

May Monthly Outcomes:

- Office furniture/supplies and food storing equipment were purchased and arranged in the new Food Pantry location at 2155 Green Vista Drive, Suite 201. Sparks, Nevada 89431. Items that were purchased for the staff office area include two desks, two office chairs, storage cabinet, book shelf, two-drawer file cabinet, two laptops, two monitors, printer and ink, and office supplies. Items purchased for the waiting room area include four guest chairs, Trazer computer desk, and a large area rug. Items purchased for the food pantry area include six storage shelves, one refrigerator, one freezer, and food storage bins. They will need to check if Home Depot will match Lowes or get an account at Lowes. Ms. Pielop will to this.

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- Food overstock was moved from the old location to the new location. Once the new freezer and refrigerator is delivered to the new location then the remaining food items will be moved over as well.
- Staff will need assistance with moving the old freezers(2) and refrigerator to the new location. An estimate of U-Haul rental and movers has been submitted for Tribal Council approval.
- Staff also needs assistance with assembling the new desks, once they are delivered. They are requesting that a contracted worker be approved by the Tribal Council if they are able to find one for assembling the new desks and anything else that may need to be assembled.
- The new location only has one electrical outlet in the staff office area. An electrician is needed to install additional outlets. They have submitted three bids for Tribal Council approval.
- Laptops were purchased for staff. However, they are still waiting for the Microsoft licensing to be installed as they cannot use Work, Excel, etc.
- A new application was created for clients to complete when receiving food from the pantry. They are working on creating surveys for clients to complete to help improve the program.
- The existing food pantry location remains open for current SLPT tribal members, where they continue to service around 10 to 15 families a week.

There was a discussion on creating a better structure/process concerning determining a current balance/what is charged on each Council credit card to know how much credit is available room for the next purchase.

- Food donations continue to be picked up from local charities for distribution from the pantry. Food donations are picked up on every other Thursday at Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Additional food is purchased from local groceries stores for clients.
- We are requesting approval from the Tribal Council that the Food Pantry has their own Facebook page and Instagram accounts, separate from SLPT Housing Department and SLPT Natural Resources, so that they can post information and news specifically for the food pantry and nay nutritional information.
- Food Pantry staff is inquiring about being designated as its own department. This would require us to obtain a department code for expenditures in order to be compliant with Nevada Indian Council (NIC) grant fund procedures. This should make budgetary and accounting decisions easier and more transparent.
- The partnership with Northern Nevada Food Bank (NNFB) is currently on hold until a wall can be built in the larger pantry room that connects with the Tribal Minds offices in Suite 201. The wall is needed to be compliant with the requirements of NNFB. This partnership is important to serving more members and helping them meet the goals outlined in the grant for expanding the food

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pantry. It is their understanding that this is being considered, but there are some time constraints regarding the contractor that is supposed to construct the wall. They are proposing that maybe they hire someone that can get the work done sooner so they can proceed with getting the pantry running optimally.

- They are also looking into a vehicle purchase for the pantry.

Upcoming Goals:

- The existing Food Pantry currently caters to SLPT Tribal Members. However, the goal is to open it up to other tribes within the area and then eventually to the surrounding community.
- The Food Pantry staff is planning on taking a Grant Writing course through UNR, which was previously approved by Tribal Council. A course that is online and can be completed at their leisure and pace. They have submitted the purchase order through finance to complete payment. This course will help staff to understand our current grant more and to eventually be able to search for future grants for the food pantry.
- We intend to promote the new Food Pantry through community outreach events such as powwows, health fairs, etc. They also will be partnering with Northern Nevada Literacy Council (NNLC) Family Reading Program to bring free reading sessions and reading book bags to children and families. The book bags will contain free books, activities, literacy resources, and with that the Food Pantry program information and nutritional information. They will also will be providing free cooking demonstrations to the community.

The membership said to wait until things settle down.

Mrs. New Moon does not want to do the pantry except for assistance.

Mr. Burdette likes that the Pantry would have its own department and using their own social media.

Ms. Astor said there are a lot of things that need to be done before they can open including making policy changes.

Mr. Burdette said they do not need to move too fast. They are not completely there yet.

Ms. Astor stated they are starting for scratch. Once everything is ready, they will do a Grand Opening.

Ms. Astor left the meeting at 3:14 pm.

Finance Report Mr. Charles Carslaw, Tribal CPA

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Mr. Carslaw and Mrs. Lone Eagle talked about the access to the MIP database for finance. Mrs. Lone Eagle has it as the administrator and both Mr. Howard and Ms. Pielop have access. They were working on finalizing journal entries for the auditors. The auditors were there after Memorial day for a couple of days and left. and felt SLPT was not prepared.

Mr. Carslaw wants to have remote access to address things quickly when preparing for the audit. The auditors asked additional questions. SLPT finance worked through things with Mr. Carslaw, Ms. Pielop and the Chairwoman in Mr. Howards absence. When Mr. Howard was only there a few months, a forensic audit was requested to see the state of the finances after the change in Finance personnel. Mr. Carslaw did not see anything beneficial and necessary at this time.

The BlueBird Audit is ongoing. They spot check. They had a lot of questions regarding NRD Fisheries and ARPA.

Mr. Howard said that DTS was asked to give Mr. Carslaw access. Finance will check this out.

Mr. Carslaw said that there has been a lot of borrowing between funds. partly due to not doing draw downs.

Mrs. Lone Eagle commented that reports given to the Council have not been accurate or true.

Mr. Carslaw stated that when SLPT receives a modification from BIA it should be drawn down right away.

Last month Mr. Simmons, Mr. Howard and Ms. Bittisillie discussed differences over the past ten years in closing grants. There were problems on all sides especially narrative reports and Financial reports. There was a lengthy conversation. They are trying to close out the older grants and to balance things out.

Mr. Simmons said the goal is to get all journal entries done this week. Ms. Pielop will be given access to post entries. Mr. Howard needs someone to help him to better understand ASAP system and how to get reports.

Policies and procedures should be reviewed.

They talked about the BIA PRIZM system not matching ASAP.

With the BIA, once the modification is received, funds should be drawn down

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immediately, but with the EPA, do not draw it down right away.

Mr. Howard wants to give Ms. Pielop more to do.

Ms. Crane asked if Mr. Carslaw to do a forensic audit. It was explained that a forensic audit must be defined. Mr. Carslaw does not feel it is necessary unless BlueBird finds something. What should have been done when the previous Finance Director left was an Exit Audit.

Mr. Simmons said he feels that the Council just wants the report balance to be correct and accurate. Mrs. Lone Eagle agreed and expanded on that.

Mr. Howard said it has been an education working with Mr. Simmons in regards to the report compared to the MIP, making sure numbers were correct. Mr. Simmons said they all need to do the comparison.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they need to improve and strengthen the Finance Department. She wants to be above board. They have come a long way in the past few years.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Finance. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 4:11 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 4:30 pm.

The Chairwoman signed a purchase order for a drone and okayed a wire transfer.

Council will get Finance report by emails. He was in the Hospital for three days this week.

Mr. Howard aske about getting invoices for AFLAC. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not have access. Mr. Howard will call them.

Printers: The Pantry will need to wait until they have computers. It would come out of the State ARPA funds/Pantry funds. They will need to purchase one for Suite 401 and one for Suite 201. They will need to check the proposals.

The contract for cleaners will need to change to add and additional \$75 for cleaning Suite 201.

It was determined that Mr. Simmons will take the rock boxes to the Lake.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle announced that someone asked to use Suite 401 on June 29, 2024 for a baby shower with 20 to 30 people. She is a tribal member of another tribe.

They should develop a form with the deposit notice. Ms. Macko offered to work on a draft form.

It should include liabilities notice, \$200 cash deposit, and the following conditions:

- NO Alcohol
- Cleaning of the space afterward. Clean it to "leave it as you found it".
- Taking trash to the dumpster behind the building.
- Rental of \$100 for up to three hours.

The rental comes with

- Tables,
- Chairs,
- Restroom,
- Kitchenette with microwave and refrigerator.

MEETINGS

July 20, 2024--Regular Council Meeting, 2255 Green Vista Road, Suite 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am. It is also Ms. Gonzalez's birthday.

June 27-28, 2024—BIA Training at the Atlantis Casino Resort in Reno, Nevada from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm. Ms. Trejo, Ms. Crane, Mrs. Lone Eagle, Mr. Frank, and Ms. Pielop will attend the training.

October 22-24, 2024—Annual EPA Conference. Mr. Simmons, Ms. Crane and the replacement for Ms. Hutchinson will attend.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting.

Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman 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 June 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting July 20, 2024 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

7/20/24
Date

Philip Frank
Philip Frank
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council

