

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, July 15, 2017  
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the Regular meeting of Saturday, July 15, 2017 to order at 8:21 AM.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace called the roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, absent; Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Thalia Dick, present.

**STAFF:** National Resources Department Director, William Cowan; Finance Director, Linda Quinn, and Anne Macko, Contractor.

## REPORTS

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an Agenda change to hear the Staff Reports, beginning with Natural Resources, before the Council Reports. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:23 AM.

### Natural Resources Report presented by William Cowan

Mr. Cowan asked if there were any questions on the report previously emailed to the Council. There were none.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr called for an Executive Session for 15 minutes on Personnel matters. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:24 AM.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:38 AM.

### Discussion Topics

1. Resolution on Reed Canary Grass Management Project. During the winter the department applied for funds to initiate a program for reed canary grass management. It is a very invasive grass causing problems on the reservation. It can grow in water so it is choking out the space in the channel for the water flow. The BIA awarded \$17,500 for the project and is now requesting a resolution to support the contract.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve Resolution SL-09-2017 approval of BIA Invasive Species Program funding Reed Canary Grass Management Project with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-

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**Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution enacted at 8:47 AM.**

2. One Mile Spring Restoration: These are tasks requiring completion. The 319 Grant was extended to its maximum.

The spring house needs masonry work. The cinder block wall grout has decayed. The desire is to make it rodent proof. They need a mason to put on a new rock face. The grant does provide for a mason. The idea is to have the mason supervise and train people in laying the rock. Mr. Cowan wants to have someone make a site visit. Mr. Barr asked if stucco would work and suggested contacting the mason's union. A mason would also be used for having water diverted to a wading pool and have it lined with rock. Mr. Cowan asked for a pre-approval. There will be a site visit needed. He also asked Mr. Barr to be the Council Liaison. There is a balance of \$125,000 in Fund 116. This must be spent by September 30, 2017.

In regards to the access road, there is a need for imported gravel for the road base (\$12,000-\$15,000).

There is a need for a storage tank which needs a sand filter to make water safe to drink. Mr. Cowan wants to sole source, if possible, as Boss tanks have been previously used. They will deliver the tank. Mr. Cowan asked for approval for the storage tank.

There is also a need to dig into the head of the spring and replace the perforated pipe with a rodent proof one.

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve funds not to exceed \$15,000 for road base. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 9:07 AM.**

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve funds not to exceed \$5,000 to purchase a storage tank. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 9:08 AM.**

Tribal Wildlife Grant: They requested proposals by September 1, 2017. There are already two grants open. Rachel Youmans brought up some ideas:

- Geomorphic Restoration of Mahogany Creek.
- Construction of a three mile trestle fence.
- Pollinators Study
- Evaluation of amphibians at the Lake-the bull frogs are not native.
- Mussels in the stream and their relation to the stream



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- Stream Food Web.

Mr. Cowan prefers the Mahogany Creek and the mussel ideas but is not enthusiastic about any of the ideas. A decision needs to be made so a proposal can be written. Mr. Barr and Ms. DeSoto highlighted the Mahogany Creek, mussels and food web ideas.

Proposed Fish Passage Project: The deadline for a proposal is September 30, 2017. This is a national fish passage project. The Mahogany Creek crossing is already funded. Mr. Cowan would like to propose replacing the Snow Creek road crossing as well as replacing the old, rotting diversion structure. It is a national competitive grant. Mr. Cowan would request a team to go to the reservation and look at the proposed project. They will score the project and help with the project.

BLM and Tribal Priorities Letter: This letter was send to Ms. Linton and Mr. Cowan, as an interested person. Mr. Cowan suggested that Ms. Linton request comments from the Tribal members. The concern is the BLM planning to allow the excavation and collection of fossils during the wilderness land surveys. The other concern is the increase in the number of permitted Guides for hunting. Mr. Cowan would like there to be an outreach to the members.

There is a rumor that the Wild Horse Project has no funding. Mr. Cowan suggested the Council might want to resurrect the Cherry Stem designated roads issue. Access is becoming an issue.

Ms. DeSoto called a ten minute break at 9:26 AM.  
The Council returned at 9:36 AM.

The Natural Resources Department report was concluded and Mr. Cowan left the meeting at 9:37 AM.

### **Financial Report by Linda Quinn**

1. Council interviewed Margarita Mayo on July 5, 2017 for the Finance Clerk position. She accepted and started work on 7/13/2017. She has a degree in accounting.
2. The Tribe received the 2017 allocation for the Indian Housing Block Grant in the amount of \$50,478.00. This was based on the Total Resident Service Area Indian Population (TRSAIP) needs of 133.
3. Ms. Quinn spoke to Mr. Bill Nibbelink who called to see when Council wanted to follow up. She told him to contact Page and let him know when the next council meetings would be August 19<sup>th</sup>, then September 16<sup>th</sup>.

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4. Blue Bird CPAs requested a final document this week for the compiling of the annual audit report for 2016. The audit is needed to prepare the Indirect Cost Proposal.
5. Go Daddy has finished the update on the website. The Council can view it at: <http://www.reviewmytempsite.com/dev.summitlaketribe.org/>
6. Funds #119 and #125 are closed. Waiting on the funding from Fund 125 from Richard Tran, new Grants Administrator.
7. It is time again for 2nd Quarter 2017 SF-425s. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Narratives for Enrollment, ICWA and Higher Education have been sent to Marilyn Bitisillie at BIA Carson City.
8. Budget Summary Sheet, Ms. Quinn asked if there were any questions. Ms. DeSoto asked about the funding of the K-12 Program. Her recollection was that there was no funding. This needs confirmation. There was a discussion. It was said the money could be from Fund 101. What is needed is a school supply list from the schools of the children who are enrolled members. Ms. DeSoto suggested sending out a letter to the member explaining what the K-12 program can do and that an application must be filled out and returned.
9. BIA Budget revision review: Vehicle documents, manufactured office/housing; water issues at Summit Lake. A justification and plan needs to be written for each change. Ms. Quinn needs quotes for vehicles to submit with the proposed budget change.
10. Training for Council members to attend the BIA Public Law 638 training on August 30, 2017 through September 1, 2017 is on a waiting list as the class is currently full. There are no more classes scheduled for this year. Ms. Quinn will check to see if there is a session next year.
11. Summit Lake Paiute Tribe members Gilbert Brown and Jessica Jacobs have contacted the office to inquire about the Ramah Settlement. Current members with unknown addresses are: Adolfo Beltran c/o Brian Blums; Angela Stacona; Amy Sue Stearns; Christopher Lee Townsend; and Gina L. Wilson.
12. Ms. Quinn has found a local Company able to set up trust accounts for minors. Jess Peterson with Peterson Wealth Management. She will invite them to our next meeting and ask him to bring a draft Trust.
13. Fire Management Plan was received and distributed. A Tribal resolution is request within 30 days. It was suggested Ms. Linton send them a letter asking for more time to consider the plan for comments.
14. Alex Fagan attended an Excel Class Friday.
15. Updates from last month's meeting:



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- The Direct Deposit for payroll needs to be tried. This will require Ms. Linton or Ms. DeSoto to approve the payments before they can be sent to the employees' bank. Second party review is required before 9:00am on Tuesday. Ms. DeSoto can check this before 7:30 AM.
- No response has been received from David Grey of Bureau of Reclamation on his Audit on April 19, 2017 of Desert Terminal Lakes Fund 107. Ms. Quinn was directed to contact Mr. Grey to ask for his response.
- No response has been received from Brian Melendez regarding the BIA Enrollment Audit done on April 27, 2017.

Ms. Quinn handed out copies of a Quiet Title action at Ms. Linton's request.

Ms. Quinn received a notice from ITCN for an Afterschool Youth Employment Program. The Council asked her to post this on the board. It was noted none of our members are eligible.

There was correspondence from the BLM regarding excavation and the Council in not in favor of any such excavation. A letter will be sent to that affect.

There was a discussion on the agenda for the next meeting on July 22, 2017. It should really only be one thing as it is a special meeting for Great Basin Land and Water. It was suggested the next meeting be done in two parts: 9:00 AM until Noon for the Budget and then 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM for Mr. Peskin.

The Financial report was concluded at 10:53 AM.

### **Council Reports**

Ms. DeSoto read **Council Chairwoman Page Linton's** report:

#### **"July Report 2017 to Tribal Council"**

ICWA – 2 males were non-affiliated and came from Orange and Monterey Park, CA.

Enrollment – had consultation with Brian Melendez and Karrie Ann Quartz regarding enrollment and transforming our Articles of Associated to a Constitution.

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Sent five letters out via regular mail regarding enrollment status for three of our current tribal members. Received one response back stating one of our members is enrolled in RSIC. I'm in the process of sending letter out asking which tribe they want to relinquish from.

I received a recommendation from the Enrollment committee to start disenrollment procedures for one of current tribal members. I responded back to the letter and stated I am in the process of doing some inquiries about this tribal member. Therefore will not proceed at this time with the recommendation until all avenues have been exhausted and due diligence of verifying status first.

Tribal Council had special meeting regarding CTGB budget expenditures.

Tried to send letter out to a Lonny Colby regarding land consolidation but post office stated it was not a good address so I will have to call this person to get a correct address.

Sent letter out via email to EPA to an Alexis Strauss, Acting Regional Administrator and she responded back promptly and will get to back to us as soon as she can with an update regarding Summit Lake debt.

Wrote and sent letter of support out via email to Steven Knispel in favor of special agent placement in Winnemucca.

Receiving emails and sending emails out to council.  
I decided not to go to Public Law 638 conference in Albuquerque, NM in August since I can't take time off from work to attend.

Natural Resource Director terminated an employee from Natural Resources Dept. due to the inability to fulfilling duties as originally hired for.

New Finance Clerk started this past week.

I would like to ask if the Tribal Council can review the job descriptions of the Tribal Administrator and decide which one to go with so we can start advertising for the position. I personally like choice number two.

I am trying to finalize the list of Tribal members with current age for BIA. I also did request enrollment committee to have enrollment files done by Friday, July 28, 2017.

Enrollment committee is meeting tomorrow, Sunday, July 16, 2017 and Eugene Mace will be attending."



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Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto commented that she had questions about the Enrollment portion of the report. Ms. DeSoto would like to know who the Enrollment Committee recommended for disenrollment. She also said that Summit Lake Paiute Tribe does not allow dual membership. This means automatic disenrollment.

**Council Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto** reported that she attended the meeting with Brian Melendez of the BIA brainstorming ideas for moving from Articles of Association to a constitution as well as blood quantum requirements. It was a good meeting. The Council needs to keep the ball rolling and do not stop.

She has been in contact with Chairwoman Linton via texts and emails. She came into the office in support of Mr. Barr.

Ms. DeSoto mentioned that there was a possibility of a change in her location in the future.

She has been doing the day-to-day things such as going through emails. She is trying to go as green as possible. They should keep originals filed in the office.

Ms. Quinn stated that the scanning and shredding of the old files is continuing. Things that should be saved are still being found. These files will be set aside. A decision needs to be made on how to archive them.

Ms. DeSoto is excited about the meeting with Mr. Peskin. She has questions for him.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace** reported he will attend the Enrollment meeting on July 16, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

He signed checks.

**Council Member Jerry Barr** reported attended the meeting with Brian Melendez. He did sign checks a couple times and thanked Ms. DeSoto for her assistance.

He received an email notification of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Consultations throughout the U.S. regarding eagle feathers and the protocols. He talked to the Chairwoman and she gave him permission to attend one. Mr. Barr will be going to Portland, Oregon on July 24 and 25, 2017. He asked for any questions that he should ask at the meeting so he can represent everyone.

He did the quarterly report.

He did not receive anything for Higher Education.

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Mr. Barr talked to the new Native American Liaison out of Sacramento for Area Eight U.S. Fish and Wildlife who told him registration for the consultation was not necessary. He also told Mr. Barr that he would like to visit the reservation. Mr. Barr invited him to attend the October General Meeting. He asked to be contacted with any questions or concerns.

**Council Member Thalia Dick** said she had nothing to report.

**OPEN FORUM:** Nothing

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on Friday, April 7, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:30 AM.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting on Saturday, June 17, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:31 AM.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 21, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:32 AM.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting on Monday, June 26, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:33 AM.

The next meeting will be on July 22, 2017 with Great Basin Land and Water. The Council consensus is to start at 9:00 AM to discuss the budget and meet with Great Basin Land and Water at 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM



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The next Regular Meeting will be on August 19, 2017 starting at 8:00 AM.

Ms. DeSoto asked for any other questions or concerns. Ms. Dick asked when she will know the decision on the enrollment situation. Ms. DeSoto will have the Chairwoman contact Ms. Dick regarding the matter.

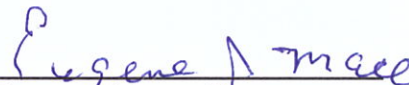
**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 11:37 AM.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the July 15, 2017, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting August 19, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

**3 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 1 -ABSTAINING**, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

8/19/2017  
Date

  
Eugene Mace, Sr.  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Tribal Council