

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, April 23, 2025 to order at 8:07 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; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Naveed Frank, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; Larry Curly, Grant Writer; Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Sudeep Chandra and Facundo Scordo, UNR; Sam Burton, Shannon Deep, Erin Gillet, Cedric Streater and Garin Greyeyes, BIA; Bradley Parker, Ben Cross, and Crystal Hill;

Agenda Changes:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to add a presentation regarding Finance at 2:00 pm. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:14 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to add resolution SL-22-2025 for Natural Resources Department. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:15 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to add resolution SL-23-2025 for ARPA. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:16 am.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the Wednesday, March 26, 2025 Regular Council Meeting Minutes. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Minutes

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approved at 8:18 am.

Council Member Reports

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle

Chairwoman's Report March 26, 2025-April 22, 2025

- March 27, 2025-Emails and replies throughout the day.
- March 28, 2025-out of the office.
- March 31, 2025-Daily emails and replies from the previous day.
- April 1, 2025-Legislative session Tribal Leaders update with Ms. Martinez via Teams weekly.
- April 2, 2025-Daily emails and replies from the previous day.
- April 3, 2025-GEMS office hours monthly teams meeting.
- April 4, 2025-Meeting with Mrs. Emm-Hooper from UNR-Director of Indigenous Relations regarding UNR students utilizing the food pantry on a referral basis. She will keep records as a referral base. Mrs. Lone Eagle assumes these will be Native students. Mrs. Lone Eagle will have a second meeting with Mrs. Emm-Hooper.
- April, 2025-SSBCI capital program quarterly report.
- April 8, 2025-weekly legislative session with Ms. Martinez. Meeting with Tremayne Nez and April with NOA and Summit Lake on a fellowship partnership.
- April 9, 2025-Meeting DHCFP Tribal Consultation meeting via teams. NVDEM Readiness meeting.
- April 10, 2025- Meeting with Naveed on CTGP Funds. Signed financial reports for BIA-NR Dept. Signed a rental agreement for the Council Chambers with Mrs. Tharaldson to hold a Bingo.
- April 11, 2025-Austin New Moon, Christina Lomaintewa, and James Simmons were out of the office. Signed financial reports for NR Dept. SSBCI Brief meeting with Treasury along with Carla and N. Frank. This is a tribal issue. They chose collateral support. It can be modified, changed to possibly a micro-option. The Council need more time to fully understand. Mr. Burdette was wondering about the benefit to the tribe considering the cost of the reporting of compliance is substantial. The Bank does the loan stuff and advertising. They discussed how the reporting costs come out of the fund.
- April 14, 2025-Special Council meeting. Meeting with Carla and Mr. N. Frank on our next steps with our CSP funds under SSBCI. Dina Gonzalez returned to the office as the enrollment coordinator.
- April 15, 2025-Weekly Legislative meeting via teams. Daily emails and follow up throughout the day.
- April 16, 2025-Daily emails and replies.

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- April 17, 2025-monthly partnership call. Daily emails and drafted ICWA letters.
- April 18, 2025-responded to daily emails.
- April 21, 2025-Daily emails. Signed a letter of support for Mr. Curley. ICWA Letter drafted.
- April 22, 2025-NRAC meeting via zoom. Pantry closed on this day due to delivery in Winnemucca.

CFP:

We have three laptops remaining under this program.

ICWA:

January-March, 2025—23 ICWA cases. One eligible for enrollment.

April, 2025 –10 ICWA cases. One enrolled member. Two eligible for enrollment (pending).

Higher Education:

One pending due to funding (Ms. Gallegos).

ICWA Training: BIA wants to go over quarterly and annual reporting. They found a problem in 2019 but 2022, 2023, 2024 ICWA is up-to-date.

Mr. N. Frank, Mr. Simmons, Mrs. Lone Eagle, and the BIA will have a meeting Tuesday, April 29, 2025 to discuss contracts and grants.

Ms. Crane asked if anyone had applied for the posted job positions. The reply was not yet.

The May General Council meeting will be Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at the Lake. They want all staff, even part-time, to attend.

Mid-year NCAI is June 8-12, 2025. Mrs. Lone Eagle will add EPA. Mrs. Lone Eagle, Ms. Crane, Ms. Trejo and Mr. P. Frank will attend. It will be at Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut

There is a BIA budget workshop that Mr. N. Frank is going to attend which is in Reno, Nevada on June 24-25, 2025

The next Council meetings will be on Wednesdays July 16, 2025, August 13, 2025, September 17, 2025, October 15, 2025, November 12, 2025 and December 10, 2025.

ITCN 51st Annual Conference will be July 13-18, 2025 at the Atlantis Resort and Casino. Mrs. Lone Eagle, Ms. Crane and Ms. Trejo will attend and stay at the hotel. They will, however miss Wednesday, July 16, 2025 as it is the Regular Council meeting. The

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theme is "Together as One"

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane report: She attended the Special meeting on April 14, 2025 and signed checks.

Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank attended the Special Council meeting April 14, 2025.

Council Member Cherice Trejo signed checks, shopped for the Pantry and attended the April 14, 2025 Special Council meeting.

Council Member Scott Cory Burdette attended the April 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting. On April 10, 2025 met with a heavy equipment mechanic. He met with the County on the roads. No cattle guard is needed since the old fences were removed.

He met with Keane about inventory on the IT bundle, especially due to the transition. He requested an itemized list from the old IT company of what was supposed to be delivered.

Trailer 2 has been worked on and is now ready to be occupied.

PacState: They would like another kick off meeting. Mr. N. Frank wants to put MIP in the cloud. Mrs. New Moon said the scanners' computers which were the desktops used to scan files to. She asked what happened to the data. This is the data from the files scanned and shredded. PacState is trying to recover the data. The tribe's history is gone without that data. It is vital to recover this data. Mr. N. Frank said he made them save the Finance computer in front of him.

The problem is no communications. PacState—they do not know when they are coming or what they are doing. They are losing Keane as a point of contact as he is leaving SLPT.

The Chairwoman called a break at 10:02 am.
The Council returned from break at 10:26 am.

Finance Report: Naveed Frank

NRD annual and quarterly reports have been submitted. He worked with Mr. Simmons in cleaning up balance sheet accounts and close accounts.

Housing funds 157, 167, and 150 were cleaned up with Mrs. New Moon. In the previous two years, the numbers were reported incorrectly for Fund 157 on the Treasury website. Although \$2.9 million was spent, it was reported that only \$400,000 was spent. They

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corrected the report. Mrs. New Moon working on the wording to submit it by April 30, 2025. Fund 155 HAF, 167 LCF reports have been submitted and taken care of.

Pantry is all caught up reports and reimbursements. Month to month reimbursement is on track. ZOOM Good relations

SSBCI: did a report.

He closed out grants and did the DETR quarterly report that was due April 30, 2025. They are up-to-date.

ID.ME: the past Finance Director used his personal phone. Mr. N. Frank cannot get the code. Mrs. Lone Eagle will send a letter saying the past man is no longer with SLPT and that Mr. N. Frank is now the point of contact.

Mr. N. Frank asked the BIA for possible extra funds, a one-time payout. There is an opportunity. A letter from the Chairwoman will be required. He will get further specifics at a meeting with the BIA.

He is working on MIP being moved to the cloud for more real data. That way more people can access, set to view only for Department Heads and Council members without extra cost.

Mr. N. Frank is looking into getting credit cards with a rewards program. His goal is to get gift cards as Christmas bonuses.

He hopes to have December 2024 done soon. He has been keeping track on 2025 which looks good so far.

Mr. Simmons said that Mr. Frank is awesome with Finance reports. They are done before the due date and grants are being closed, everything on track.

Mr. Frank thanked the department heads for their assistance.

Mrs. Lone Eagle wants people to ask, to communicate, if they do not understand or know what to do. Yes, they are a small tribe. They still need to do the reporting in a timely fashion. Pantry, it is new and they do not always understand. They need to communicate to make things work.

Mr. N. Frank thanked Mrs. Lone Eagle, Mr. Simmons and Mrs. New Moon in prioritizing his requests for information while they are in momentum.

Ms. Crane asked how his transition to becoming a direct employee of SLPT. As of

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March 22, 2025, regarding his transitioning over to employment directly with SLPT. He is telling his current company that he is leaving. He wants to make it clear that he wants it to be the least costs for SLPT.

Grant Writer's Report: Larry Curley

This report covers activities since the last Tribal Council meeting on March 26, 2025. The activities included websites of various foundations, federal funding opportunities and charitable organizations. This report is also intended to provide comprehensive ongoing status updates on grants submitted or being planned by the Grant Writer to ensure that Tribal Council is aware of the status of these efforts.

1. **ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA).** Language Preservation Grant. (Jointly developed with The Language Conservation).
A. NOT FUNDED.
2. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.** Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Language, Culture, History Preservation.
A. FUNDED. \$ 99,623.00
3. **FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE.** Language, Culture and Future Leaders Mentoring
A. FUNDED. \$60,000.
4. **PAUL NEWMAN FOUNDATION.** Food Sovereignty, Traditional Foods
A. NOT FUNDED.
5. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.** Capacity Building. OSHA Training to Tribal Members
A. Successfully Submitted
B. NOT FUNDED
6. **STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLGOP)**
A. NOT FUNDED.
7. **NCAI MINI-GRANTS**
These are small grants from the NCAI FOUNDATION. No response from NCAI.
A. No Action Taken.
8. **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**
Program will fund Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections. Program has three funding levels for Planning, Implementation I, and Implementation II. Total funding combined is \$500,000 for a two-year period. Grant writer reviewed requirements and determined requirements are not attainable.
A. No Action Taken.
9. **Repatriation Grants.** Grant writer reviewed grant requirements and determined tribe not eligible due to tribe not having a repatriation office. **DUE DATE:** May 5, 2025.
A. No Action Taken.

10. DOT, RURAL AND TRIBAL ASSISTANCE PILOT PROGRAM

Grant Writer reviewed program requirements. Shared NOTO with Natural Resources Department and determined that it was not feasible at this time. **Due**

Date: April 3, 2025

A. No Action Taken

11. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). ***

This grant is to develop tribally oriented suicide and substance abuse prevention programs. Program requirements as of February 7, 2025 have not been posted.

DUE DATE: TBD

A. No Action Pending Publication.

12. Department of Health and Human Services.

"Child/Infant Home Visiting Grant" funds have been posted. Grant would create a "Parents as Teachers" program that would focus on the needs of pre-natal, infant and children up until they reach kindergarten. There was not sufficient time to complete a well-written proposal. **DUE DATE:** April 4, 2025. **Amount to be Requested: \$250,000.**

A. No Action Taken

GRANTS/PROPOSALS RECENTLY SUBMITTED

1. INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM & LIBRARY SERVICES.

This is a two-year grant for the preservation of historical information and documents. Project envisions the creation of a tribal repository that will secure documents and artifacts of significance to Summit Lake Tribe. When funded, the project begins 07/01/2025. **Amount Requested: \$250,000**

A. Submitted & Pending

2. Tribal Heritage Grants (Historical Preservation)

Grant is for a one-year period and emphasis is on the collection and preservation of tribal culture, language. **DUE DATE:** 02/27/2025. **Amount Requested: \$75,000**

A. Submitted & Pending

3. San Manuel PALMS CARE.***

Grant applications are now being accepted by the PALMS CARE Foundation to tribal communities in Nevada. Grant Writer wrote a proposal that emphasizes tribal cultural preservation. A follow up request for additional information was received on April 18, 2025 which was submitted on April 22, 2025. A telephone conversation is scheduled for early next week. He received more information. They want a letter of support. He received an email wanting to have a meeting to discuss the details of the proposal. **Due Date:** March 15, 2025. **Amount requested: \$100,000.**

A. Submitted & Pending

4. Santa Fe Tobacco Foundation.

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Arts and Culture, Youth Focused.

Due Date: Quarterly Cycle

A. Submitted & Pending

IN PROGRESS AND/OR FUTURE APPLICATIONS

1. Wells Fargo Tribal Initiative Grant

Contacted WELLS FARGO GRANTS program for indigenous population. The initiative will reopen for receipt of applications in February 2025. Grant writer will be submitting a proposal on behalf of the tribe that include Capacity Building.

Amount to be requested: \$400,000.

A. In Progress

2. MacKenzie Scott Foundation

Contacted and received information on application requirements for grants. They require historical data. Foundation provides unrestricted funding of projects. A proposal is currently being developed for submission within the week. **Amount to be requested: \$500,000.**

A. In Progress

3. Indian Education Discretionary Grant.

Funds are being made for a variety of student education-related funding. Just posted early last week and reviewing funding requirements. He is looking a disease control. **DUE DATE: April 28, 2025 Amount to be Requested: \$250,000**

A. In Progress

4. Centers for Disease Control, DRUG FREE COMMUNITIES

Funds to tribal communities to support efforts of the community to prevent and reduce substance abuse among youth. Work would involve identifying risk factors and reducing those factors and minimize the risk of substance abuse.

DUE DATE: May 5, 2025 Amount to be requested: \$ 125,000

A. In Progress

He is looking at a University of Utah Transportation grant.

This report can also be viewed as my annual report on the actions I have taken on behalf of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe since hired April 2024. Since January 2025, many of the federal agencies that issue notice of grants and initiatives have gone dark. Contacts for these grants are using digital messaging without a live person answering the phones. He is concerned with the uncertainty of where the federal government will end up. As a result, he has begun looking for funding from the philanthropies and charitable foundations while concurrently searching for funding opportunities from the federal government. He wants to thank the Council and Chairwoman for your respective support and encouragement.

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He is still plugging away.

Presentation: Sudeep Chandra and Facundo Scordo; UNR (10:57 am)

Mr. Chandra introduced the project which was initiated during COVID. It was to understand how much food productivity there is at the base of the food web that feeds the fisheries within the Lake. They can use an understanding water quality and dynamics within the Lake that might predict how much food production for fish there is within the Lake. It can be an early warning of understanding ecological changes within the Lake. The early warning can come from climate and snowpack, so the extent of water coming down the watershed. It can come from the temperature of the water in the Lake and different habitats.

Mr. Chandra introduced Facundo Scordo who worked on synthesizing all the data collections and then modeling the information.

Mr. Simmons said that this project is one of the programs under Fund 131. The program is closed.

This is a study analyzing how Hydroclimate variability affects habitat-specific (offshore and nearshore) food productivity in Summit Lake.

Hydroclimate variability: Climate (rain and snow) and run off influence Lake production of plants, algae, and bacteria which support fisheries within Summit Lake.

All the snow melt and rain become water that pours into the landscape will rush into the lake. It will bring water and also nutrients and organic material into the lake. The plants, algae and bacteria will use the nutrients to produce food in the lake.

He explained how the difference in temperature of the water and the amount of nutrients coming into the Lake will determine the changes in how much food is produced.

Production of plants and algae in the Lake: Lakes have different habitats, offshore which is algae dominated and nearshore which is plant dominated. Nearshore is the lakeside or perimeter and is shallower. The Offshore is the middle of the lake and deeper.

Production of plants and bacteria are driven by light, temperature, nutrients, and the type of plants, algae and bacteria. This production can change over time depending on the amount of snowpack, climate and landscape condition. It is important to monitor the lake condition of production in different habitats and not just the number of fish.

Snowpack effect on the lake habitat after snow melt. Most of the nutrients and organic material will stay in the nearshore in dry year. In order for the nutrients and organic

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materials to get to the offshore it requires a lot of water. (wet years).

Offshore vs. Nearshore

Lake metabolism requires weather data and lake data. The use both to determine food production.

1. Food production nearshore 16-20 times higher than offshore.
2. Hydroclimatic—affects productivity
 - Dry—nearshore high productivity
 - Wet—offshore more productivity/nearshore less productivity
3. Substantial difference in nearshore sides

This data is important for worldwide lake with similar conditions. He feels it needs to be published.

Mr. Chandra said that the equipment can give warning signs. It can make a difference to Walker and Pyramid Lakes. The equipment is safe and does not disturb the fish or anything else. It can help with the preservation of the fish.

Mr. Burdette had questions. What is the food produced for fish. It depends on the size of the fish. Fry eats tiny invertebrates/plankton and anthropods which make trout “portly”

Mr. Burdette also wanted to know if there is a correlation in how wildfire affects the algae in the Lake. Mr. Chandra said UNR is now working on this. Not just the water runoff, but at others lakes they are looking at the smoke and the effect it has on the light getting to the lake.

Ms. Crane talked about Lithium mining and asked how it will affect the Lake. They are not sure if the amount of water in the Lake would change as it does not come from ground water, but they need to study if it will affect the quality of the water.

Mr. Chandra and Mr. Scordo left the meeting.

Enrollment Report—Delgadina Gonzalez

Ms. Gonzalez stated she was back in her role as Enrollment Co-Ordinator part-time, 10 am to 2 pm, starting April 16, 2025.

Membership

Active Members: 209

Adults: 136

Children: 75

Total on Base Roll: 331

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Applications

Three applications requested.

Progeny

Updating contact information when received

Learning the new updated tabs, attributes, and abilities from program updates.

She worked with BIA Carson on three probates of one Summit Lake Family. Utahna Enriquez is facing issues with getting notifications when people pass away either from the families or from the tribal enrollment departments. She has many of the same issues Ms. Gonzalez has run into like no documentation on file, families cannot get needed records, families do not know where to get documents, etc.

All computer capabilities are working at this time.

New Card Printer is working.

- Issued five new cards:
- Three adult cards.
- Six staff cards.
- Three youth cards.

Ms. Gonzalez is looking forward to the outreach event coming up.

It has come to light that during the equipment updates and switchover to a new IT company the computers used to store the scanned paper files were wiped. These records contained historical records. Ms. Gonzalez asked if the BIA could be approached to send copies of the records they had, although she did not believe that had all of them. Meanwhile the PacState was informed. They will find the said computer sand then try to recover the files.

The BIA is experiencing closures, job cuts, etc. due to DOGE. It was asked what will happen with the SLPT document they have. Ms. Crane asked if SLPT can get their records back.

Mrs. Lone Eagle has asked for a meeting with the BIA. There is no word from them and what is happening at the Washington D.C. level. She is drawing down all funds under ASAP. At this point all moneys have been drawn down.

Lake Event

Mr. Burdette asked how they will handle people who just show up for the event without RSVPing. Mr. Simmons said they will announce it as invitation only. Mr. Burdette is

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telling people no because of budgeting resources are limit.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said it an event for members, but they have invited federal people that the tribe works with.

Mr. Burdette believes there will be people who will just show up.

Mr. Simmons said the funding is geared for the membership.

Mr. Burdette is okay to say "by invitation".

There was a discussion about the Reservation Event.

Mr. Simmons said there was a contractor and the crew will be there replanting that weekend. He asked if it would be okay to for them to join them for breakfast and dinner. It is okay per Council.

Young people expressed the desire to see forts and other trails. Only if children are accompanied by parent or adult. Afterhours is a no as it is not safe. They can look, but cannot go in. They will create perimeter.

Mr. Curley left the meeting at 12:04 pm.

Ms. Lomaintewa will do bingo again. They will try to get donations for prizes with a signed letter. Ms. Trejo and Mrs. Lone Eagle will do the shopping.

Pantry Report—Chistina Lomaintewa

There is no work back on grants from Mr. Curley.

The question was asked if the pantry was Native only of if it is open to the public. Private donations and the donations from the Food Bank of Northern Nevada and Catholic Charities are open to the public.

UNR students will be allowed to use the pantry but only with a referral and UNR will keep track of the data. Ms. Crane said to start with the UNR students for now. They can see how it works. They will have another meeting with Mrs. Emm-Hooper if UNR to define details on Friday, April 25, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Mr. Burdette asked Mrs. New Moon if the ARPA money purchased foods, etc. would be for SLPT members only. That is correct.

The Pantry is full. They are waiting for Northern Nevada Food Bank to install system so

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they can enter applications.

Ms. Lomaintewa will send out a flyer via mail with the new hours and pantry policies.

(Report)

They picked up at Catholic Charities on April 3, 2025 and April 17, 2025.

Their application process and approval were finalized for the Food Bank of Northern Nevada on April 4, 2025. She processes food orders on Wednesdays, and they pick-up their order on Mondays at 1:00 -1:30 pm and fresh produce at 1:30- 2-30 pm. They picked-up on April 14 and 21, 2025 at 3175 Goldy Way in Sparks, Nevada.

During the last five weeks they shopped at Smart Final, Smiths, Walmart, Save Mart and Blue Ribbon. They also picked-up ground elk, ground venison and ground bison.

Ms. Barlese attended a Zoom meeting with the Food Bank of Northern Nevada on April 10, 2025. This meeting was on monthly reports. She took notes for Ms. Lomaintewa.

The pantry filled 67 food orders and delivered to nine members. They delivered to Winnemucca March 22, 2025. This was a big process but good. They were gifted eagle feathers.

For the month of March, they spent \$2,463.71 on food. Using digital coupons and using their store credits and store coupons, they have managed to save on their grocery purchases. Also, Catholic Charities and, now, Food Bank of Northern Nevada, there will be food they will not need to purchase because it is donated.

Amber Torres stopped in to see how things were going. They just finished putting stuff away from Catholic Charities and had three members in for food pick-up. Ms. Lomaintewa showed her how the pantry is color coded from grant purchased food, Catholic Charities and Food Bank of Northern Nevada. She asked how their food pick-up was, and ordering food is going. She is in the process of setting an appointment with them and a presentative for Food Bank of Northern Nevada for their reports and entering members' names in the program that will be used. She was very impressed with how the pantry looks, how stocked and organized it is. She took some pictures. Ms. Lomaintewa sent some Lil Debbie's Oatmeal Cream Pies and some Cheese Ramen with her for the Walker River Pantry. They still have plenty even though She gave up to three cases at a time to our tribal members.

They are doing all the daily cleaning, disinfecting, and cleaning out refrigerators as needed as well as sweeping, vacuuming, and mopping. They are doing temperature checks, rotating food, first in first out. Everything in boxes is dated with the date it came in so they can use it first. They are keeping the lobby stocked with Catholic Charities

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and Food Bank of Northern Nevada food for members to take.

Ms. Lomaintewa learned to record comp time on her time sheet.

Bingo Prizes: They have been allocated \$500 from Rahma. Ms. Trejo and Mrs. Lone Eagle will purchase the prizes for Bingo on Friday and Saturday nights.

BLM Winnemucca: Tribal Co-Stewardship Sam Burton, Cedric Streater Erin Gillet, Shannon Deep, Gerin Greyeyes

Mr. Simmons would also like to hear about Co-Management if there is time.

Mr. Streater read the presentation slides with the following topics

1. Define Co-Stewardship:
 - a. Multiple parties sharing responsibilities for resource care and conservation
 - b. Agreement outlining specific management responsibilities without funding provisions
 - c. Decision-authority remains with the Federal Agency
 - d. Aim to enhance Tribal Consultation for public land use decisions
 - e. Incorporate Indigenous knowledge into management practices
 - f. Helps to protect sacred sites and honors treaty and promote federal trust responsibilities to tribes
2. Authorities:

This is a list of the Federal authorities
3. Treaty Rights
 - a. Treaties with Tribes-treaty provisions related to use and management of lands and resources
 - b. Federal Trust Responsibility—the US Government has a trust responsibility to tribes including protecting their treaty rights and ensuring their participation in the management of lands and resources
4. Benefits of Tribal Co-Stewardship and Collaborative Agreement Activities
 - a. Empowerment and Influence
 - b. Resource Protection
 - c. Economic Opportunities
 - d. Indigenous Knowledge
 - e. Capacity Building
 - f. Strengthened Relationships
 - g. Access and Treaty Rights
 - h. Environmental Benefits
 - i. Forest/Land Management
 - j. Wildlife Management
 - k. Cultural Resource Management
 - l. Subsistence Activities

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- m. Education and Outreach
- 5. Important Considerations
 - a. Cultural Sensitivity
 - b. Capacity Building
 - c. Legal Compliance
 - d. Specific Roles and Responsibilities
 - e. Communication Protocols
 - f. Decision-Making Process
 - g. Project-Specific Agreements
- 6. Integration of Indigenous Knowledge/Tribal Traditional Knowledge
 - a. Consulting with Tribal Elders, knowledge holders and community members
 - b. Developing collaborative research projects'
 - c. Creating educational materials that reflect Tribal perspectives
 - d. Goal is to create a shared understanding of the landscape and ensure that land management decisions reflect both Western scientific knowledge and Tribal knowledge
- 7. BLM WDO Position on Tribal Co-Stewardship: The BLM Winnemucca District Office is pursuing co-stewardship agreements with tribes to enhance tribal consultation and incorporate Indigenous knowledge, to establish a collaborative approach to managing cultural sites

Sam Burton would like SLPT to consider a Co-Stewardship.

Mrs. Long Eagle asked if this new or who has already signed one. They have a Co-Stewardship agreement with Ft. McDermitt. They are also talking to Pyramid Lake who are interested.

Drafts are boiler plates for the Tribe to use to make it tailored to what they want. It is adjustable.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if they were supposed to make a decision now or review it and make edits.

Mr. Simmons said BLM to propose the agreement so Council can make any changes necessary if Council wants to go forward with the agreement.

Ms. Deep remembered a couple of years ago talking about developing roads around the reservation, rest stop areas and re-establishment of the airport, these things would work well. Ft. McDermitt and Pyramid Lake discussed cultural studies. Those were things brought up in the past.

Mr. Simmons had questions.

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The agreement focuses on outreach. He would like to hear what the BLM's vision is in the areas they are focusing on now.

As an example, Mr. Burton said he knows at Ft. McDermitt there are some signs and interpreted signs put in sensitive areas. The BLM worked closely with the tribe on the history and language on the signs to make it right.

They are open to changing things in the agreement. They are open to that.

Mr. Simmons asked in the case of the signs, where would the funding come from to pay their time and to purchase the signs. Where would the funds come from.

Mr. Burton said they would first find the limitations and find the funding, but first they want to know where the interest is and should they pursue it.

(Ms. Gonzalez left the meeting at 1:38 pm).

Mr. Simmons said so the Council would sign the agreement and then determine what projects they had an interest in and then bring it to the BLM to see if it could be funded.

Ms. Deep said that McDermitt is working on a native seed project for fire restoration. They went out and found there were specific funding for this type of project.

Mr. Simmons wants to be sure that this can support staff. There is potential to work together since SLPT is already working in the watershed.

Mr. Simmons said they would be open to Co-Management in the future.

The BLM is emphasizing Co-Stewardship at this time.

BLM left the meeting at 1:46 pm.

Council Discussion:

Funding would be case by case and they would both look for funding.

Mr. Burdette said that this would mean the BLM would have sovereignty.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said it would leave the lands open for the Government to take over the land. The tribe does not own the land.

Mr. Burdette wants to know what projects they are thinking of. The tribe might not be

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privity to what they want to do with the land.

Mr. Simmons said it seems like it is set up as a tiered plan for SLPT before getting Co-Management.

Mr. Burdette keeps Thacker Pass in mind. It seems like a land grab.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said it just came out the gas and oil interest is on the rise and focus.

Mr. Simmons would like to see a Co-Management. Co-Stewardship is the base line.

Mr. P. Frank asked if SLPT has water rights. That would give them more.

Mr. Burdette said they hold the land in trust. He does not want to lose sovereignty. It seems like the BLM would be the one to determine what is done to the land. SLPT would lose autonomy.

Presentation-Retirement Services for Tribal Employees: Bradley Parker, Ben Cross and Crystal Hill, USI Consulting Group

Ms. Hill asked if they had a retirement plan. It is a small plan, inexpensive in conjunction with Lincoln Financial which was developed for small tribes. She can send information on the plan to them to look over and get back to them then they can set up another meeting to go through the plan with the Council.

They left the meeting at 2:13 pm.

Mr. N. Frank said it would be nice to offer a plan to retain employees. They can implement is down the road.

Mr. Simmons also thought this option was a good idea. Adding a retirement fringe so later SLPT can do a match. Some employees have already asked about it. It is like a pension.

Mr. N. Frank is also talking to other companies like Fidelity and Schwab.

Housing Report—Austin New Moon

- Fund 110—ITCN Fire Tablets from Amazon for minor tribal members. Notice mailed out January 3, 2025. Four tablets ordered and delivered. Currently they have \$1,766.72 remaining. She will get an updated list from Enrollment and send out another round of flyers for the children eligible.

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- Fund 155 (HAF): No update. She is still unable to access the final close out report.
- Fund 157—ARPA: Mr. N. Frank and Mrs. New Moon have been working on the ARPA Budget/Obligations and Reporting. They have got the budget pretty solid, and numbers are matching up. There are a few things in the report the must double-check on before they submit the report, but with the help from NRD and Mr. N. Frank, she is confident that report will be submitted on time and accurate with no issues from the Treasury. If they do, Mr. N. Frank and her will get this taken care of ASAP and returned to them.

Resolution to increase the stipend for the Chairwoman \$1,000 per month. The new stipend will be \$2,000 from ARPA, \$2,000 from CTGP, and \$2,000 from IDC until 2026. This is her first increase since taking on her current position. Ms. New Moon read the pertinent portions of Resolution SL-23-2025.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-23-2025 Amendment to Resolution SL-38-2022 Tribal Chairperson Stipend Increase 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-23-2025 enacted at 2:34 pm.

- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
 - Program began February 18, 2023
 - Continuing to get applications for assistance
 - Working with Finance on the \$220,000 that were allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning Bundles.
 - She did send out a text message or email to the applicants who currently use ARPA Assistance and let them know the funding will be fully exhausted soon. She let them know it will be their sole responsibility to take care of their rent and utility bills.
- Fund 50—Rehabilitation Update: She has purchased a few items needed for the rehab on the home. Work has begun. She is still waiting for invoices from the General Contractor, Empire Construction so she can pay for the HUD portion of the rehab. She recently purchased grab bars, one for the toilet and one for the shower. She also received an update that the new toilet is now working fine. It was a water pressure issue, so no need to return the new toilet.
- Fund 150—HUD Census and Formula area: She did submit a letter to HUD requesting that our enrollment count be updated to the most recent which was 209 and to expand the SLPT formula area since they do service in other counties outside of Humboldt. Multiple counties have been added. This letter was received by Phil Bush, the Chairperson for the NV/CAL Association. She is hopeful this

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will be updated and they would likely see an increase in their annual award beginning FY 2026.

- The HVAC System in Suite 402 is in need of repair, especially in the NRD area. It is \$150 to \$300 to diagnose the system. The furnace and condenser unit are 32 years old. It has been advised that they both be updated. Mrs. New Moon had two quotes:
 - \$11,464 for a whole new Bryant System—Furnace and Air Conditioning unit are recommended for replacement.
 - Whole system upgrade. \$6,253 deposit and \$2,500 upon completion for a total of \$8,750

There was discussion of budgeting and the upgrade costs. Mrs. New Moon will look for more quotes Fund 30..

The neighbor next door still does not like people parking in his “spots”. He does not get along. He has already been told that there are no assigned spots by the HOA. Mrs. Lone Eagle want to put a complaint on letterhead to send to the HOA. The HOA already knows him.

Mrs. New Moon would like an executive Session for applications.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Housing. Council Member Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 3:29 pm,

Council returned from Executive Session at 3:40 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to approve up to \$4000 for Security and first month’s rent. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:43 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to approve Sports Registration and Equipment Application for \$332.31. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:52 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to approve Sports Registration and Equipment Application for \$163.00. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:52 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to approve Sports Registration and Equipment Application for \$163.74. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:52 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to approve Sports Registration and Equipment Application for \$198.54. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:52 pm.

Mrs. New Moon left the meeting at 3:53 pm.

Natural Resources Department Report—James Simmons

Mr. Simmons showed the fish run chart.

Accomplishments

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 69 degrees to a low of 18 degrees Fahrenheit. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 4.7 in of SWE (snow water equivalent).
- SOARR (NFWF, Fund 1341) can be extended for another 18 months to December 2026.
- Approximately 300 fish caught during lake sampling.
- Fish trap opened April 14th and 52 fish processed so far.
- Highest lek count is 44 right next to Reservation. They are using the Network camera to do the count remotely every day.
- 2025 newsletter was sent out.
- Fund 1148: fence removal complete. Closing out grant.
- Funds 162, 163, 164, 152, the old Fisheries, Roads and Range grants (invasive plant treatments) are closed and the money spent down. They closed at end of March and now they are using the new Fisheries, Roads and Range grants. By the end of the year all pertinent grants will be closed and they will be completely caught up and accurate and current.

Discussion Topics

1. Fund 1340-- SL-18-2025: Approval of Wildscape Engineering contract for 2024 National Fish and Wildlife America The Beautiful Implementation Grant (NFWF 77451, Fund 1340) They worked on the first Phase. This is basically an extension of the contract for Phase 1 (although the phase was closed) to complete the implementation of Phase 2. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of the resolution SL-18-2025/

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-18-2025 Approval of Wildscape Engineering contract for 2024 National Fish and Wildlife America The Beautiful Implementation of Grant (NFWF 77451, Fund 1340) with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGANST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-18-2025 enacted at 4:01 pm.

2. Fund 1340-- SL-19-2025: Approval of Applied River Sciences contract for 2024 National Fish and Wildlife America The Beautiful Implementation Grant (NFWF 77451, Fund 1340) They worked on the first Phase. This is basically an extension of the contract for Phase 1 (although this Phase was closed) to complete the implementation of Phase 2. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of the resolution SL-19-2025.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-19-2025 Approval of Applied River Sciences contract for 2024 National Fish and Wildlife America The Beautiful Implementation of Grant (NFWF 77451, Fund 1340) with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGANST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-19-2025 enacted at 4:04 pm.

3. Fund 169-- SL-20-2025: Approval of UNR as consultant under Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract No. A23AV00923-Climate adaptation planning for Ecosystems and Community project. They helped with the proposal and budgeted as a consultant. This was fully funded. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-20-2025: Approval of UNR as Consultant Under Bureau of Indian Affairs Contract No. A23AV00923-Climate Adaptation Planning for Ecosystems and Community Project with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGANST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-20-2025 enacted at 4:07 pm.

4. SL-21-2025: Approval to accept funds \$73,190 from USFWS F25AC00614 for fuel breaks project. This project was presented at the end of 2024 for fuel breaks maintenance and fuel break project on the Reservation. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

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MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-21-2025: Approval To Accept Funds From USFWS F25AC00614 For Fuel Breaks Project in the amount of \$73,190 with the reading. Secretary/ Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGANST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-21-2025 enacted at 4:11 pm.

9. Fund 1341—SL-22-2025: Approval to extend NFWF 79950/Fund 1341 (S.O.A.R.R.) The projects under the original grant are the Observation Network, Water Rights, Restoration regarding Reed canary grass in lower Mahogany Creek, funds for Paleo Climate work. These were the main projects. Currently the projection is for less expenses less than awarded. They decided on a new plan for Fisheries, sage grouse and multi-species project to be able to spend the money down. NFWF said they would extend the grant 18 months. They cannot buy the large equipment, but can rent. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-22-2025: Approval to extend NRWE 79950/Fund 1341 (S.O.A.R.R.) to December 31, 2026with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burgette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGANST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-21-2025 enacted at 4:20 pm.

5. Approval to publish findings from the DRI report regarding water balance in the watershed - approval to publish a portion of their findings showing the results of the lake elevation analysis in a peer review scientific journal. Mr. Burdette is interested in seeing the data in real time and asked whose data is it...

Mr. Burdette asked who owns the data. He would like to be privy to the data and see it in real time. Mr. Simmons says that with most of the people they work with they are aware that the data belongs to the Tribe. They have to get the tribe's permission to publish. Mr. Simmons said they have access and can get data whenever it is asked for.

Mr. Burdette is concerned about bias when dealing with others. Mr. Simmons said that the Scientific Journal has a peer review to remove bias. It was the consensus of the Council to publish.

6. Fund 1319-- Approval to publish the BIA/UNR report on the primary productivity in the lake that was presented to the Council earlier in the meeting. It is the consensus of the Council to publish. Mr. Burdette asked if the juveniles and fry are often found in the deep part of the lake. Mr. Simmon said they might be in the

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shallow area in the plants. Most of the small fry will migrate out of the creek into the lake. Mr. Simmons said they usually do not see the small fish. In the summertime the deep parts of the lake have very little oxygen. The fish would come up to the shoreline to get food.

Mr. Simmons talked about a future project that will get data from the deep parts of the lake and sample the types of life down there.

7. Fund 1341-- Approval for road camera placement on allotment #1. They have an area where they need to mount a camera. There is a road and an allotment. There are a lot of owners. On an allotment it could be difficult to find every owner and every owner is required for permission. This could be difficult. It might be easier and better to check with BIA Transportation. There should be road right of way. They should be able to put the camera there especially since it is a road camera for safety. Dealing with an allotment could be complicated.
8. Fund 150-- Approval to showcase artifacts at the Event at the Reservation June 6-8, 2025. Transportation to the Lake on Friday and main activities on Saturday. There will be bingo Friday and Saturday nights. Saturday will have the special event with UNR Provost Jeff Thom. Professors from UNR will give short presentations of the work they have done at the lake. There will be the signing of a MOA between UNR and SLPT. The signing ceremony will be before lunch on Saturday. NRD can showcase artifacts that they have found as a photobook to teach the proper cultural aspect of the respect for the artifacts and that they should not take it away.

As of now they have received 54 RSVPs and there will be a total of 62 so they can approximate 70 people. They need to find t-shirt art. 19 people need transportation.

The position descriptions should be posted to Indeed website.

Mr. Chandra asked if the Provost and one other could do catch and release fishing with barbless hooks at the lake. The Council approved. The UNR people would be leaving at 5:00 pm.

MEETINGS:

- General Council Meeting May 14, 2025 at the Admin Building, Field Station, Summit Lake Nevada.
- June 18, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am
- July 16, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am

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- August 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am
- September 17, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am
- October 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am
- November 12, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am
- December 10, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the April 23 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting May 14, 2025 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

MAY 14 2025
Date

Philip Frank
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Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council