

**RESOLUTION OF THE SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE**

RESOLUTION NO.: SL - 27 - 2024

**TITLE: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH KEMP JONES FOR A
WATER RIGHTS ACQUISITION PROJECT**

- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to Section 16 of Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984) as amended, with the Articles of Association, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 8, 1965, granting certain powers to the Summit Lake Paiute Council; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council has the responsibility for the general welfare of its tribal membership including tribal natural resources; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council is the duly constituted governing body within the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council has been organized to represent, develop, protect, and advance the views, interest, education, resources, and general welfare of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe membership; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council supports natural resources management that protects, conserves, and enhances plants and wildlife native to the Summit Lake basin and aboriginal area of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** the Summit Lake Paiute Council has organized a Natural Resources Department (NRD) to provide technical expertise and services to manage air, water, soil, fish, wildlife, and plants within the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation and off Reservation areas considered the aboriginal homeland of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe; and
- WHEREAS,** in 2023 the SLPT was awarded a National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) Agreement (79950, S.O.A.R.R. Project, SL-22-2023) to support instream and riparian habitat for Lahontan cutthroat trout and other aquatic and terrestrial wildlife and enhance climate resilience for the Summit Lake watershed, and one of the projects contained therein is water rights acquisition; and
- WHEREAS,** Kemp Jones is a law firm that possesses the skills to represent the Tribe as legal counsel in connection with developing and implementing the Tribe's efforts to secure protected water rights from Mahogany and Snow Creeks and Summit Lake for the conservation and protection of the Tribe's fisheries and cultural resources, and has provided a contract and detailed scope of work that meets the specified budget, and anticipates completing the work per the project schedule; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Summit Lake Paiute Council hereby approves for SLPT to partner with Kemp Jones for the project described above; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Summit Lake Paiute Council does not waive, alter, or otherwise diminish its Sovereign Immunity, whether expressed or implied, by virtue of this grant contract for any and all administrative or legal action which may arise directly or indirectly from the same. Furthermore, the Summit Lake Paiute Council hereby authorizes the Tribal Chairwoman to execute any instruments as may be necessary and appropriate to accomplish the above-mentioned actions in the name of and on behalf of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.

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I, **Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer**, of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby certify that the above **Resolution No.: SL - 27 - 2024** was brought before the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council at a duly held meeting on **June 25, 2024**, with 5 members of the Tribal Council present, constituting a quorum, with the following votes to enact **Resolution No.: SL - 27 - 2024: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, and 0 ABSTAIN**; with the Tribal Chairwoman presiding and not voting, this Resolution has not been rescinded, revoked, or amended.

JUNE 25 2024

Date

Philip Frank

Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council