

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, September 2, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, September 2 2021 to order at 6:10 pm.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr., present; Council Member Philip Frank and Council Member Steven Crane, present.

STAFF: Linda Quinn, Finance Director, James Simmons, Natural Resources Director

Ms. Lone Eagle confirmed with Ms. New Moon a situation with one member whose rent is paid by Rental Assistance. It seems a partial payment was received. Ms. New Moon said it has been processed and will be a bit late. She also said she talked to the property manager. The tenant wanted to be sure they would not be evicted. Ms. Quinn will double check to be sure the payment is made.

James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD)

Mr. Simmons passed out a proposal to purchase a vehicle for NRD. He provided four quotes, a resolution, and where the funds were coming from. They tried to match the options in each quote. The least expensive is the GMC Sierra \$38,500. Ms. Lone Eagle said that they have been dealing with Dolan for vehicles. The Tribe already has a relationship. They already know the process that SLPT uses. This is the State Fleet price. There was discussion on the different manufacturers. Mr. Simmons does not care which manufacturers. 4-wheel drive, off road package, extended crew cabin, long trailer bed all included in the price.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-51-2021 Approval of Vender to Purchase New Truck from Reno GMC of a GMC Sierra 1500 Crew 4 X 4 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SI-51-2021 enacted at 6:25 pm.

Update on the Equipment Building: Mr. Simmons wanted to update the Council on the progress made and ask them what direction they wanted to take to acquire the building and get it done. The target for a full proposal and resolution is the October 18, 2021 General meeting for the Council to review and approve or not. He explained the summery of work completed so far. There are two sections. One describes if it is done piecemeal, one component at a time and the other section described how it would be done with a single contractor. He asked Council if they preferred getting it done quickly or is quality a bigger factor than timing. He wants to know if they prefer piecemeal with different vendors or full-build out with one contractor. Lastly he believes the funding will

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fall short and asks where can the rest of the funding come from. It became an issue of the costs exceeding the funds when the original building vender could not deliver. The costs have increase from the original proposal.

Mr. Simmons explained the piecemeal option to cover the four main components: building, foundation, installation and garage doors with installation. Building Costs: between \$42,000 to \$75,000 depending on features, quality, insulation, options including: delivery, doors, installation. All the venders except VersaTube, because of steel shortages, are out of supplies until January or February 2022. VersaTube can deliver all building components in six to seven weeks. If a building is desired before winter, they are the only option. It carries the lowest years of warranty. The installation contractor will not install VersaTube. The quality is in question. If all the numbers for all the pieces are added up the cost is around \$150,000 to \$160,000. The single price he has a \$154,000 for a full build.

Fund 129 would be short around \$20,000 and there is a possible way with Funds from 102 with Gerri Emm's (BIA) permission. Mr. Simmons is hoping for more pricing for a full build. Ms. Quinn recommends using Fund 102 and ask to change the allocation. It can be used for construction.

He asked if the timing is critical for finishing this winter. The Council decided it was better to wait to spring. Council is for quality.

The Council is leaning towards American doing the full build with Honeywell doing the foundation extension but there will be more quotes.

Mr. Simmons handed out flyers for the ATV auction. It has been posted on the website and Facebook. This is set up for a live auction on Facebook Live. It is set up for Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 5:30 pm. Mr. Simmons asked if they should also do an in-person auction in conjunct with Facebook for those who wish to look at the ATVs or just do an in-person auction. Payment will be cash or check. The Council wants a physical mailer sent out and to move the auction date out. With COVID it should be Facebook Live and/or Zoom. Then Ms. Lone Eagle also mentioned first come first served. Mr. Simmons also said to do a silent auction where people would have time to send or call in their bids. Highest bid will get the ATV.

Mr. Simmons had an updated on the wild horses. Garrett of the BLM did call. He wanted the information of where the horses were located and how many there were as well as a formal letter requesting the BLM to remove the horses signed by the Chairwoman. Mr. Simmons prepared a letter.

Mr. Cowan and another member said they also saw cattle on the Reservation. Mr. Simmons will contact Soldier Meadows Ranch.

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Mr. Simmons received a request for comments from NDEP on requests for air pollution permits for two mining companies with projects within 45 miles of the Reservation. Hycroft and Winnemucca are requesting renewal of their permits. Comments are due September 31, 2021. The Council would like to invite them to the September 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting via Zoom. Mr. Simmons will send them letters.

He had an informational flyer. He had a call from Mr. Thomas at the Indian Nations Conservation Alliance. They are having a conference in Las Vegas, Nevada in October. Mr. Simmons wanted to see if the Council is interested. Ms. Lone Eagle said it was the Tuesday through Thursday, October 19 to October 21, 2021 the week after the October 16, 2021 General Meeting. She also needs information such as: is SLPT members of the Alliance, what are the costs to attend. Ms. Quinn will investigate the details.

Ms. Crane had asked to attend the Nevada Tribal Summit meeting next week on Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10, 2021 at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada. Ms. Crane said there was a grant to pay for it. Ms. Lone Eagle said it was okay to go but would like the details. Normally, as a local, she would not get a room. She would get meal expenses.

EPA: Mr. Simmons wanted to give the Council an update and an opportunity for a consultation with the EPA. They are proposing a lot of rule changes that may impact tribes in terms of water quality. He has been on some informational meetings. He asked if the Council would like to have local Regional EPA officials to come to go over some of these changes. There are three big changes.

1. Revising the definition of water of the United States. Defining who has jurisdiction over which waters. They are trying to revert to the definition previous to the last administration with the intent to benefit tribal waters.
2. The EPA would like to change how permitting is done for Tribal Reserved rights (treaties). They are trying to introduce rule changes around making sure that Tribal Reserved rights are incorporated. When States try to change any regulations or permitting, there is a process in place for those states.
3. The EPA proposes to establish a base-line quality standard for all tribal waters. If there is no Treatment as State under the Clean Water Quality Act or a tribe's own water quality standards, they want to set minimum bar level water quality standards for all tribes.

The EPA is offering consultations for all tribes in September. The Council would like Mr. Simmons to set up a consultation. Ms. Lone Eagle found the name of the local contact, Deborah Jordan, and gave him her number. It can be a Zoom and put them on the agenda. For a meeting afterhours, it would need to start at 5:30 pm or 6:00 pm. Otherwise it will need to be on a Saturday starting at 9:00 am. The Council would also be interested in attending round table/discussion meetings on this.

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NDEP is also proposing some changes to their anti-degradation water laws. They are providing a pathway for waters in Nevada to be designated as ecological and esthetical. These waters must meet ecological, cultural or other significant value to be EAW designated. They are currently in the consultation phase. This would be of value to designate waters outside the Reservation that come into the Reservation, for example Mahogany Creek and Snow Creek. This will allow NDEP to designate these waters as EAW which means they would have stricter standards for water quality in the State only regarding preventing discharge permitting. Mr. Simmons will notify the Council of upcoming meetings. This could be a fallback for the future protection.

The USGS sent a notification that they are conducting a nationwide LiDar survey of the entire country. They are sending airplanes over the whole country using LiDar radar to map the ground. Basically, the contour and elevation of the entire United States. They will take all the data and make it accessible on a public website so anyone can use it. The notification is to let SLPT know that they will be flying over the Reservation sometime this coming fall. They also wanted to see if there were any questions about the data, the technology, etc. They asked if there were any concerns, such cultural or other significant things. They are willing to schedule a consultation before the mid-October deadline.

Mr. Simmons left the meeting.

Ms. Quinn Finance Report.

1. The US Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF), which was received this year, FUND 1401 for \$147,769.00, needs to be spent by December 31, 2021. Ms. Quinn discovered that reporting is not required as SLPT received under \$150,000. She intends to use these funds to pay off the next member assistance payout and also wage losses. Ms. Lone Eagle has received the COVID test results on the employees out due to COVID.

Ms. Quinn checked and the Tribe is no longer required to pay for employees out with COVID. She suggests giving them ten days to two weeks the first time they are out with COVID. Any subsequent time off would be taken as leave or unpaid leave. They will discuss the COVID policy at the next meeting. For now, Ms. Lone Eagle will decide.

2. BIA -The contract for Fund 156 Housing Improvement Plan (HIP) for \$64,194.00 was received. The Chairwoman has signed for it.
3. American Relief Fund: Second payment based on the 2019 tribal employment numbers was received and placed in Fund 157 with the first allocation. This Fund has received a total of \$3,436,199.68.

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Ms. Quinn suggested sending out a statement to the membership discussing the various assistance grants available and how each one can be used.

4. Compliance Report for American Relief Funds and ERA1 and ERA2 (housing grants) have been completed and submitted by Randi Lone Eagle.
5. September 1, 2021 was the deadline for the Broadband Connectivity Program application. \$500,000 requested by ITCN has not been confirmed to Ms. Quinn.
6. ARP Native Language Program Funding with the Health & Human Services Administration has not sent SLPT an update regarding their application. The revised total is \$82,609.00.
7. State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Program extended the sign-up deadline to September 16, 2021.
8. Ms. Quinn was asked to look into more of the rules for the Library Funding. It was closed but it will be reopened. It is for library purchases. She was reviewing the rules and what it takes to get the funding. Apparently all that is needed is a letter from the Chairwoman to describe that SLPT is going to have a library and what they are going to do and what they want. It is an emergency connectivity program. ECF to provide students, staff, and library patrons with internet access and devices. This will be a good thing.
9. Purchase Agreement for 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste 401 and check for \$25,000.00 delivered to Tricor Title.
 - Burgarello Alarm at Suite 401, assumption of three years remaining on five-year contract. Ms. Quinn will request estimate for servicing both suites.
 - She spoke with Tim Johnston, Better Business Bureau, regarding the new building.
 - He stated the plumbing for the hot tub/spa area has been shut off in the attic. They can all be turned back on but if anyone turns the knobs now nothing will happen.
 - The thermostat is by the bathroom.
 - The area inside the kitchen could be converted to another bathroom easily.
 - All lights were updated to LED. He is leaving 6 new led bulbs. Do not use the other types they will explode. The LED use less power as they are not powering two ballasts.
 - No issues with the furnace or water heater.

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- TV has a Pro switch which allows it to Zoom meet via the internet connection without plugging a computer into the TV.
 - Fire extinguisher will need service.
 - They only put in a limited amount of computer hook-ups, just what they needed.
 - The phones will be left with SLPT.
 - He will leave the equipment in the holder located in the furnace room.
 - Desks can be disconnected as they are two separate pieces. They are heavy and will need two able bodies to move them.
 - Extra lino flooring strips are in the water heater closet.
 - Extra carpet is in the furnace closet.
 - Exit lights might need servicing.
 - Suggested an annual service for the furnace and filter change.
 - Exterior doors are new.
 - Office door will need a key lock.
 - He is available by cell phone if we have any questions later.
- Armstrong Standard General Inspection was completed and sent to all Council. Ms. Quinn asked for any questions. She had an issue with tiles on the roof needing to be repaired. This is the responsibility of the HOA. They should be notified and have them fixed. Ms. Quinn was assigned to contact the HOA.
 - Michael Keating sent a copy of the Washoe County Property Taxes for Suite 401. The taxes have an Annual fee of \$2,156.62 (\$179.72 per month).
 - Bluebird Audit still pending completion. A finding was noted: 2020 Annual Report for CTGP was not completed/submitted. The report was prepared and signed by Ms. Lone Eagle on August 23, 2021 and mailed to BIA.
 - Credit Application for Roy Foster's Automotive is ready for the Chairwoman's signature.
 - Land Assignments: Member Christopher Gilbert asked for his father's land assignment which his father gave up when he relinquished his membership. Ms. Quinn can send Mr. Gilbert the application to apply. He asked if he could use the Field Station equipment. This was a no, SLPT does not do that due to liabilities.
 - NAFOA – Free Career Basics for Native Youth 18-26 years old, self-paced online program, average of 8-12 hours to complete curriculum. Program ends September 30, 2021. It was posted on the website.

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UPDATE:

- The meeting with Governor Sisolak at Stewart Indian School was cancelled.
- The scanner position has two applicants: Shayanne Williams and Patricia Christy. Ms. Quinn has not been able to contact Ms. Williams.
- Personnel Policy (Employee Handbook) temporarily on hold.
- Covid Leave Policy will be discussed at the September 18, 2021 meeting. Ms. Quinn will have a copy of all the revisions. The Council needs to set some limits. There was a discussion on vaccinated and not vaccinated.
- ATV Auction –This will be a Zoom and bid process. Contact Members who were interested will be sent a flyer.
- Executive Session

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into an Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:25 pm.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 8:35 pm.

Next meeting:

Regular Council Meeting September 18, 2021 at Administrative Office in Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am. With ZOOM

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 8:50 pm

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 2, 2021 Special Council Meeting were approved with corrections by the Council during a duly held meeting September 2, 2021 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

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