

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, March 16, 2024  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, March 16, 2024 to order at 8:08 am.

**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, present; and Council Member Steven Crane, present.

**STAFF:** James Simmons, Director Natural Resources Department; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUESTS:** Hyewon Han, Director of Shareholder Advocacy, Trillium Asset Management

**Consultation: Trillium Asset Management (Trillium) regarding ORMAT**

Trillium does environmental investing engaging in the environment impact of the project. They deal with investment holdings long-term. They are interested in issues such as climate change and toxic chemicals.

Trillium is looking into investing in ORMAT Energy Company. They are searching into Tribal rights and want to hear the Tribe's concerns to elevate them. Then they make a request to the company to consider the concerns. They would like a Tribal consensus before talking to ORMAT.

Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that this project is in the Gerlach, Nevada area. The Tribe's biggest concern is consultations: what was said to the Tribe was not the same as what happened. The Tribe is also interested in cultural and environmental concerns. They want to be engaged at the beginning, not after the fact. There are 28 Tribes in the State of Nevada.

When asked who was the instigator of consultation. Mrs. Lone Eagle answered that it is both. A letter is sent to the Tribe asking for questions during that period, Then the Tribe can send a letter or ask for a consultation. They discussed the consultation process/attitude. The lands are usually BLM land—federal land.

Ms. Han would be happy to introduce the Tribal Council to other groups/investors such as First Peoples Worldwide, Indigenous Power. The Council is interested in connecting to First Peoples Worldwide.

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed consultation regarding Thacker Pass. The federal agency sent letters to four or five tribes so they could "tick the boxes". There were consultations with some tribes. When it comes to cultural areas, Tribes did not use fences,

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boundaries, etc.

There was a discussion on indigenous rights.

Mrs. Lone Eagle talked about consultation processes and policies. She advised that the company should consult a tribe per the tribe's policy or process. Each tribe has their own process or policy. There is also a concern with Burning Man.

Regarding ORMAT, Mrs. Han asked what did the Tribe see or how to be engaged with the company. Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to be engaged throughout the process.

She needs practical issues to present.

Mr. Mace said they need updates before things change not only afterward and need to know of any future projects.

Mr. Simmons had questions on terms used: "Partnership" and "Informed Consent". He wanted clarifications.

"Partnership" is not formal, trying a supportive bridge, a form for dialog.

Trillium also considered meeting legal obligations, and also at social and environmental issues.

"Informed Consent": United Nations standards on peoples rights. Understanding is a work in process. This concerns human rights and legal tools.

She will be talking to Trillium soon and would be happy to update the Tribe.

She left the meeting at 8:49 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to add a consultation from Trillium Asset Management first and the Bureau of Land Management at 3:00 pm. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:50 am.**

## MINUTES

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Friday, February 9, 2024 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST,**

**0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:50 am.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, February 17, 2024 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:51 am.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Friday, March 8, 2024 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. Motion approved at 8:52 am.**

## **Council Reports**

### **Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle**

Report- February 18, 2024-March 15, 2024

February 19, 2024—President's Day-Office Closed. Resumed regular business hours on February 20, 2024.

February 20, 2024—Signed a purchase order for Natural Resources Department (NRD).

February 21, 2024—Attended the Cultural Resource Management workshop in Tonopah, Nevada.

February 22, 2024—Returned to Sparks, Nevada from Tonopah, Nevada. Discussed some leave requests with staff. Followed up on emails and replies. Discussed some changes to personnel files with assistance from Ms. Pielop. NRD requested Suite 401 for a meeting on February 26, 2024. Signed checks for the finance department.

February 23, 2024—Out of the Office. Signed timesheets as they came in via email.

February 26, 2024—Attended the Health Equity Task Force Meeting via teams. Also, had a conversation with the Finance Director on a revision or amendment of the policy on electronic payments for SLPT. Also received the contracts from BIA for Range management for \$18,639, Higher Education for \$8,637, and CTGP for \$155,152. The originals were mailed back the same day to our awarding official.

February 27, 2024—SLPT/Robert Half meeting with Ms. Lawrence from 1:00 pm-1:30 pm rescheduled due to a death in the family.

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February 28, 2024—ANA meeting at 3:30 pm-5:00 pm. The Election Committee had their meeting at 5 pm.

February 29, 2024—Interview with Lauren (KPS3 & NIC) from 1:00 pm-2:00 pm (postponed until March 5, 2024). Interview with SJ for Food Pantry Lead and Grant Writer positions. The second interview had been cancelled right before their interview.

March 1, 2024—Meeting with Willie from Reno Aces on Native American Night, what they offer and have available. Emails and follow-ups throughout the day. Briefly had a meeting with Mr. Simmons.

March 4 2024—Attended the Inter-Executive Committee (IEC) meeting with the Navy via Zoom 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

March 5, 2024—Attended the GLWP NHPA Section 106 meeting via teams from 2;00 pm-3:30 pm

March 6, 2024—Meeting with Mahlon form Aflac at 8:00 am. Will meeting March 13, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

March 7, 2024—Attended the GEMS office hours via Teams at 11:30 am.

March 8, 2024—Election Committee meeting at 5 pm.

March 10-March 14, 2024—Attended the RES 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada with the Tribal Council.

March 15, 2024—Daily emails and follow-up. Signed checks, AP, assistance for HAF for Housing Department.

Grant Writer position. The pay is \$30 per hours for no more than 32 hours a week for a part-time Grant Writer. After a discussion regarding remote working and equipment, they will repost the position. It was the consensus of the Council to use SLPT ARPA funds for the Grant Writer position at \$30 per hour.

The Suite utility expenses for Suites 401 and 402 should come out of CTGP. Expenses should come out of the lease funds.

**Council Mail:**

February 20, 2024—

- Postcard from Tribal Leadership Academy.

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- US Department of the Interior,
- Bureau of Trust Funds: three statements received
- Letter from Tom Monson Saving our Children Campaign
- NPS letter on Public and Stakeholder Comment Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument General Management Plan Stakeholder and Public Meetings set for February 29, 2024 at 2 pm -4 pm in Las Vegas, Nevada or a virtual option on February 28, 2024 from 6:00 pm–8:00

February 26, 2024—Letter from BLM Winnemucca, Nevada office on a proposal for NDOW to augment the California Bighorn Sheep

March 5, 2024—Letter from Department of Children, Youth and Families. Two inquiries in the letter. They were non-affiliated.

March 6, 2024—

- Received duplicate ICWA inquiries. Responded to the agency on March 8, 2024 via letter which was emailed the same day.
- Received letter on March 6, 2024 from BIA Office in Winnemucca, Nevada for an EA for Pinyon Pipeline

March 7 2024—Received letter from BLM Winnemucca, Nevada office with a flash drive

March 9, 2024—Received letter from the Department of Energy

March 9, 2024—Received two letters from ALL Tribes Consultation Webinar on Medicaid Coverage of Traditional Health Care Practices provided at IHS and Tribal Facilities

March 11, 2024—Received training information for Tribal Historic Preservation Monitor certification in Seattle, Washington on April 9-12, 2024 Received court document on a case. Received Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Camp news.

### **CFP**

Five laptops remaining for this project. One will be handed to Language for use if needed.

### **State ARPA application:**

Mr. Howard and Ms. New Moon worked on submitting the SLPT application to NIC on Wednesday, February 28, 2024 per the Chairwoman's request. They are awaiting approval from NIC and State of Nevada. Had a conversation with Mr. Howard and Janet Davis about making an edit to the application for having two pantry positions instead of

the grant writer position as it is not a direct expense. On March 11, 2024 she received an email from Ms. Davis about receiving SLPT's State ARPA agreement for signature.

**ICWA:**

17 ICWA cases were received and were non-affiliated with SLPT for the month of February.

Six ICWA cases were received for the month of March. Two are previously reported cases that are not inquiring on enrollment.

Received another case on February 27, 2024 that would be eligible for enrollment that has been an ongoing case since last year. They are awaiting further details from the case manager. She received a letter concerning their case and a request for new enrollment packets which were mailed out and they are waiting for their return for processing with the Enrollment Department/Enrollment Committee.

March 15, 2024—Received a duplicate ICWA letter inquiry which was handled on March 4, 2024.

**Higher Education**

No higher education packets received for the month of February.

Mrs. Lone Eagle commented on the forms attached to checks, that she could not identify two fund codes for Charter and NV Energy. ARPA Fund 90 and CTGP fund 140. She asked why these were being paid out of ARPA. It should be all coming out of CTGP. They need to do a detailed accounting of ARPA. The funds have been coming out of ARPA for Suite 201. It is a question of Finance. Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed that there was no permission given.

Ms. New Moon said the ARPA details sheet has notation of allocated or obligated funds. It needs to show the obligation of funds for an accurate total of available funds.

State ARPA funds will be very detailed and receipts will be needed. The application allocates funds to re-build the wall. It looks like the approvals and receipt of funds will be soon. The funds should be available at the end of March. There would be two part-time Pantry Positions at \$20 per hour. They discussed logistics of the job. They will need to update the phone systems. Ms. New Moon suggested a new phone system with individual voicemails, etc.

Week of March 17, 2024 Mrs. Lone Eagle will attend an enrollment conference in Hawaii with Dina Gonzalez and Cherice Terjo.

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There is an ITCN meeting on March 29, 2024.

At the Election Committee meeting on March 13, 2024, it was requested for information from each Election Committee meeting for the next two months.

Travel for the May 18, 2024 General Meeting and the Election: The Council, staff and Committee will leave the day before, May 17, 2024, and stay in Winnemucca, Nevada overnight. Friday will be a half-day work day for staff. The Election will open at 8:30 am on the Reservation. BIA law enforcement as been requested. They will have a pot luck lunch.

Mrs. Lone Eagle has been/will be busy.

- She had staff meetings.
- There was a discussion on a time clock, keys etc. for the suites.
- She declined going to NCAI at the UN in New York City in April.
- The Midyear NCAI is June 3-7, 2024 in North Carolina.
- The SLPT Reservation Event will be June 14-16 at the Reservation.
- The Annual NCAI is in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The RTOC is the end of May. She would prefer to do it virtual.
- Next year travel for EPA RTOC for Council and NRD.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** was available for check signing.

On February 29, 2024 she sat in on interviews for the Grant Writer and Food Pantry Lead positions.

On March 10-14, 2024 she attended the RES Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada. There were 4500 people from all over the country. She sat in on general sessions and panels with a focus on Native Energy projects. She liked meeting the celebrities.

She attended the March 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting and the March 8, 2024 Special meeting with the Election Committee.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the February 29, 2024 interviews attended Special Council meeting March 8, 2024 for the Election Committee and the March 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting.

He went to the RES Summit in Las Vegas, Nevada. He attended sessions on Unity and Connection, Energy, Community on the Res and Casinos.

He signed checks.

**Council Member Philip Frank.** attended Special Council March 8, 2024 regarding the Election Committee and the Regular Council meeting March 16, 2024.

At the RES Summit the voting seminars were good especially getting out the vote. He learned the voter eligibility of Natives in Nevada. There are 60,000 Natives eligible. The census of Natives is up because of a more accurate count.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said she learned of a hub to look at from the BIA of grants and funding.

Ms. Crane attended taking chances to start a business,

**Council Member Steven Crane** attended Special Council March 8, 2024 regarding the Election Committee and the Regular meeting on March 16, 2024

Mr. Mace thanked the directors for getting their reports out to the Council.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Enrollment Report—Delgadina Gonzalez**

#### **Enrollment**

Two new applications

Two new applications pending

Total 205 active enrolled members

Base Roll count to date is 322

- 129 Adults
- 76 children

She is still researching another 24 names that have come up in the old paperwork.

#### **Enrollment Cards**

Three adult enrollment cards were made.

She had one request over email, but the member has not responded or called back.

#### **Progeny**

The system is still updating with newer version and ensuring the records and the information transfers over.

She received the invoice to renew with Progeny for \$1,514 which comes with three card styles. To add one additional card-format the woman quoted her \$5,615.75 per year. Desired styles are Tribal Member, Employee. IHS wants a card for a child. The Council said to go with what they have. A visitor's card was suggested. They discussed the visitor badge which would have start and expiration date that could be written. They will be sign-in and must be returned at the Field Station drop box or at the office.

Nate Solis sent her the price quote for the new printer which is \$5,060. He has been



working on getting the correct format for the tribal cards. She presented several examples for Council to review.

Unless SLPT has stores, gas stations, or a need to track details with it; they should consider not getting the magnetic strip on their cards. With getting a new printer, they can print the cards with a hologram appearance on them and the bar code.

The price they pay for Progeny covers up to three styles of cards. It will cost more to create a fourth card style. The past enrollment committee wanted three styles: one for children 0-12, 13-17, and adult, along with the Employee badges. They can print the cards they already have without pictures and signatures on them and omitting any information they do not want on the cards.

### **Membership Files**

Membership files and contact information are updated when members call, email, or come in. She is still researching and collecting historical documents to re-create and complete our membership files.

She has been working on updating the Base Roll, She has added the names back on to the Base Roll and has been able to add the names to the unused Progeny numbers. She is still going through probate documents and files to collect information on any members that may have been removed or left off the rolls over the years.

### **Enrollment Training**

Enrollment Chairwoman Trejo, Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Gonzalez will be attending the Annual Enrollment Seminar put on by Montana and Associates in Honolulu, Hawaii March 19-21.

### **Enrollment Committee**

The last meeting was on November 17, 2023 at 1:00 pm  
The next meet has not been scheduled.

### **ICWA**

There were no ICWA inquiries this month.

### **National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA )Training**

Ms. Gonzalez received a scholarship from the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition to take the Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred Online Course every Tuesday evening from 5:30—7:30 pm. This course started on January 16, 2024 and runs through April 4, 2024.

### **NICWA Convention**

Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Gonzalez will be attending the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual NICWA

Conference-Preserving the Spirit of ICWA and the ICWA 101 training in Seattle, Washington April 7, 2024 to 12, 2024 Mrs. Lone Eagle has made all the reservations.

### **SLPT's Little Free Native Library**

She was asked to submit a Vision Statement for the SLPT Free Little Indigenous Library. She included what she has come up with for the Council to review and give her guidance. She asked for any feedback from the previous month. Ms. Gonzalez will continue to seek out donations through the year as part of her commitment in being a Steward and keeping the SLPT Little Indigenous Library stocked.

Mr. Pielop continues to donate to the library.

They will need to buy bookshelves, but she does not know where the funds would come from. There was a discussion on children's behavior when not accompanied by an adult. It was determined to create a flyer to send out about how children going into Suite 401-Library must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Activities-Powwow Club**

The Powwow Club is ongoing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. There has been a minimum of five dancers for each session.

### **ARPA Report presented by Austin New Moon**

#### **American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)**

- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: Tribal Liaison, Amber Torres emailed to check in on how SLPT is doing and a status update with the program. Ms. New Moon informed her that they are awaiting the State ARPA funds to begin then they can build the wall, order everything for Suite 201 and hire staff.
- Continuing to pick up pantry items bi-weekly with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. And continuing to shopping for items not received during the pantry pick-up. They went to Smiths and used coupons, etc. and saved \$200.
- T-Mobile: Ms. New Moon met with T-Mobile on March 1, 2024 for the new Tribal Liaison Beth to introduce herself and hear about SLPT's experience with T-Mobile. Ms. New Moon was informed during that meeting that some of the routers received were refurbished and that may be the reason so many are having issues. She then received a call earlier this last week from the SLPT Dedicated Expert Jessica. She informed her that ALL routers SLPT received were refurbished and T-Mobile will be replacing them. She discussed some options with Jessica for shipment. There was a discussion with Council. It was determined to tag all the routers using the individual serial numbers as the asset tag numbers.
- Cleaning Bundle: Ms. New Moon received a super thankful email from one of the members who expressed her gratitude for the cleaning bundles and that recently

she has had to begin purchasing a few items, but she still has most of her bundle and continues to use it regularly.

- State ARPA: Ms. New Moon worked with Mr. Howard with the quotes of items needed for the State ARPA and anything she could assist him with along the way to get the application completed.

### **Other Duties**

Renaming Suites 201 and 401: Tabled for next meeting.

### **Paiute Language Class:**

Classes continue. Per the financial statements from Mr. Howard, Ms. New Moon estimates the class to end the end of May.

They are looking at the ANA grants for further funding. TLC is helping with another grant proposal.

### **Housing**

- The Annual Performance Report (APR) for HUD/NAHASDA IHBG FY 2023 is due April 1, 2024. Ms. New Moon will need an SF-425 completed to submit with the APR. She will work with Finance on getting that form and submitting this report. She has begun working on it and received the numbers from Finance for 2023. She will make sure it is submitted before the deadline date as they have never been late on this report. There will be a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 10:00 am- Noon for HUD to do the Self-Monitoring review.
- IHBG Formula Census Challenge deadline date changed to July 29, 2024. She is going to work on submitting an updated census and correct enrollment count to HUD to keep things updated.

### **Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs**

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF)
  - Total award \$38,353
  - Applications continue to come through
  - Approximately \$4,000 remaining
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)
  - Program began February 18, 2023
  - Mr. Howard and Ms. New Moon have fine-tuned Fund 157 pretty well with what was allocated and approved for the programs Ms. New Moon administers.
  - Continuing to get application for assistance.

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**Training:** NAIHC is advertising a Professional Indian Housing Manager training. It will be \$700 but it does not give any details as to when or where the training will be. She will keep an eye on this as she would love to obtain that certification.

There will be a Special Council meeting on May 6, 2024 at 10:00 am with Nevada Land Trust to present a proposal for BTAZ.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes for Housing. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 11:18 am.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:33 am.

There was a discussion on getting a new time clock. The Council consensus was to purchase a Badger Finger utilizing CTGP Fund 140.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve one Sport Application Reimbursement of \$500. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 11:39 am.**

Chairwoman Lone Eagle call for Lunch at 11:42 am to return at 1:00 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, March 16, 2024 back to order at 1:00 am.

**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, present; and Council Member Steven Crane, present.

**STAFF:** James Simmons, Director Natural Resources Department; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUESTS:** Tom Schossler, Attorney; William (Bill) Savran, Network Director, UNR Seismological Laboratory; Shannon Deep, BLM Archeologist; Cedric Strater, BLM Archeologist; Sam Burton, Director BLM Winnemucca; Darren Grey Eyes, BLM Tribal Liaison

Nevada Land Trust-Tom Schossler-Update on Land and Water Legalities

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Review of Waters of the United States – Winters Doctrine. United States reserves water when reserving lands for Indian purposes. Historical Research Association were a good help, showing clear federal recognition of a Tribe's dependance on water and fisheries. This can relate to Summit Lake.

Clean Water Act (CWA) protects water quality for "waters of the United States" (WOTUS): The Supreme Court recognizes a "continuous surface connection". The questions are how does this refer to Summit Lake as a water of the United States. It is an isolated lake. This is unclear. There was discussion. Lakes which are in two different states are covered by WOTUS. If Summit Lake was considered navigable in 1864, the State may own the lakebed. When waters are non-navigable, the land owner(s) owns the lakebed. The definition of navigability for ownership may be different than for CWA purposes.

Nevada Supreme Court case Sullivan vs Lincoln City. This concerns Super Basin where several smaller basins affect other basins are considered one basin. They need a hydrological connection to be a basin. Water rights are affected.

Federally recognized entities can file for Treatment as State status which means the entity can set the water quality standards. The EPA has approved SLPT's Treatment of State. EPA is adopting standards for reservations to do something this spring. SLPT may adopt the EPA standards.

Mr. Simmons says SLPT is in the process of creating water quality standards.

EPA thinks Clean Water Act applies but this could be in doubt. HRA is in good shape. More hydrological research needs to be done to try and establish connection with the closest watershed.

Mr. Simmons said in next week or so the Desert Research institute will present findings. Summit Lake looks like surface driven water-snow mountain run off. There may be another basin connection but it would be small. EPA thinks that CWA applies.

Research application of Clean Water Act to lakes, The rulings have been on wetlands not lakes. Artificial waters are not Waters of the United States. Summit Lake is a naturally occurring lake and 1000s of years old.

A draft of the Water Quality Standards should be done the end of summer or early fall. EPA approval should be given the next fiscal year.

Mr. Schossler left the meeting at 1:29 pm.

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Presentation by William Savran, Network Director UNR Seismology Lab. UNR is installing a wildfire detection camera system on the Reservation.

The Wildfire Monitoring System: They will install wildfire outdoor camera, connected to a computer to allow people to see what is happening and can be moved remotely to monitor land for wildfire. This camera could show road status for passibility.

They will install 20-25-foot towers with solar panels on the east section of the Reservation with Star link Broadband over the Reservation. Science (monitoring) network and the Tribe's broadband-communication network can back each other up.

They can masquerade (blur) out sections of the SLPT reservation.

There are two options for the tower location:  
Option one is the hillside on the east side of the lake.  
Option two is at One Mile or the Field Station.

Tower is thought of as a communication site as a hub.

This system installation, maintenance, etc. is at no cost to SLPT and is only one site.

Having the tower on the reservation is easier. A little tower would be better. It would have worldclass ecological monitoring.

The Council had a discussion and likes Option One. The team can install it in May or June of 2024..

Mr. Simmons asked if there are any cultural concerns. The reply of Council was it does not look like it.

Mr. Savran left the meeting at 2:06 pm.

**Natural Resources Department Report presented by James Simmons, NRD Director**

Accomplishments:

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 51°F to a low of 7°F. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 10.8 inches of SWE (snow water equivalent).

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- Audrey Dufresne is having her two-year anniversary! Other anniversaries coming up include Mary Clare DeBord (one year) and Madison Hutchinson (2 years). James Waddell is at five years.
- Good snowpack!
- USFWS springs and reptile/amphibian fences awards.
- Hired all seasonal staff plus one more (Parker Land is coming back.) There are 12 NRD staff members and four GBI members.
- Field season open the week of March 35, 2024.
- NFWF granted extension to Fund 154.
- Supplemental insurance offered to SLPT employees. Next is retirement savings!

Discussion Topics:

**1—Rerouting of New Road on west side of Lake.** Fifteen cultural sites were identified during the cultural survey. Three will need mitigation plans (minimizing disturbances). Ms. Crane says no because she does not know what the cultural sites are. There are no burial sites. All of the sites have lithic scatter, tools and post contact cans. Also, the proposed route goes through good sage grouse habitat area.

There was a discussion of the pros and cons of the proposed route. The new route is safer and minimizes non-source point pollution into the lake (erosion, dust, etc.). The Council wants mitigation for the sage grouse, but still want to move forward on the road.

**2--SL-10-2024: Approval for FY24 NFWF ATB grant application.** The current NFWF ATB grant is a planning grant to develop solutions for the restoration of Mahogany Creek, including the mouth of the creek. This grant application is for an implementation grant to implement the solutions of the planning grant. This grant would fund a multi-year effort to restore Mahogany Creek. A pre-proposal goes to the NFWF in April and the full proposal is due July. Mr. Simmons wants approval to submit the grant application. He read the pertinent parts of SL-10-2024.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-10-2024 Approval to Apply for FY24 NFWF America the Beautiful Program with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-10-2024 enacted at 2:44 pm.**

**3. SL-11-2024: Approval of Nevada Land Trust Contract Extension.** This extension is for three more months. They are the ones who are working on the strategy to approach BTAZ for the sale of the land on the western shore of Summit Lake. The current end date of the current 107 fund is April 1, 2024. NRD would like them to continue the work to research and investigate the approach to BTAZ in May. Funding

will move from Fund 107 to 1341 for three more months. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution. Mrs. Lone Eagle met a group that assist with land acquisition that offered to help.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-11-2024 Approval of Nevada Land and Trust Contract Extension with the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-11-2024 enacted at 2:48 pm.**

5. **SL-13-2024 Approval of UNR wildfire camera installation.** This is to give approval to install a tower and camera system to monitor the area for wildfire. It has multiple possible advantages for SLPT and the Reservation. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-13-2024 Approval to Install Wildfire Alert Camera System Installation for NAFWS DOARR Program with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-13-2024 enacted at 2:50 pm.**

6. **SL-14-2024 Approval to Apply for FY24 DOE Grid Resilience Funding.** The fund amount for SLPT for FY24 is of \$159,000. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-14-2024 Approval to Apply for FY24 Department Of Energy Grid Resilience Funding with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-14-2024 enacted at 2:55 pm.**

8. **Reservation Event Date:** The options are the weekends of June 7-9, 2024 or June 14-16, 2024. After a discussion of the Council, it was the decision of the Council that June 14-16, 2024, during which the Regular Council meeting will be held, would be best weekend.

9. Travel approval for Meghan Munn to attend NAFWS Training. This is reptile/amphibian survey training put on by NAFWS in Cherokee, North Carolina. It is the consensus of the Council to approve travel for Meghan Munn to attend the training. In addition, the training is relevant for Ms. Munn because she is the lead for the current USFWS tribal wildlife grant for the reptile/amphibian survey at the Reservation.



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10. The date of June 14-16, 2023 was confirmed for the Reservation Event and confirmed it would be three days.

#### Consultation BLM Winnemucca

They introduced themselves and Chairwoman Lone Eagle introduced the Council.

Mrs. Lone Eagle explained that one of the letters sent to SLPT from the BLM by Mr. Strater regarding the Pinyon Pipeline interested the Council so she asked them to come to the meeting and discuss it and to establish a better communication and relationship with the Winnemucca Office of BLM.

Projects: in planning stage—Pinyon Pipeline. They want to streamline the process and need to start on a good foot and keep communications open and ongoing.

Ms. Deep said they will try to communicate monthly and keep the Tribe informed.

There was a Pinyon Pipeline presentation by Mr. Strater.

Mr. Strater talked about the Sierra Pacific Energy project. They plan a power plant conversion from coal to natural gas. This entails a 16.1-mile pipeline from the plant to the Ruby Pipeline which directly is just above the Reservation. They plan to avoid all cultural sites: old and new. They are still in the early phases.

All 28 tribes notified. THPO, cultural monitors for ensurances of minimal effects on land in case of a leak. They were asked if they have encountered a tribe with their own consultation policies. Yes, Burns Paiute Tribe where Secretary Diane Teeman, who is also the Cultural Heritage Director, does a consultation and then brings it to the tribe and then Council gives her their decisions and she takes it back to the BLM. With RSIC they send a letter to the tribe and cc's Michon Eben, who is the THPO. Then they only email with Ms. Eben.

Currently SLPT is working on their own policy where the tribe is notified by letter, went interest the tribe calls to arrange a consultation and the BLM comes to a meeting with a presentation. SLPT is still working on it, but the aim is to have their own individual internal process for consultations.

SLPT Habitation Restoration DNA: Black Rock BLM's Mandy DeForest asked to bring this up. SLPT partnership with NDOW to spray cheat grass and reseeding of the southern part of the Reservation. Mr. Simmons will be informed.

Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) —LCT ISA project for Mahogany Creek enclosure maintenance with cattle guards and a bridge over the creek Mr. Simmons will be

involved site visit.

Soldier Meadows ACEC with road improvement hardened crossing, cattle guards, fencing and restoration of Spring Brooks.

Mr. Simmons will be included in the IRA projects. They have been talking about the bridge to protect the water and fish in the bridge so people do not drive over the fish.

Project-Black Rock—Michael Cross, Black Rock Office Archeologist has been working on the Geothermal parcel auction. They showed the three parcel groupings close to SLPT. Larger overarching project for the district concerning three parcels. Auction in October to lease reviewed and okayed parcels for ten years.

Mr. Burton talked about how both the Elko and Winnemucca Districts received IRA funds. These funds are for landscape restoration. They have been talking to tribes to get Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) in place. There is the potential, with the MOAs in place, there would be the opportunity to do some sort of project for youth and restoration of the landscape. They have three years to set-up a program. There is a potential for the use Tribal knowledge and landscape. They would like to know what the Tribe would call a success for a project for youth and projects for restoration..

They would like to set up for future success. Mr. Simmons is unclear on how this is funded to be used by Youth. Seed and equipment put in the agreement to be provided. The people left the meeting at 3:39 pm.

Natural Resources Department Report: Continued.

**4. SL-12-2024 Approval of New Harvest Permit, Tag and Process.** NRD updated the process to be similar to NDOW. They are hoping to minimize any issues between members and NDOW game wardens when transporting harvest. When members are hunting on the Reservation they should voluntarily carry their State and Tribal IDs and harvest permit and tags. The harvest limits will be on the permit and tags.

NRD will put this in the newsletter and advise best practices. The updated permit Harvest for fish and wildlife more general, and Harvest tags will be sent out with the newsletter.

The tag is a Tyvek tag with tag number, Member ID number, blacked out all but current year tags and Harvest tag. Permits will have the harvest limits shown on the back. They can be turned in at a drop box in the Field Station and in the main administrative office. The regulations only apply to Tribal members while they are on the Reservation. There will be a link on the back for Hunter Safety training.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-12-2024 Approval of New Harvest Permit Process with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-12-2024 enacted 3:57 pm.**

**Finance Report for Mr. Howard, Finance Director-**

1. Banking
  - a. Bank reconciliations are complete through December 2023. The reconciled bank balance is \$851,158.30
2. Grants
  - a. Financial Reports were submitted for the following contracts:
    - i. Contract #R20AV00010 (Funds 150, 1501-1511)
    - ii. Contract Number R11AV00023 (Fund 107)
  - b. Application for State ARPA Pass-through Funds was submitted.
  - c. Application for State Small Business Credit Initiative was accepted and funded. Award amount \$203,741.
3. Cash Receipts-There were no drawdowns during the month of February 2024.
  - a. Fund 90 Indirect Cost Pool Bank Interest \$155.96
4. Expenditures
  - a. Total expenditures for the month of February 2024 were \$740,651.63
  - b. No capital purchases during 2024 to date.
5. State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

The application was approved to participate in the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The Chairwoman has accepted the funds. Mr. Howard has been in touch with Sandra Newport from Treasury and Mendy Elliot, SLPT's consultant in this matter.

Please let him know if the Council would like him to contact the approved contractors (per Resolution SL-02-2023) to get them on board as soon as possible. He recommends all (or as many as possible) of them participate in the first meeting so they all can get acquainted and decide on structure and responsibilities. SLPT will base any further agreements with the contractors on the principles discussed at that meeting. He proposes to arrange a Zoom at a convenient time. When the date/time is decided, he can send an invitation to both contractors, so they can attend in person or virtually.

Funding was deposited into the Tribal bank account on March 8, 2024.

An email was distributed to the Council asking to schedule a meeting with approved Contractors. They are:

- a. Legal Consultant—Christine Guerri (Guerri Law PLLC—Las Vegas, Nevada)
- b. Program Consultant—Steve Trollope (Reno, Nevada)
- c. SLPT will be administering the program using Plumas Bank who is familiar with the program and an institution recognized by State authorities. SLPT's consultant, Mendy Elliot, has introduced Mr. Howard to Kyle Whaley, the Reno branch manager. He has spoken with him and put him

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on notice that the SLPT elections will be held in May and that authorized signors will be available then. Currently the funds are in the US Bank. When the members of the Tribal Council are elected or re-elected, they will open the account at Plumas.

- d. In the interim, they need to develop an outreach plan to let members know these funds are available or decide if the Tribe wants to use the funds.

Mr. Howard would like the meeting with the consultants during the week of April 1-5, 2024 or April 15-19, 2024

6. The application for the State ARPA funds was accepted with a requested amount of \$713,259 pending approval by State of Nevada. The application was revised to remove the funding for Grant Writer position and replace it with a second Food Pantry position. It was sent to Janet Davis of NIC and then they will send it on to the State.

Mr. Howard presented the Summary Budget Adjusted Balance of Tribal ARPA funds. The unobligated balance is \$1,521,206.76 without the obligation of the T-Mobile program for the membership.

There was a discussion on the LACTF funds to make sure everything was properly distributed to the proper expenditures.

### **Open Forum None**

### **Next Meetings:**

- Special Meeting Wednesday, March 27, 2024 from 10:00 am to Noon regarding Housing, Sparks, Nevada
- Regular Council meeting Saturday, April 20, 2024 at Administrative Office-2255 Green Vista Dr Suite 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.
- Special Council Meeting: Nevada Land Trust for proposal for BTAZ May 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, Sparks, Nevada
- May 18, 2024 General Meeting and the Election: The Council, staff and Committee will travel the day before, May 17, 2024, and stay in Winnemucca, Nevada overnight. Friday will be a half-day work day for staff. The Election will open at 8:30 am Saturday, May 18, 2024 on the Reservation.
- Special Meeting May 20, 2024 for the Installation and Seating-In of the new Council 2:00 pm in Suite 402, Sparks, Nevada
- Election Committee Meeting-March 29, 2024.

Ballots: There was a question on ballots. What Mrs. Lone Eagle believes the Election Committee plan is not to send out absentee ballots to people who do not send an intent to get one. If a member does not put in a letter of intent to get a ballot before the deadline, which is the end of March, they must vote in person on Election

day.

They will be sending out campaign information for the candidates.

There was a discussion about informing the membership who is on the Election ballot. It was decided it should be made available to the membership. They will ask the Election Committee to create just a list of candidates for Council, not a ballot, to inform the membership. Many people are asking for this information.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane Chairwoman: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.**

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 16, 2024 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 20, 2024 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

4/20/2024  
Date

Eugene Mace, Sr.  
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Summit Lake Tribal Council

