

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Wednesday, January 15, 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, January 15, 2025 to order at 8:04 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 Cherice Trejo, present; and Council Member, Scott Cory Burdette, excused absence.

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator; Naveed Frank, Finance Director; Larry Curley, Grant Writer; Keane Flynn, Fish and Wildlife Biologist--NRD: and Anne Macko, Contractor

Guests: Cal Boone, Tribal Outreach Coordinator, Nevada Secretary of State Department

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of December 18, 2024 with the waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:07 am

COUNCIL REPORTS

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle told the Council that when talking to Ms. Bittisillie regarding FY2025, she was notified that SLPT's long-time BIA Awards Officer, Marilyn Bittisillie is leaving the BIA. February 2, 2025 will be her last day. She will be missed. Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to send a card and flowers to her. She has worked with Indian Country for many years.

Ms. Pielop's last day was January 10, 2025. The position of Finance Clerk has been posted and interviews have been scheduled.

Coffee with a Cop: Mr. Hubanks will come to talk about what he does and answer questions on Friday, January 17, 2025 from 1:00 to 2:00 pm.

Chairwoman's report from December 19, 2024 to January 14, 2025.

- December 19, 2024: She had multiple appointments.
- December 20, 2024: She was in the office to handle all emails throughout the day. She also, scheduled a "Coffee with a Cop" for January 17, 2025.

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- December 23, 2024: She handled emails and replies. She signed two APRA applications for assistance. There was a meeting with Mr. N. Frank and Ms. Elliott on the next steps with SSBCI. Attended a brief meeting in detail with Ms. Montooth in regards to the APRA application reporting to the State on the APER. Why is SLPT still waiting for funding for the Pantry after several requests—They have changed the reporting process and it now set for everyone. Reports are due the fifth of every month. Ms. Dixon says she needs the reports.
- December 24, 2024—Staff Christmas Brunch. Office closed half day.
- December 25, 2024—Office closed.
- December 26, 2024—She handled daily emails and was in the office.
- December 27, 2024—She handled daily emails and was in the office.
- December 30, 2024—Attended a meeting on comp time with staff. She handled emails and replies throughout the day.
- December 31, 2024—She was in the office and responded to any emails and replies throughout the day.
- January 1, 2025—Office closed.
- January 2, 2025—Drawdowns were made in ASAP x2. She handled emails and replies. She handled emails and replies. The Zoom link and agenda were created for the January Regular Council meeting. The Chairwoman went over the drawdowns. There were two projects not drawn down—Department of Energy and the Environmental Protection Agency. Ms. New Moon will help Mr. N. Frank get access to ELOCS.
- January 3, 2025—She was in the Office and handled emails and spoke with the staff that came over with any questions or concerns throughout the day.
- January 6, 2025—Interviews for Finance Department and Natural Resources Department (NRD).
- January 7, 2025—Interviews for Finance Department and NRD.
- January 8, 2025—She attended FY2027 Budget Formulation meeting with BIA to rank the Tribe's priorities. She also attended SSBCI meeting on compliance and reporting.
- January 9, 2025—Interviews for a NRD technician.
- January 10, 2025—She handled emails and replies. She spoke with the Enrollment Coordinator about coming in to help PacStates with enrollment computer and printer. She came in January 13, 2025. Mrs. Lone Eagle followed up with Mr. N. Frank on DETR issue on the SLPT reports handled by the previous Finance Clerk.
- January 13, 2025—She joined the ITCN Executive Board meeting virtually. There is new staff. Communication Ms. Montooth—February 11, 2025 Tribes Legislative Day, February 4 and 5, 2025 at Lawler, February 25-26, 2025 Tribal Leaders Training possibly at UNR. She also heard about lobbyists for the tribes but Mrs. Lone Eagle feels they do the tribes a disservice.

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- January 14, 2025—She handled emails and replies. She received a resignation letter for the Pantry Worker and the job description was posted the same day. She had a brief meeting, completed the count for ITCN victims services department. She also signed eight resolutions for ITCN from the board meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025. Interviews scheduled for January 16 and 17, 2025 for the Finance Clerk position.

CPF:

Mr. Carslaw is not going to continue to be their CPA. SLPT does not need a CPA. The Council can outsource. His last day was December 31, 2024.

When preparing for the Audit they found money in the bank account that was unidentified. They need to know what the \$21,820.36 in the bank account are for. It was received or deposited into the SLPT bank as of January 2024. Mrs. Lone Eagle searched her emails and found that there was an additional Treasury Capital Fund allocation. They need to see what rules apply. The funding in question is from the Treasury re-allocation as verified by Mr. N. Frank and Mr. Carslaw. It was a CPF allocation adjustment. CPF will make additional funding available to eligible Tribal governments in the amount of \$21,80.36 per Tribe as a result of Treasury's reallocation of unclaimed CPF funds.

ICWA: There were four ICWA inquires for the month of December. Mrs. Lone Eagle will also work on the report to send out Norma and Ursula.

Ms. Crane asked about the ITCN Broadband project. Mrs. Lone Eagle has had no update yet.

DTS-PacState Transition: The server is at capacity and the server room does not have good circulation. A quick fix is air conditioning units.

The Pantry system was down and up yesterday. There as a work ticket issued. It was fixed. Now the printer is printing out all the old print jobs.

There is a need to create a new position description for a Project Coordinator. One is needed for the new grant for the Native Youth and Culture program and a second related grant. THPO also needs a position description created for the THPO program.

They are having trouble closing the Housing HAF grant.

The Pantry Worker and Finance Clerk positions are already posted.

The Finance Department will be shifting (moving to new) offices. It will mean a larger office for the Finance Director and an office across from it for the Finance Clerk. This

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also moves the Clerk away from the front. A job description and receptionist will be required.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 9:15 am.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:18 am.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane attended the December 24, 2024 Christmas Brunch. She was available to sign checks and attended Finance Clerk interviews.

Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank went to the December 24, 2024 Staff Christmas Brunch.

Council Member Cherice Trejo attended the Cookies and Coco event with presents for the minor members. She signed checks and attended the December 24, 2024 Christmas Brunch.

Council Member Scott Cory Burdette: Chairwoman Lone Eagle presented Mr. Burdette's report. Mr. Burdette was at the Lake. He installed water heaters in Trailers 1 and 4.

The Council discussed what to do with the extra Christmas presents. Mr. Simmons said to donate them to Children's Cabinet. Mrs. New Moon mentioned Step2, an organization for assistance to victims drugs and domestic abuse. Mrs. Lone Eagle likes the Step2 donation idea. As far as the SLPT minors, everyone already got enough.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that if staff wants to use the Council Chambers for meetings, etc., they need to make a request to the Chairwoman. She urged them to start using the Calendar program. Mrs. Lone Eagle's calendar will be different with more entries so check with her first.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an Agenda Change for the Grant Writer Report to go before the Finance Report. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 10.25 am.

Grant Writer Report—Larry Curley

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This report covers activities since the last Tribal Council meeting on December 18, 2024. The activities include a review of existing foundations, federal funding opportunities and charitable organizations. This report is also intended to provide a comprehensive ongoing status updates on grants submitted or planned to be submitted by the Grant Writer to ensure that Tribal Council is aware of the status of these efforts.

In submitted a proposal for a grant, it required naming a Project Director so Mr. Curley listed his name as a temporary Project Director.

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 INSTITUE.** Language, Culture and Future Leaders Mentoring. A part-time (16 hours per week) coordinator is included grant proposal.
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. **SANTA FE TOBACCO FOUNDATION.** Arts and Culture, Youth Focused
A. Re-Submitting.
7. **STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLGOP)**
A. Action Pending
8. **NCAI MINI-GRANTS**
These are small grants from the NCAI FOUNDATION. No response from NCAI.
A. No Action Taken.
9. **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 July 1, 2025. **Amount Requested: \$250,000**
A. Submitted.
B. Action Pending
10. **TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANTS (HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND)*****
Grant is for a two-year period and currently drafting proposal based on program

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requirements. **DUE DATE:** February 27, 2025. **Amount to be Requested:**
\$150,000

11. 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. **DUE DATE:** January 10, 2025.

A. No Action Taken.

12. 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.

13. WELLS FARGO TRIBAL INITIATIVE GRANTS***

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. Pending

FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

14. SANTA FE TOBACCO FOUNDATION. ***

Arts and Culture, Youth Focused.

A. Re-Submitting. Revising and updating application.

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

This grant is to develop tribally-oriented suicide and substance prevention programs. Program requirements as of January 14, 2025 have not been posted. **DUE DATE:** No Date Given.

16. Department of Transportation, Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program NOFO.***

Grant Writer would like to work with Mr. Simmons on seeing if they can do something with the road at the Lake. He is currently reviewing program requirements. The funds being awarded are for Eligible project sponsors may receive grant funds to select advisors to assist with pre-development-phase activities, including: feasibility studies, project planning, preliminary engineering and design work, environmental review, etc.

Due Date: April 3, 2025

NOTE: ** Grant has been submitted.

***Grant in Review or Writing Stage

Mr. Curley mentioned that the First Nations Project has a Project Coordinator part-time

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at 16 hours a week for a year. Tribal Heritage has a Tribal Oral Historian part-time at 16 hours a week for a year, and THPO has a Project Coordinator full-time.

Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned that ITCN and IHC also have funding under SAMHSA . They also have training and programs of things that tribal members need.

Lobbying: Mr. Curley said there is a Navajo lobbyist office in Washington D.C. If the Council wants he can talk to them for lobbying assistance.

Mrs. Lone Eagle in the past, SLPT has partnered with Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for repatriation.

Mr. Curley wants to talk to Mrs. Lomaintewa regarding Pantry funding for grants for long range funding and training. He will cc the Chairwoman.

Mr. Curley is also looking into trying to get funding from Barrick Gold.

Mrs. Lone Eagle wants to start meeting with Department heads for every month before the Council meetings.

Presentation of the Observation Network Project by Keane Flynn, Fish and Wildlife Biologist—NRD.

Mr. Simmons introduced Mr. Flynn. It is regarding SOARR grant Fund 1341. This grant has approval for a few projects. Summit Lake Observation Network, Water Rights, Mahogany Creek Restoration Work, Multi-Species Restoration Plan and continued work with the Paleontology Project. Mr. Flynn is here to present the proposed plan for the Summit Lake Observation Network The goal is to get it up and running by the end of June which is the end of SOARR. This may be the first observational system of its kind in Nevada and one of few in the Western US to do automatic observational data collection of environmental conditions and wildlife.

Mr. Flynn gave a presentation on the Observation Network; where they are at, what they are proposing from where currently and moving forward, what is expected, the deliverable date at the end of June.

Mr. Simmons is looking for feedback, questions and/or concerns. He asked for agreement to move forward.

Mr. Flynn has already talked to Mr. Burdette who had a privacy concern. Mr. Flynn is keeping in mind everyone's privacy and best interests since this is data being recorded on the reservation.

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Project Background

- SLPT NRD has begun planning and implementation of a remote observational network internally called Summit Lake Watershed Environmental Observation Network (SWEON).
- Consists of a local point-to-multipoint (PtMP) network with a point-to-point backhaul to UNR.
- Allows for near-instant transmission of sensor, video, and audio data for improved monitoring and enumeration of wildlife.
- Reduces strain on staffing and tribal resources by improving ease of data collection.

SWEON Network Overview

Network structure send the data from the Summit Lake Tower to:
Fox Mountain Tower, Fort Sage Tower, Virginia Tower (to change to Slide Mountain Tower to the SCS Data Center tower in the UNR campus to a SLPT server installed in the data center with triple security backup to NRD in the Administrative Office in Sparks and the SLPT Cloud storage.

Some examples Network Clients on the reservation

- Water quality/Streamflow gauge sensors
- Game cameras
- Passive integrated transponder (PIT) antennas
- Road cameras
- Bird audio detection stations
- Security Cameras
- Climate monitoring stations

Mr. Flynn showed the client locations on a Network Client map identifying the different types of data collection (pending approval):

- Network Tower/Signal Repeaters
- PIT Antenna
- Water Quality/Streamflow
- IP Camera (Game, Road, Fish, Security)
- Climate Station
- Bird Detector

Network Clients

Climate Stations

- Create a mosaic of climate monitoring stations throughout the watershed
 - Leading from Summit Lake to the Snow Creek SNOTEL site
- Will Collect the following information:

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- Temperature, dew point, fuel moisture, air pressure, rainfall, humidity, snow depth, solar radiation, snow water equivalent (SWE), wind speed and direction.
- At the following locations:
 - Lower Mahogany Creek, Field Station, Mahogany Creek and Summer Camp Creek confluence
- Description of the make-up of the Climate Station
 - Foot print is 12' tall X 7' wide
 - A 5' X 5' snow pillow
 - They want to put one on BLM land in the Mahogany Creek/Summer Camp confluence. They will be seeking permission in two weeks.
- Maintenance and Long-Term Ideas
 - Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
 - Maintained under current climate grants and through future BIA fisheries grants
 - Powered by 200w solar panel with dual 12v 100ah batteries
 - Components include: Temperature and humidity sensor, wind sensor, barometer, solar radiation sensor, snow depth sensor, SWE snow pillow, precipitation gauge, solar, panel, tripod stand, battery bank, electrical box, small concrete pour (2ft.³), GOES and Ubiquiti Radio comms.

LEK Camera

- Create a station at a landmark lek to enumerate mating sage grouse
- Deploy PTZ pan, tilt, pan) camera that can be remotely operated
- Located on the Southwestern reservation boundary

Mr. Flynn showed a picture of the Lek camera set-up and then showed a live view from the currently installed client. They can get a 360° view. It also shows three block-outs over homes on the reservations for privacy. It has very good zoom capabilities. Although not able to be automated, it can be seen even from home and can check it every morning. Mr. Simmons would like to automate the landmark lek.

Bird Audio Detection Station

- Leverages BirdNET detection software to passively monitor for audible birds
- Will further the SLPT migratory bird monitoring beyond current grant with little to no effort
 - Can open them up to further bird-related grants
- Proposed Locations
 - Overflow channel wetland, Snow Creek grassland, Snow Creek bay riparian, Lakeview Spring, Northwestern sagebrush plot

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Components

Small golf cart battery, solar charge controller and a small computer with a microphone

Mr. Flynn showed data gathered by the current station using BirdNET.

Bird Audio Detection Station

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under existing rangeland grants through BIA
- Powered by 200w solar panel and 12v 55aH battery
- Components include:
 - Solar panel, solar panel mount, small concrete pout (0.5 ft³), battery bank, mounting pole, Ubiquiti internet radio, RasPi computer, electrical locking box charge controller, circuit breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment.

Game Cameras

- Will be placed in areas targeting specific species based on historic sightings
- Targeting the following: Mule deer, pronghorn, and desert Bighorn Sheep
- At the following locations*:
 - Mahogany Creek overflow channel, Lakeview Spring, Summit Mountain Spring, Lower Snow Creek, One Mile Spring

Game camera station components

The was a drawing and photo of the station

Mr. Flynn show film clips of animals on passing the station.

Game Cameras

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under existing rangeland grants through BIA
- Powered by 200w solar panel and 12v 55aH battery
- Components include:
 - Solar panel, solar panel mount, small concrete pout (0.5³), battery bank, mounting pole, Ubiquiti internet radio, IP camera, electrical locking box, charge controller, circuit breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment.

Stream Stage Loggers

- Allows autonomous collection of high-resolution stream stage measurements
- Can be used to create stage-discharge relationship curves for landmark discharge sites
- Useful to better the understanding of annual hydraulic inputs

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- Upgrading current stations and adding station at Mahogany Creek and Summer Camp Creek confluence off reservation

Stream Stage Loggers

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under existing fisheries grants through BIA
- Powered by 200w solar panel and 12v 100aH battery
- Components include:
 - Solar panel, solar panel mount, small concrete pout (0.5³), additional battery bank, mounting pole, Ubiquiti internet radio, Campbell Scientific data logger, electrical locking box, charge controller, circuit breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment

Road Cameras

- Allow for remote monitoring of road conditions,
- Leverages license plate recognition (LPR) Camera to monitor traffic flow
- Can be used as security feature in the event of theft/vandalism
- Proposed locations:
 - Southwestern entrance (from Gerlach, Nevada), Southern road, northwestern entrance (from Cedarville), northern entrance (from Denio), eastern entrance (from BLM)
 - Monitors each entrance of reservation

The LPR could be seen as a privacy issue, but would be valuable for security reasons. The data would not be available publicly, only by the tribe to be used only when necessary. Mr. Simmons added the roads are public roads so they are not a privacy issue. Mr. Flynn says there are legal issues.

Road Cameras

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under existing roads grants
- Powered by 200w solar panel and 12v 55aH battery
- Components include:
 - Solar panel, solar panel mount, small concrete pout (0.5³), additional battery bank, mounting pole, Ubiquiti internet radio, Linovision LPR cameras, electrical locking box, charge controller, circuit breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment

Located at all entrances.

Signal Repeaters

- Radio internet is heavily dependent upon line-of-site
- Sometimes necessary to “curve” the radio beams (i.e., terrain interference)

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- Repeater stations can be placed on hill tops to achieve this
- Will require BLM approval for placement of this
- No placements on reservation

Signal Repeater

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under ongoing BIA rangeland grants
- Powered by 200w solar panel and 12v 55aH battery
- Components include:
 - Solar panel, solar panel mount, small concrete pout (0.5³), additional battery bank, mounting pole, Ubiquiti PtP radio, Ubiquiti PtMP antenna and radio, electrical locking box, charge controller, circuit breakers and miscellaneous electrical equipment

Located near the confluence of Mahogany Creek and Summer Camp Creek

PIT Antenna Reader Stations

- Used to detect LCT implanted with passive integrated transponders (PIT) tags
- Critical for identifying habitat restoration needs and informing of PVA
- Antenna placed in stream channel, job box and solar panel place on stream bank
- *Proposed and existing* locations:
 - Lower Mahogany Creek, Middle Mahogany Creek down-stream, Middle Mahogany Creek up-stream, Upper Mahogany Creek, Upper Mahogany Creek after Confluence, Summer Camp Creek, Mahogany Creek Overflow, and Mouth of Snow Creek

PIT Antenna Reader Stations

- Proposed 10-year lifespan (reassessment and renewal)
- Will be maintained under existing BIA fisheries grants
- Powered by 200w solar panel and two 12v 100aH battery
- Components include:
 - PIT antenna, PIT antenna cable, small concrete pout (0.5³), job box, pole mounted Solar panel, battery bank, PIT reader computer, T-posts, charge controller, circuit breakers, Ubiquiti internet radio and miscellaneous electrical equipment

Data Visibility

Monitoring stations available to all (Public, Tribal, and NRD, Council and Research Staff Climate Station, Road Cameras and Stream Gauge Station (already public information) The Bird Audio Station, Game Cameras, PIT Antenna and Led Camera are available only to NRD, Council and Research Staff (with signed data sharing agreements)

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Past Lek and game footage will be on the You Tube Channel, but no locations will be given.

Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Flynn for leading this project and doing a great job. It has a finish date at the end of June.

Road Cameras would be public. License plate data would be secured information with restricted access to the Council.

Mrs. Lone Eagle feels that Mr. Burdette wants people to think there is a presence on the Reservation.

Privacy: they will block out people's homes. With the road cameras they can provide the plate numbers of suspicious cars to help law enforcement. They can help find poachers and other criminal activities.

This project is meant to gather research data to further projects.

Mr. Burdette and Mr. Flynn will schedule a meeting to go over the project information knowing that Mr. Burdette had concerns.

Mr. Simmons talked about future funding to maintain the network. He received feedback from Dr. Sudeep Chandra from UNR who said that since this is a first of its kind network in Nevada, it should open SLPT to obtaining long range funding. There are various agencies and organizations that would be interested in helping fund the maintenance and research of the network, such as LTER - National Science Foundation, the Nevada State Climatologist, and UNR. EPA may be a source of future funding for specific components of the network. There are possibilities to keep it going.

Ms. Trejo asked about the process of putting the antenna on BLM land. Mr. Flynn that they were going to meet and talk about that soon. He is fairly sure it is a matter of asking for permission, that it would not cost anything. He will keep the Council updated. They will need to know if a NEPA study will be needed or if it is an exclusion. No fees necessary.

Council consensus is to move forward especially since it is already an approved project.

Finance Report-Naveed Frank

Updates:

Bank: From January 1, 2024 until now, bank reconciliations have not been done. Ms. Pielop said she was doing it monthly. He called the bank and they cannot give him a soft copy. He will need to use the printed statements. It will be a big job.

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Quarterly Payroll Report: October payroll was not done right. He corrected it and amended the report. Now he is working on the 4th Quarter report.

There are three interviews for the Finance Clerk position coming up.

Mr. N. Frank will be meeting with Mr. Simmons to clean-up finance numbers for NRD.

Filing System: It is hard for him to find files. The biggest problem is finding the reports. He wants to find everything on the hard drive. Maybe not all checks have been scanned.

He has been having log-in issues and is working with the Chairwoman.

He would like to get a CPA for a couple months. Mrs. Lone Eagle said to look, but she does not know where to find one.

Liberty Mutual audit for insurance: This will be a lot of work.

W-2's and 1099's are also due January 31, 2025.

Mrs. Long Eagle said it was reported to her that things were done, but she is finding out they were not done. They cannot even find originals.

Mr. N. Frank plans to keep current and work on past stuff as time is available.

Regarding the Finance Clerk position, Mr. N. Frank recommends a pay range of \$20-22. It would be coming out of indirect.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Mr. N. Frank, when he has time, she needs to know what funding is currently available for Higher Education. There are currently applications pending. Mr. N. Frank said it shows \$2,781.50 overspent. Randi said to check the award amounts. They went into ASAP and that goes into MIP. Higher Ed in MIP shows - \$856.50. Ms. Lone Eagle said it does not make sense. They will have to go through it year-by-year.

Mrs. New Moon asked if a forensic auditor would go through everything, one-by-one. Things are coming out of different places. It is confusing. Mr. N. Frank would like to have a forensic audit. There are too many ins and outs coming out of different places. There may have been just "fat finger mistakes".

There was a discussion about where the funds for Higher Education looking at different reports.

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Where was all money charged to when they said they were using Ruby funds when Ruby was closed? Is there anything in Ramah? Where is all the money coming from and going to?

There was a lot of discussion.

Mrs. New Moon and Mr. N. Frank both asked for a forensic audit. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked where will they get the money to hire an auditor.

Mr. Boone arrived at 12:44 pm

Presentation – Election Overview by Cal Boone, Tribal Outreach Coordinator, Secretary of State's Office

Mr. Boone introduced himself.

The Native Voice has spent more time at the table recently.

He gave the statistics for the General Election 2024. There were 43,197 voters in tribal lands precincts which is approximately a 36% increase from 2022. This is double the 18% statewide increase over the same time. This includes non-native voters there also.

Native engagement is increasing.

Turnout for ALL Tribal Polling Locations: 6,173

Turnout for the Three new Tribal Polling Locations: 491

(Battle Mountain Band Council, Lovelock Paiute Tribe, Stewart Community Council)

Tribal Polling Locations Early Vote Total: 2,142 which includes SLPT: 669

Tribal Polling Locations Election Day Total 3,758 SLPT 355

Tribal Polling Locations Dropbox Total 212 SLPT 104

EASE Tribal Turnout Total 61—this is the first election EASE was used. He spent time talking to them. He came to find better ways to communicate with Tribal Citizens, especially through the on-line system.

Tribal polling places cannot be taken away.

Mrs. Lone Eagle was brushed off by Humboldt County. Mr. Boone said it is in the statutes that they can have another location in Humboldt County. No cost should come to the Tribe. SLPT does have members in Humboldt County, Winnemucca, Nevada. Mr. Boone said that they can ask for another polling place there if they want too.

He asked if they had any ideas for outreach for their Polling place.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle that she would like to see more communications and organizing together. She was in her office in the same space, and they did not even notice. It would be nice to plan early together to get the information out.

Ideally she would like to employ the membership to work the polls.

Mr. Boone said they should come to the Council and talk. They should also use titles. He is trying to build the understanding of the proper way to communicate with tribes. He is working on a training for the clerks. Tribes are governments and at the federal level. They should use the consultation method and proper titles.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said his idea would help with communication and relationships. She asked where to find upcoming bills.

Mr. Boone said that NELIS (Nevada Electronic Legislative System) is the app where people can look at what is coming to the legislature.

Mr. Boone mentioned that Reno-Sparks Indian Colony cannot vote in Reno, Nevada city elections.

SLPT is unique because the administrative business office is in Sparks, Nevada and the Reservation is in another county.

He told the Council they are welcome to stop by Carson City, Nevada.

EASE-Effective Absentee System for Elections is the Nevada State system for online voting, the 2023 Legislative Session saw the expansion of EASE to include tribal voters

He plans to reach out the community to talk to them about EASE and different solutions. There are issues with broadband and internet. They are looking at solutions.

He can also do a presentation on how to use EASE to vote, to show how it works.

A lot of government agencies do not understand the Sovereignty of the Tribes.

He asked what barriers SLPT faces especially with services and elections.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said barriers were capacity issues, staffing, funding which is a big one. Need more funding for administration to have more staff.

If he can help with anything, he can talk to other Tribal liaisons. The law says every department needs a tribal liaison.

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He worked on a Tribal ID identification document so poll workers know the Tribal ID is good identification for voting.

The staff at Battle Mountain would lock the doors, but drop boxes need to be accessible (open doors). They did find a solution that a staff person watched to see if people were had voting envelopes, they would unlock the door for them.

He gave an overview of the Secretary of State. It is the third highest ranking state official and is responsible for maintaining the official records of the acts of the Nevada Legislature and the executive branch of state government.

There are eight division:

- Commercial Recordings
- Document Preparation Services Program/Domestic Partnership Registry/Nevada Lockbox
- Elections
- Executive Administration
- Nevada Business Portal
- Notary
- Operations
- Securities

He described what each division does.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if he knew any forensic auditors.

Mr. Boone is going to set-up a meeting with the Secretary of State, even possibly on the Reservation.

Mr. Boone left at 1:36 pm.

The Chairwoman called for lunch at 1:37 pm.

Council returned from Lunch at 2:32 pm.

Finance Continued.

Mr. Carslaw's last day was December 31, 2024.

Housing/ARPA Report—Austin New Moon

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- Fund 110—ITCN Fire Tablets for minor tribal members. Mailed the notice out to all tribal member minors who are eligible to receive a tablet. Notice went out January 3, 2025. She received one request.
- Fund 115 (HAF): Homeowner's Assistance
 - Still waiting for the final close out report to open to complete it. It remains an outstanding issue with the Treasury. She has received emails being forwarded to other departments within the Treasury to fix the issue. She will continue to follow-up until they get this resolved and submitted.
- Fund 157—ARPA: Obligations were due December 31, 2024. They were an annual reporter due to the dollar amount received. The report is due at the end of March 2025.
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
 - Program began February 18, 2023
 - Continuing to get applications in for assistance
 - Working with Finance on the \$220,000 that was allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning Bundles.
 - Remaining: \$35,097.33 as of January 3, 2025. There is less now. It should be gone by June. It will be the end of the fund.
- Rehabilitation Update: She had a conference call with the applicant and general contractor. A small list of stuff of what needs to be ordered was provided. The applicant is worried about the costs he will have to come up with that the insurance is not covering and that are outside of what the grant covers. The grant will cover the shower expansion and relocation of water valve, two ADA toilets, grab bars, ADA faucets for three sinks, and flooring from carpet to an ADA accessible floating floor. She received an email and he wants to add more but he is close to his \$15,000 limit. The insurance company is not paying for \$20,000 of what he wants. He wants a new vanity double sink in the bathroom insurance will pay but he wants SLPT to pay. He wants new flooring. He wants ductwork. He wants to be reimbursed. He keeps changing his mind and very determined.
- Mailed out all the 2025 calendars before the end of 2024 along with the Naloxone notice that members can request from SLPT, and they will distribute them to those who request.
- Internet Assistance notice will go out by Friday, January 18, 2025 letting the membership know it has been extended from October of this year to December of 2026.
- Provided Pantry with hand sanitizer and masks since the new norovirus is spreading. They had a ton left over from COVID. Restocked cleaning supplies.

Safety Poster Contest—Friday April 11, 2025 deadline to submit posters. She wants to make it a fun night. She will get markers and posterboard. The winner will go to the Regional level and possibly on to the National. Nevada-California gift for kids. They do not need to attend the poster day to submit.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for five minutes for Recertification Tenant Based Rental Assistance. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:52 pm.

Returned from Executive Session at 2:58 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Recertification Update for Tribal Member for \$347. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 3:02 pm.

Natural Resources Department: James Simmons

The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 47° to a low of 5° Fahrenheit. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 5.8 in. of SWE (snow water equivalent) which is approximately average. The Lake has frozen over.

The NRD is doing a re-organization of the department office space. They will get new desks and chairs, some standing desks. They will clean up and organize. The mess will be all spic and span by March. Funds will come from BOR 150 and only spend half the money allotted for office space so they can also upgrade the Field Station offices, if needed.

NRD received funding for 2025-2027 Fisheries and Range. It was a lower amount than in the past. The amount never changed over the last ten years. Now it is less even though they asked for more. He is not sure if they will send any more funding. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it was the base funding. Mr. Simmons is concerned. This does not take inflation etc. in consideration.

NRD also received the next round of funds for America the Beautiful. The agency wants to ask about the audit. Mr. Simmons will send out a response.

Discussion Topics:

- Tabled resolution SL-68-2024 has been cancelled because they are not going to apply.
- Resolution SL-01-2025: Approval to apply for BIA ESA program grant. This is to study the egg hatch rate of LCT in Mahogany Creek to use in the new PVA model and to inform future stream restoration efforts. The application is due

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January 31, 2025. The project lasts two years after acceptance. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-01-2025 Approval to Apply for FY2025 Bureau of Indian Affairs Endangered Species Act Program Grant with the reading. Secretary/ Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-01-2025 enacted at 3:29 pm.

Mrs. Lone Eagle returned to the awards. For the period of performance of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 it references a one-time funding of \$31,125 for fisheries to increase the Tribal Management Development fund for fisheries.

Regarding Higher Education, Mrs. Lone Eagle received for the performance period of January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2025 for the obligated amount of \$1,019 but at the bottom the accumulative amount says an increase of \$1,917 from \$20,860 to \$22, 777. It is Contract #A23AV00657 designated Scholarships by the BIA-which is SLPT Higher Education.

CTGP increase of \$11,023 so it went from \$432,038 to \$443,061 for that contract from January 31, 2025 to December 31, 2025. Increased funding to add final allocation of FY24 Small and Needy Tribe Supplemental Distribution for \$11,023.

- SOARR project funds for vehicles and housing. The \$2.7 million looks like it will be underspent in the water rights category, so \$500,000 to \$600,000 may need to be spent. Ideas for use are two or three new trucks: Ford 150 FX4-\$59,000, two Ford Rangers FX4 \$47,000, three three-bedroom mobile home for \$100,000 each for \$300,000, for a total of \$453,000. It is the intent to use the current concrete slabs. This could set up the Field Station for several years. The old trailers can be offered to tribal members for sale. This discussion is for feedback. Mr. Simmons will have a resolution for the February meeting. The increase in insurance will be discussed with Mr. N. Frank as to how much the payment would be and how to pay it.

Mr. Simmons is introducing this to make the Council aware and see if they wish to pursue it. Nevada Conservation Credit System program brings conservation creditors with conservation debtors together to buy and sell conservation credits to conserve sagebrush habitat.

In other words, someone like SLPT that conserves sagebrush habitat would sell credits to someone like a mining company who would degrade the habitat incur debits to offload. SLPT would sell credits and then conserve the habitat.

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- Market-based system (creditors/ debtors) to conserve sagebrush habitat
- The Tribe qualifies
- 11 acres equal ~2147 credits X \$2200 ~ \$4.7 million
 - ~ 10-30% financial assurance = \$470,000-1.4 million
 - Supports reviews and NRD management efforts
- \$3.3-4.2 million left
 - Tribe can do anything with this amount
 - Invest
 - Reservation infrastructure (community building, campsites, etc.)
 - Other member benefits/expand programs-food pantry
 - Competitive employee and full benefits including retirement

The requirement for the landowner is 30 years of conservation. Mr. Simmons sees this a way to make money while fulfilling the conservation ideals of the Tribe.
- Council will need to think about this and do more research.
- Mr. Simmons said that there is time—until February 2026 to decide. They can also bring people from Carson City, Nevada to talk to the Council.
- USFWS published changes to regulatory Authorizations for migratory bird and fish possession. Mr. Simmons wants to schedule a meeting to have USFWS to explain it. Mr. Simmons will contact them.
- Ancient DNA Project-Human DNA Protocol--Fund 154: The researchers have the samples. What they are looking for are animal and plant species at Last Supper Cave. If they find any human DNA, they would like to know what to do, what the Council would approve. From the letter of attachment, the Council gave approval to keep the human DNA data confidential and to also get a copy of the data.
- UNR Archaeological Project at Macy Flat, Nevada: A UNR graduate student is doing a project up about 50 miles northwest of the reservation. They are asking if the Tribe has any questions or wants to be involved. The student will be doing surface work, no artifact collection or excavations. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that Burns and Fort Bidwell are closer. They should take the lead. The project is all on public land. Mr. Simmons said after they are done, they could present a final report.
- State-Tribal Employment Law question: Mr. Simmons had a question about the relationship between Nevada state (employment) law and Tribal Law. He asked if the Tribe has to follow Nevada state employment law. NRD staff asked if the

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previous salary fields in the SLPT application should be removed because it is now against Nevada state law for employers to ask for that information from applicants. The simple course of action is to just remove the questions to “provide past wages”. Sovereignty is an issue and is tricky. The application-employment form needs to be updated and more useable (fill-in pdf). It was the consensus of the Council to remove “past salary” and update the employment application.

MOTION: Vice-chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to add Resolution SL-02-2025 to the agenda. Motion seconded by Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:55 pm.

SL-02-2025: Approval to apply for NFWF Big Game Habitat Migration Corridor fund. This is to enhance the fence on the boundary to make it more animal friendly fencing. It is to retrofit all barb wire for \$193,300 with wildlife friendly fencing. This is due February 13, 2025. It will be announced May 2025. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-02-2025 Approval to Apply for FY2025 National Fish and Wildlife Big Game Habitat Migration Corridor Fund for with the reading. Secretary/ Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-02-2025 enacted at 5:01 pm.

NDOW will write a letter of support

NRD will be ordering shirts and jackets from Patagonia. They will also order jackets for the Council and staff. Mr. Simmons showed the choices of NRD and also Mr. P. Frank choice of a tribal jacket.

Numu Namagah Nobe-Pantry Report: Christina Lomaintewa

From December 19, 2024 to January 8, 2025, they shopped at the following stores:

- Save Mart
- Walmart
- Smith's

The total shopping for the previous four weeks is \$3,330.65. The remaining amount of the \$10,000 given from the ARPA fund is \$522.14. Currently they are still waiting for their funding from the state.

They filled up the van with gas once this month for \$81.84 and postage for \$2.04.

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They picked up from Catholic Charities on December 23, 2024 and January 9, 2025.

She made copies of the Dutch door key and gave two to Mr. N. Frank to put into the key box and one for Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle.

January 2, 2025, they did a manual inventory, at the time there were 181 items of food and 957 total quantity of food items including Catholic Charities food items. They cleared out all 2024 food lists, sign-in sheets, shopping logs, mileage records, receipts and other 2024 papers.

Tribal members will be asked to fill out a new updated Intake Application for the year 2025.

The APER report was submitted on January 2, 2025.

Amber Torres came into the office and brought a new Food Bank of Northern Nevada (FBNN) application. That was filled out and she took copies of their Food Handlers cards. The original application was mailed on January 10, 2025. Once the application is approved, the Pantry staff will have to complete two training courses. Agency Express will consist of how to order food from FBNN and the process of donated and bought food. The OASIS course will be on the delivery system and reports. They are already doing temperature checks on the refrigerators and freezers that will be required from the FBNN. She is looking forward for the application to be processed and approved to get started with advancing the pantry for the future of the members. She is sure they will benefit from this great program.

She contacted the I.H.S. for information on diabetes as some of the members have asked for information on what is best to eat and what is not.

58 families received food from the pantry and served 139 tribal members in the previous four weeks.

Mary Clare DeBord submitted her notice. She will no longer be working at the pantry in order to continue her schooling. Her last day will be January 23, 2025.
58 families served. Per household they receive food for one to four people. The number of Tribal members served is needed for the report.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked why they shop at Walmart. It is less expensive while they wait for funding

The Pantry Worker position will be posted for the two-week native preference.

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There will be a meeting on January 29, 2025 on how to report on the State ARPA funds every month. Mrs. Lomaintewa and Finance will do the report and submit it. Then notify them that reports are submitted and to whom. SLPT has submitted reports and requests.

Mr. Curley wants to talk to Mrs. Lomaintewa to get extra funding for the Pantry.

Ms. Nedra Crane asked about security cameras and the vandalism. What are they going to do. The Council car sits in front of the door and the Chairwoman takes the suburban home. The security on the truck notifies Mrs. Lone Eagle all the time. Mr. Simmons is still working with the police. Camera footage shows how sneaky they were—no license plates. Debbie Allan from the Travel Agency across from SLPT-is on the HOA and will try to get better lighting. They should ask Mr. Hubanks on what he would suggest.

Ms. Crane talked about combining Enrollment Coordinator and Receptionist. The Chairwoman said no.

The Chairwoman will develop the job descriptions for THPO and Project Coordinator. She will draft and bring them to the next meeting. She will get copies of descriptions from other tribes to use and adapt to the tribe's needs.

There will be a BIA meeting on January 31, 2025 for priorities for the BIA to be submitted.

Pantry-Crosswalk: Ms. Trejo said the cars are zooming around there. She is concerned for children visiting the pantry. There is also a dip in the crosswalk.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they should buy a few long extension cords and power strips.

The pantry time clock is not recording the time worked. Mrs. New Moon said to try to unplug and plug in again. It is not connecting to the cloud.

The next new computers need to go to Ms. Trejo and Ms. Macko.

MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting on February 12, 2025 at the Council Chambers Building, Sparks, Nevada Office.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting

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was adjourned at 6:10 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Philip Frank**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting February 12, 2025 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

2-12-25
Date

Philip Frank
Philip Frank.
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council

