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**CALL TO ORDER**: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, April 15, 2023 to order at 8:00 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:** Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor. Mr. Dan Howard is on an excused absence.

GUEST: Sophia Rodriquez and Anna Rodriquez, Tribal Members

There will be a field trip to look at a building (2155 Ste. 201) for sale at 8:30 am.

## **MINUTES**

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Wednesday, March 15, 2023 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 8:02 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, March 18, 2023 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 8:03 am.

Mrs. Lone Eagle will be presenting the Finance Report since Mr. Howard had prior approval to be excused from this meeting. He will return on Monday, April 17, 2023.

## **Council Reports:**

# Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle

Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that between March 18, 2023 and April 15, 2023 she did the following:

- Signed two SLPT ARPA applications, four HAF applications, one Rental Assistance application and two Security and First Month's Rent application
- Handled a phone call from a Tribal Member who asked about the bunk house

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and what it was being used for. They also asked if it will be torn down or moved so that it is not causing issues for the stream and water flow. It was stated that the bunk house is not being used.

- Handling daily and weekly emails, phone calls and texts.
- She was informed that Rebecca Carniello gave her two weeks' notice for the Natural Resources Department.
- Discussed upcoming projects and tasks with Mr. Simmons, NRD Director.
   There will be no more applications for new grants so as not to get overwhelmed or overworked.

Was informed of some concerns with Finance Department, coordinated a meeting for Mr. Carslaw to come into the office. She talked to Mr. Simmons, Ms. New Moon, Mr. Carslaw and Finance at the time. They went over some of the issues and concerns of the different department directors were having. Mainly these where issues with the Finance department.

Mrs. Lone Eagle informed the Council that Blue Bird CPAs will be in the office for the 2022 Audit Memorial Day Week. Mr. Carslaw is working on getting everything ready for the audit.

Finance has gotten all the access to all the Finance applications. Mr. Howard is working with Mr. Carslaw on the reconciliation. They are working with the Department Directors.

There will another meeting. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not want there to be any sanctions.

There will be new BIA re-contracts for CTPG and Higher Education but they have not been awarded yet. Marilyn Bittisillie is behind due to circumstances. Mrs. Lone Eagle heard the new Superintendent was nice. She will try to visit the Superintendent after the Spring EPA RTOC meeting. She is sitting on a Tribal Leader round table with Martha Guzman.

- Attended the AIANTA Tribal Tourism conference March 30 to March 22, 2023 in Carson City, Nevada. There was a discussion on Food Sovereignty resources and circulating information via the web. Sherry Rupert was there. There was a discussion about keeping the Reservation closed. Summit Lake is a very spiritual place and homelands to the Tribal members. Past and current elders have always stated that Summit is a very sacred and spiritual place.
- She had a brief meeting with Council Member Philip Frank.
- On March 27, 2023:
  - Received Enrollment application for Pending File-Adult. It is now complete but there is no Enrollment Committee at present as there are only two members when three are needed. It was clarified that members who are also employees can serve on committees, but they cannot serve on the Council. Mrs. Lone Eagle has not been directed to be the

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Enrollment liaison. It is up to the Council to approve any enrollment applications.

- Met with Thomas Leeman who requested a permit to take empty nests of golden eagle for research.
- Met with Sudeep Chandra and James Simmons at UNR.

## March 28, 2023

- Met with Femke of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) and Mr. Simmons on SLPT's funding from Great Basin Land and Water/NFWF. They want to deal directly with the tribes and bypass GBLW. They want to give the funds to the tribes, but Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to know what is the amount of money SLPT will receive. They want a plan of how the tribe wants to use the funding.
- CHIPS Subcommittee on Medicare/Medicaid
- o SB364 Hearing via phone. She gave testimony

## March 29, 2023

- IHS meeting via Zoom call. She met with the Director and she nominated herself to be on one of IHS's committees. She got an overview of SLPT's situation.
- SB94 tribal liaison hearing and testimony in person. State wants tribes to have designated contact with the state.
- Joined NRD teams meeting briefly to go over cultural sensitivity items with staff; interactions between staff and members do's and don'ts.
- March 30, 2023: meeting with OSIT from the Governor's office regarding Broadband. Summit Lake Paiute Tribe was the first Tribal consultation call with there office. He gave an overview of how it would work on or off the Reservation. SLPT is working with Native Connections.
- April 2 to 5, 2023 Attended the NICWA Conference in Reno, Nevada along with Ms. Gonzalez from Enrollment
- Approval for the Chairwoman and Mr. Howard to attend the May 10-11, 2023
   BIA FY24 Budget workshop from 11:30 am to 4:30 pm in Tempe, Arizona.
   Both have registered before the deadline of April 14, 2023.
- May 8 and 9, 2023 will be that Tribal Governance Conference with Tribal
  Minds in regards to the classes or topics the Council picked in a survey. All the
  western tribes will attend. SLPT became the Host location. Tribal Minds is
  putting it on and will bring everything and do their training from 11:30 am to
  4:30 pm.
- At 8:26 am Council and Staff went to visit to see a building in the complex which is available for sale. Council returned at 8:50 am to continue the Council Meeting with the rest of Mrs. Lone Eagle's report.

## April 10, 2023

o Letter was emailed to Senator Cortez-Masto and Jacky Rosen on Desert

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Terminal Lakes re-authorization

- Letter emailed to President Sandoval and staff at UNR on our continued partnership with Summit Lake. In her meeting with Mr. Chandra they discussed long term goals, not just water quality and environmental issues. They will be attending the June meeting.
- April 11, 2023 SB444 ICWA bill hearing in Carson City, Nevada and met with two assembly members while at the legislative building in support of maintaining ICWA as it.
- April 12, 2023 Tribal Consultation meeting via teams.
- April 13, 2023
  - LCT Climate inter-agency webinar via ZOOM
  - Received email on the NW Region Nevada Native Governance workshop with Tribal Minds, Inc. set for May 8-9, 2023 from 11:30 am. To 4:30 pm.
  - o Intertribal Consultation with OHSU regarding remains.
  - THPO meeting on SB364 states law enforcement will communicate with the Tribes or SHPO. The question was on the "or". They heard from John Assagara that was collaborative effort to be sure there was some guidelines from the state, but the tribes have the say. The tribes are in support.
- April 19, 2023 FEMA Region 9 monthly tribal partners meeting via Zoom. Sand bags will be available.
- April 20, 2023 Panel discussion for the Naval Base and BLM office on tribal consultation with the Nevada tribes via Zoom.
- In the tribes lawsuit, the Geothermal project permit has been stopped.

ICWA: March 2023 4 Non-affiliated cases

## Capital Fund Project

- Nine laptops requested in the month of March
- Seven laptops mailed on April 10, 2023
- Total remaining laptops: 66
- Total given out: 56
- Ages 13-up eligible to receive a laptop through the SLPT capital fund project.

## Tribal Council Mail:

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they will be going back to making five copies of the mail so every Council member has a copy in their own mail boxes for study and they can review and they can let the Chairwoman know what they want to do with the mail.

• April 4, 2023 Climate Change Preparedness conference on May 18-20, 2023 in

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Washington, D.C.

- March 28, 2023 BLM letter for Sage Steppe Restoration project near Barrel Springs Byway
- March 24, 2023 Letter from the National Park Service-Development of the Tule Springs Expedition Research Learning Center
- March 15, 2023 Letter from the National Park Service-Annual report on used of streamlined review for Section 106 Compliance by Tule Springs Fossil Beds national monument
- March 24, 2023 letter from National Park Serve-updates regarding the Tule Springs Fossil Beds National Monument General Management Plan
- Reno Sparks The Camp News newsletter
- March 16, 2023 Hog Ranch Minerals Inc.-letter of introduction and offer to meet with SLPT Council. Two letters received.
- March 22, 2023 invitation for engagement to purse rulemaking regarding landscape health and conservation
- March 27, 2023 Stewart Father's Day pow wow Donations letter for event in June
- March 31, 2023 BLM letter proposal for mineral exploration from Millennial Nevada, LLC
- March 9, 2023 GSA letter for Consultation on April 3, 2023, missed due to attending the NICWA conference
- March 13 IEC same the date letter for Monday, April 24, 2023 at 2:00 pm with the Navy via Zoom
- March 29, 2023 Letter from the governor's office for consultation with OSIT
- March 9, 2023 letter from BLM for a programmatic EIS
- March 15, 2023 BLM letter
- March 15, 2023 BLM letter
- March 27, 2023 Nevada Museum of Art-The Art of Ben Aleck
- March 17 US Department of Interior Bureau of Trust Funds three times. Council should look at this as SLPT is somehow attached to Pascua Yaqui tribe in Arizona
- March 20, 2023 National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officer's Dues to NATHPO. Approval is required.
- March 20, 2023 Department of Defense letter for former NRD employee. She will forward it to Mr. Simmons.
- Received a letter from the US Army Corp. of Engineers. Mrs. Lone Eagle called and talked to Meredith. They wanted to know what district SLPT was in regarding the railroad. She will send out a letter requesting a consultation.

April 14, 2023 was the monthly Tribal Leadership meeting call. Tribes represented were Las Vegas, Elko and RSIC. Theresa Melendez, Kary, Chairman Phoenix, Andrea, Mike, Mrs. Lone Eagle and Jennifer Hanrahan were there. They went over AB273, AGR3, SB94, SB216. Assembly member Shay Backus went over the bill. Talked about tribal

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liaisons and various other topics.

IHS meeting with Ty Reid Head, Hope Johnson and various other people. There were openings on various committees. There was an email on April 21, 2023. They wanted to the COVID unwinding updates regarding vaccines, phasing out COVID-19, CMS updates Division of Tribal Affairs, Medicaid unwinding, and so forth. The public health emergency will end on May 11, 2023. Free home kits will end, lab COVID test will be covered. Prep Act will end May 11, 2024 which pays for vaccinations. Telehealth services will continue.

March 23, 2023 was the White House Native Women's Symposium. It was on a Zoom. Information update from Deb Haaland, Secretary of the Interior. Same panel as the Native Women's Economic Symposium.

May 8 and 9, 2023 Tribal Governance which will be hosted by SLPT.

Mrs. Lone Eagle talked to Theresa Melendez, who has Tribal Solutions LLC consultants. They discussed were cultural dance, drum, hand—pow wow classes where adults must stay with their children. It would be one class once a month for the summer months of June, July and August. Ms. New Moon recommended a contact for similar things. There is also a Rez Girl wellness retreat and things like self-defense classes. They also need to find funding. SLPT has a young member who is Pow Wow Princess for UNR.

Talked with Thomas Leeman who requested a permit to take empty nests of golden eagle for research. Mrs. Lone Eagle gave an explanation of the process to be permitted. It was not in the SLPT area. She informed him that the BIA is SLPT's point of contact. In Nevada they would need to talk to the BLM as the nests are on BLM land.

The meeting with Mr. Chandra was the next generation workshop, planned outreach, internship, partnership, communication, collaboration, talking about living in two worlds. They drafted a letter forwarded to UNR. She will talk to Daphne. He is passionate about working with SLPT.

Jennifer Rovenpera and Craig of Applegate BLM will attend the May General Meeting at the Lake. She told them 1:00 pm.

Femke, NFWF and the BOR, without GBLW, want to give the remaining grant money to the Tribes directly. As of May 21, 2023 there is \$2.5 to \$2.7 million. They talked about a set aside for land acquisition. SLPT would need to spend it by June 24, 2025. The Board will meet in May 21, 2023. They need to develop a plan to show where the money would be used. There can be multiple projects under one grant, possibly regarding water rights or water restoration.

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May 29, 2023 –Phoenix Area Director Ty Reid Head, Hope Johnson and Michael had a discussion regarding waste water, environmental projects, clean water, sewer water. Scope of project, Department of Agriculture, EPA, IHS. The 284 membership, quarterly meetings. SLPT would like to be in the loop in regards to the meetings. With IHS they talked about a tribal advisory committee.

June 27-29, 2023 is the Region 9 Budget Formulation Meeting in Arizona. It was asked if funding was available to attend. Mrs. Lone Eagle is interested in attended. She will get back to them when more information come out. There is some funding available.

IHS: IHS list of calendar events is coming. They talked about vaccines, liaison which is Hope who is the point of contact. Innova Group/IHS point of contact is Michael Waite.

March 30, 2023: Mrs. Lone Eagle met with Brian Mitchell, Joe Fredaloso, Nicella Young and talked about Safety and Connectivity—Internet. There are 284 members with 71 of them being minors. SLPT is in Humboldt and Washoe Counties. RSIC talked about infrastructure. Every Nevadan should have internet connectivity, affordable digital equity, literacy and so forth. Connectivity to homes in Reno/Sparks area. Federal money is available, apply for grants. Cell coverage needs to be addressed. OSIT—Tribe and tribal community is the focus. There will be information on the Housing Page and website. They will send a survey to see what the membership needs as far as internet service. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the timeline.

Mr. Simmons explained what a pit lake was, a lake formed after pit mining. They are usually very contaminated.

OHS-Intertribal—Oregon will take the lead in handling the remains.

LCT Meeting: Lots of presentations by Shawn, Jason and Faith. Updates for the Great Basin on streams, water, water temperatures, flows. The streams can be sensitive to climate change and draught.

THPO: There is an upcoming bill. Marla McDae, Lindsey Smith, Chairwoman Lone Eagle, Chairman Phoenix and others from the state, counties and local government SHPO discussed the bill and seemed okay with it at the end. This came up regarding 360 Strategies. Everyone seemed okay with this bill at the end. This is the second part of the process. They estimated \$56,000 for funding.

Native Connections—Jeff Kramer wants a signature on an agreement. The Chairwoman asked for Council approval. If can be approved, he can get out to the Reservation. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Council to review for approval. She read Mr. Kramer's email. Ms. Crane feels SLPT should move forward with the agreement.

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Money from the State side—ARPA process for funding request. They to go to the Nevada States Controllers Office and go through the payment procedure for less than \$1 million. All funds will be paid via electronic fund transfer. Nevada Indian Commission created an application with three pages. The State said no and has a 20-page application request. Mrs. Lone Eagle read the NIC application. Stacy Montooth wants to be kept informed.

Ms. Crane said that Mrs. Lone Eagle had been busy. Mr. Crane said she answered his questions about Finance. Regarding mail Mr. Crane and Mr. Mace do not want to see things that do not apply but wants to look at things such as grants and funding, the Tribe. They felt mail needs to be sorted first.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the Res Summit for 2023 on April 3 to 6, 2023. There were 4000 people there. There were lots of sessions including Tribal Economic, Leading Generations, and Energy Sovereignty. At the General Session they discussed the Farm Bill and Native Vote. There is a lot of opportunities. There was a lot of networking. Mr. Simmons said the energy is important. They need to know what is feasible on energy micro grid. Ms. Crane said BIA is support of this. Mr. Simmons is looking for grant funding. There are some tribes adding charging stations to smoke shops. They saw a lot of Native celebrities.

Mr. Crane said they should look at sewer and clean water. Mr. Simmons said they have a grant to study, look at that.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** was impressed with the Res Summit agenda with Small business Treasury, Real Estate, Export/Import—selling a product, talks about Cannabis making money, Health Care Service making money, and energy opportunities—hydro, wind mild which can go up fast. It was a good conference.

Ms. New Moon explained that the energy panels at Pyramid Lake are not on Tribal land, but they did train and employee Native people.

SLPT needs a grant writer.

Mr. Crane felt they got more done with more meetings than one a month.

Mr. Mace said they need to have money coming in to pay for grant writers and people for the pantry. They cannot rely only on getting grants which they need a grant writer to do.

Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon will look into finding grants.

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There was a discussion of what happened with Pyramid Lake attempt to do a dispensary for cannabis. It seems most tribes are not receiving money.

They discussed storage for Burning Man as a possibility for a source of income. Other ideas for income were discussed such as an event on the Reservation after Burning Man.

Mr. Mace said they should try to get the money now as it will dry up.

The Council needs to help do grant writing to get grants. Mr. Mace says they need to do planning and writing grants. Mr. Crane said they should talk to people who can help them, ask them. They need to get it done. Ms. New Moon suggested taking on-line classes in grant writing.

They made a lot of good contacts.

**Council Member Philip Frank** said that they talked to a lot of people at the Res Summit. There was a Tribal Economic Update. He noted other tribes that were small and in the same circumstances.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said SLPT is being looked at by others as doing good and making progress, a good example. The State does not necessarily know the difference in tribes.

The membership does not necessarily see all that the Council does, but there are some big things. SLPT is starting to get noticed for good things.

The San Manuel Tribe talked to Mrs. Lone Eagle regarding casinos and had a lot of advice and wants to help the Nevada Tribes. They said to make connections.

In the General Session there was US Representative Teresa Fernandez of New Mexico and the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. People forget things start in Sub-Committee. They need young people who know and what to do things to get things out of sub-committee.

Council Member Steven Crane attended the April 18, 2023 Regular Council meeting.

The Chairwoman called a break at 10:43 am.

Council returned from break at 10:54 am.

## STAFF REPORTS

Enrollment Report presented by Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator,

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MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes for Enrollment. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 10:55 am.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:10 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-07-2023 Accepting Application for Enrollment with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-07-2023 enacted at 11:16 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-08-2023 Accepting Application for Enrollment 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. Resolution SL-08-2023 enacted at 11:18 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-09-2023 Accepting Application for Enrollment 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. Resolution SL-09-2023 enacted at 11:19 am.

There were eight applications requested and three were returned. She received the one application which was incomplete. She offered to provide assistance for those who may need it in filling out the applications, etc. when she first started. She re-sent applications when requested. Ms. Gonzalez will contact the 2023 applicants who have not returned their applications. This April those applications will be past the time allowed and new applications will need to be requested. She will also send out correspondence to applicants whose files have been found pending since 2022 or incomplete, informing them of corrections that must be made, missing documents needed and information specific to errors on applications. These applicants are passed their time frame.

## **Enrollment Cards**

Ms. Gonzalez issued one card for the month. One other requested ID, but she is waiting for a signature and photo. There is no update on new formats from Progeny. They are working remotely. Ms. Gonzalez is checking with them.

## Membership News

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Xiltlalee Conway, SLPT member, was crowned Miss UNR Pow Wow Royalty on April 1, 2023. She had signed up to run for the Jr. Miss UNR Pow Wow Princess. The UNR Pow Wow Committee moved her up a category. She introduced herself in Paiute, sang a circle dance song, answered questions, and did a dancing exhibition. She is the youngest to hold this title. With the continued support of her family and community she will do an awesome job of representing SLPT and UNR.

## **ICWA**

Ms. Gonzalez has been in contact with the Case Manager of the family from Oregon with the family who has two children who are eligible for enrollment. Applications were sent, received and forwarded to the family's Social Worker. The applications have not been returned SLPT as of this date.

There were four inquiries for ICWA received this month which were non-affiliated with the Tribe. She emailed the case workers if they had an email or verification letters were mailed to the requesting agencies.

## **NICWA**

Ms. Gonzalez and Mrs. Lone Eagle attended the 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Nation Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Conference. She liked the offered workshops. They were very informative and she learned a lot including:

- Tribes can have Foster homes on and off the reservations
- Tribes can license or certify their own Foster homes and Tribal members as Foster Parents
- MOA/MOUs need to be in place to spell out specifics for County and State department to follow even though they are not required.

From what Ms. Gonzalez observed, Nevada representatives at the County and State levels do not know much about the tribes. It was disappointing that they could not say the three tribal names correctly and did not know how many tribes there were in Nevada. When she asked a question, they had not heard of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. The Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) brought in performers.

Focus was put on the importance of fighting to keep the tribes' ICWA rights, prevention of child abuse, family healing, cultural reservation for tribal children and ensuring foster parents and permanent homes are following agreements to keep children involved with their families, tribes, and Indian communities. So many ideas and programs could be developed, offered, and tailored to meet the needs of each individual SLPT family. It is one thing to be an advocate for the members, it's another to do the work, develop the programs, and provide services. Lack of funding is our biggest obstacle

Ms. Gonzalez enrolled in an eight-week free NICWA course offered by Reno-Sparks

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Indian Colony (RSIC). She has completed five weeks of the course. It started on March 6, 2023 and will run through April 24, 2023. It is the Positive Indian Parenting Course. The classes are not the typical parenting classes. They are designed to look back into how the individual was raised, how Natives parent and to explore the changes that can be made. It asks if Native American traditions play a major role, is generational trauma significant, and so on. At the conference they went over the new additions to this course format. This parenting class can now be offered in a group setting, over Zoom, mixed, or as an individual family involved course provided in the home. It is not only designed for families, but can be offered to staff, childcare providers, foster parents, grandparents, teachers and anyone working with children and Native families. She would like to look for funding resources to get certified to offer these courses to the SLPT membership.

## Membership Files:

She continues reviewing paperwork and documents that are in the computer as well as file drawers and cabinets. Several files are empty files with a name on it and in Progeny a lot of data is missing because there are no documents available. In order to complete the Enrollment files, Ms. Gonzalez would need to get historical documents (birth certificate, social security card, death certificate, probates, divorce, adoption, and court records) from the families or by looking for them elsewhere.

She would also like to travel to San Francisco, California with the Chairwoman April 17-21, 2023 when Mrs. Lone Eagle attends the Spring RTOC. Ms. Gonzalez would be a ride-along. She found out there is a National Archives in San Francisco, California and a Federal Records Center which are both in San Bruno, California approximately 15 minutes from the EPA building. They house federal, census, court, land, military, and other records from the late 1700's forward. Ms. Gonzalez discussed the various free services offered for Record Management. While researching in person at the National Archive Building, they offer free access to subscription only websites. These sites can possibly give her access to historical documents and records for free. Appointments are not necessary, but may be helpful in having an archive specialist to assist in the research. If it goes well researching onsite, another trip or tag-along may be considered. It is the consensus of the Council for Ms. Gonzalez to go to the National Archives.

# Enrollment Committee

The Enrollment Committee still has a vacancy and there have been no Letters of Interest received.

## **Upcoming Camping Trip**

Ms. Gonzalez and Mrs. Lone Eagle had a cultural sensitivity discussion with the NRD. They went over working with tribal members, importance of personal space, teasing, values, elders and children, eye contact, historical trauma and other topics. Mr. Simmons would like to do this every year before the field season.

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She would like to setup a table with Family Tree forms so members can build their family trees. She would also have forms for Name Change, Address Change and new Card request forms available. They could have the camera set up to get current pictures and signatures.

# Evening Activities and other ideas for the Event

- Storytelling, singing, circle dancing, hand games
- Cultural teaching and sharing
- SLPT story collection by members telling (possibly recording) stories as they remember them.
- SLPT Cook Book: Modern and traditional foods shared by membership and staff
- Maybe make a food dish that was traditionally harvested
- · Talk about medicinal and edible plants

Chairwoman Lone Eagle called a 30-minute lunch break at 12:00 pm. Council returned from lunch at 12:30 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER**: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, April 15, 2023 back to order at 12:30 pm.

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

**STAFF:** Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor. Mr. Dan Howard is on an excused absence.

GUEST: Sophia Rodriquez, Tribal Member via Zoom

# Housing Report by Austin New Moon, Housing Manager

# Updates:

 Continuing to work with Finance on getting correct numbers for a few closed out grants which are still in the process of being reviewed. They had a few duplicate payments that were never credited back to the account for whatever reason in fund 153 NAIHC C19HAP which has been closed since November 30, 2022. The cleaning bundles may have been confusing. They need to find where the mistakes are. With credit card charges, a quick fix is to raise the limit. Call Mrs.

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Lone Eagle if the card is declined.

- Additional funding was found in Fund 58-ERA that was never counted. She is working with Finance to get that allocated before the due date of April 28, 2023 for that final financial report.
- HUD-NAHASDA Annual Performance Report submitted March 31, 2023 after back and forth with Finance in getting correct numbers for 2022.

Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs.

US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF):

- Total award \$38,353.
- Applications continue to come through.
- Additional funding is available but has not been needed to request.

## SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Since the approval of this program on February 18, 2023 applications have started to roll in. She is working with finance to get correct numbers remaining in the obligated amount that was awarded to Housing.
- There have been a few members wanting to apply but without COVID-19 Impact.
   This has caused some issues.

# Paiute Language Class:

First class began July 14, 2022.

Classes continue twice a week on Tuesday and Friday. The class time was changed from starting at 11:00 am to starting at 12:00 pm and ending at 1:00 pm. They hope this change solves the issues they are having.

Classes continue to be recorded and uploaded to the SLPT YouTube channel. They have a few new students attending. Class has been pretty steady: five to six people in person and three or four on Zoom. There is a problem in transportation.

Ms. New Moon requested an Executive Session for four Sports Registration and Equipment applications, two Tenant based Rental Assistance Applications, and one Security and First Month's Rental Assistance Application.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes for application review. 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 1:19 pm.

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Council returned from Executive Session at 1:36 pm

- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to deny Sports Registration and Equipment Application due to being over income. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:36 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to deny Sports Registration and Equipment Application due to being over income. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:37 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to deny Sports Registration and Equipment Application due to being over income. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:38 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to deny Sports Registration and Equipment Application due to being over income. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:39 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve pre-approval of Security and First Month's rent up to \$4000. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:40 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve pre-approval of First Tenant Based Rental assistance in the amount of \$500. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:41 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve one Tenant Based Rental assistance in the amount of \$500 per month for one year. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 1:42 pm.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move an Agenda Change to discuss Old

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Business, ARPA discussion and Poll results. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 1:43 pm.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

# **ARPA Report by Austin New Moon**

- Cleaning bundle forms posted to the website and Facebook. It was also printed
  and are at the front desk. A mass mailing went out with the SLPT NRD
  newsletter. They have been receiving a lot of applications so far. Ordering has
  begun, but she is having some issues with undeliverable items or missing
  quantity of items. She is working with Amazon to get these fixed. Ordering is first
  come, first served. The received forms are date stamped as they arrive.
  - Nine have been ordered so far; total orders received to date is 32, three were for the same household so they will not be ordered. Bundles will be delivered to the home, one per household and will be delivered in multiple deliveries.
- Four tables, 32 folding chairs and a chair/table storage rack were ordered and have been assembled. They are stored in Suite 401 kitchen area.
- Poll Voting
  - 24 polls were received at the Special meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. There were 15 in person and nine via Zoom.
  - O An electronic poll was created made public March 17, 2023 with a close date of April 14, 2023 at 5:00 pm. The electronic poll was shared to the website, Facebook, and sent via email and text messages to the members who they have contact information for. They asked those that were not in attendance to complete one. Those who already cast their votes should not complete the electronic poll. Total electronic poll votes were 62.
  - Overall total polls submitted was 24 + 62 or 86.
- Continuing to pick up Pantry items weekly. Pantry items will only be available for pick up twice a month now (pending the formal discussion). They are servicing a total of five facilities of their own and SLPT is not getting a good variety or good quantity of foods like they used to. She wanted to discuss looking at other funding sources to supplement the pantry for the membership. She heard members mention meat, eggs and milk as high needs. Food is allowed under ARPA and can be used for the time being until other grants are received.
- Per Council's wishes, she has continued to look at apartments for sale along with additional office space. Council viewed one office earlier that day.

Ms. Sophia Rodriquez asked if she could get a list of items. Ms. New Moon will send one to her.

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If there are any other issues, please call Ms. New Moon.

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**Priority** 

- 1. Additional economic payment to membership
- 2: Incentive for Staff
- 3. Learning
- 4. Childcare assistance
- 5. Shelter Homes
- 6 Internet
- 7 Cost sharing

All are eligible for ARPA funds.

Final Poll

- 1. Payments
- 2. Incentive
- 3. Staff
- 4 Internet
- 5 Childcare assistance
- 6. Learning
- 7. Cost sharing

Ms. Sophia Rodriquez said they should do another vote, but they need to interact. They need better involvement. Council usually only sees people at meetings when there is a financial gain involved. When Council meetings are is public record. It is every third Saturday of the month. Membership can come or request a Zoom. They must understand the rules and regulations.

They all discussed how to get more people to get involved, especially the youth. They are not getting anything out of the payment checks.

Mr. Crane said money is for all members. He asked what is left; where did the money go.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that it has been detailed during the previous meeting. It has been fixed except for money in 2021 where the audit was closed. The current numbers are close.

Mr. Crane said it was scary. There is \$1.8 million left in the fund.

Ms. Gonzalez that during the original poll she did not know what Hunter Shelter Homes were.

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed the prior discussion about Shelter Homes. She also mentioned learning that San Manuel Tribe is partnering with Hunter Shelter Homes to possibly get them free Shelter Homes. Ms. New Moon said they need to talk to IHS for sewer and clean water.

#### Rank

- 1. Economic Payment
- 2 Shelter Homes

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- 3 Staff Incentive
- 4. Internet
- 5 Childcare Assistance
- 6 Learning or tutoring
- 7 Cost sharing for Reno apartments

The poll is closed. The Council can think about whether to use it or not.

Mr. Crane wants another meeting

## Pantry:

There is a need for meat, dairy, and children's snacks. Ms. New Moon wants to get a grant for food. She would also like to look into Nevada Food Bank again. They cannot have USDA foods. ARPA can be used for food. The pantry is struggling. Mrs. Lone Eagle got 11 pallets of things to be donated.

Ms. New Moon asked for thoughts on the office building they toured that morning. Mr. Crane said it has room to expand with the pantry and offices.

There was a suggestion to get food cards. In the past people applied and got cards for \$200 for food. They discussed using merchant or Green Dot Visa cards for food.

June 1, 2023 has economic payout of \$2000 per adult member has been allocated. If Council wants to give more money, just do one check for \$4000. Ms. New Moon will amend the payment resolution.

They can still get the building. Grants can help pay for the Pantry and a person to run it.

Incentive for staff: The Council discussed this and decided on a bonus of \$1000 per employee. Ms. New Moon will write a resolution.

Portable Connectivity: There would be a \$30 discount off internet service off the Reservation and \$70 discount for homes on the Reservation. There would be hotspot capability. Ms. New Moon will continue researching this.

Childcare-CDSF: Ms. Gonzalez says ITCN pays for childcare. Children's Closet has programs. This is not income stipulated. Do not pursue.

Educational Facilities or Tutoring: Do not pursue as this is already available.

Cost share for apartments: The membership is not in favor.

The Chairwoman called a break at 4:04 pm.

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Council returned from break at 4:16 pm.

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

The weather station at Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 65°F to a low of 3°F. The USGS SnoTel station located in the upper watershed estimated 17.4" of snow water equivalent (SWE). This is a new record. As of the week of April 3, 2023 the lake is mostly covered in ice.

The plan is to open the fish trap on April 20, 2023.

Mr. Simmons put in an order for sand bags in case water levels are too high or flooding. Fish could get stranded. He hopes the Lake water level rises two to four feet.

Mary-Clare DeBord started her position as Natural Resource Technician II on March 20, 2024.

# Discussion Topics:

- 1). Lake Event Status: 70 RSVPs so with staff there will be around 80-85 people
  - 22 requests for tent space
  - 22 requests for a ride
  - 40 want to fish
  - 2 handicapped
  - 35 children
  - 9 volunteers
  - 13 groups with their own tents
  - 14 using their own vehicles

NRD has secured four UNR vehicles which have space for 40 to 45 people.

Tents: There is tent space and Trailer 1 can be used for people needing assistance.

There will be porta-potties and wash stations.

NRD to purchase two or three wall tents (10 cots per tent)

Fishing: The 2023 harvest was set at three fish per adult and one fish per child which was based on 15-18 fish harvested this year with standard permits. However, with 40 people fishing, that would be 120 fish. Mr. Simmons suggested to lower limit to one fish per person. They are to only use nets and absolutely no live bait.

Sophia Rodriquez asked if the fishers would need to gut and clean their catch to take it back home. She also suggested a harvest of one per member or even do a catch-and-release with no limit.

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There will be no hunting especially since nothing is in season and there will be too many people around.

Ms. Rodriguez asked if there would be a fire for 'smores and the answer was yes, there will be one in the compound.

No pets allowed.

Mr. Simmons will clarify the fish limits and bring it to the next meeting.

**Proposed Schedule** 

Saturday:

6:00 am to Noon Travel from Sparks office or member homes to Reservation

Noon to 1:00 pm Lunch-Sandwiches Port of Subs style

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Opening Ceremony with guests Sudeep Chandra, UNR;

Paleo Scientists, UNR; and Brian Sandoval, President of UNR invited. Children can take photos with supervision

2:00 pm to 5:00 pm NRD led activities—filter through regimented activities

Boat rides

Treasure hunt

Grouse Fish Trap

5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Dinner—Food Truck participating in Hawaiian BBQ Dinner

and Sunday Breakfast

6:00 pm to? Member led cultural activities with a bonfire. Ms. Gonzalez to

organize.

Sunday:

7:00 am to 8:00 am Breakfast—Food truck

8:00 am to 11:30 am Free Time

11:30 am to 12:30 pm Lunch--Sandwiches

12:30 pm Travel back to Sparks office or home

They discussed sending out a poll of T-shirt design options with the phrase "Connecting with" in both English and Paiute, however, it was decided that the poll would not be used to pick a design. Ms. Rodriquez asked what colors were available. Mr. Simmons will bring this back at the next meeting.

2) Opportunity to partner with NDOW on a disease monitoring and management grant for wildlife and human health. NDOW wants to submit a grant to the USDA to get equipment and technicians to test for animal diseases. NDOW would get the funding and do everything. They would have an MOU with SLPT for SLPT animal testing and

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working on a possible management plan if anything is detected. NDOW would do the testing for animal diseases. SLPT would get the data. This is for all types of animals including fish. In the newsletter, NRD included information on CWD (Chronic Wasting Disease), a deer disease. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward.

3) No Cost extensions and resolutions for Budget Modifications to spend down Fisheries and Range as well as Roads projects. Two need to be extended to finish. There is \$35,000 of which Mr. Simmons wants to hold \$20,000 for the new fuel tanks and \$15,000 for a mobile boat dock as a budget modification. Mr. Simmons read the resolution.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-10-2023 Approval to Submit Fiscal Year 2023 Budget Modification for 93638 Bureau of Indian Affairs Fisheries Management Service Contract with the A10AB00358 with the reading. Secretary/ treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-10-2023 enacted at 5:18 pm.

NRD report concluded.

Mr. Simmons broached the subject of the use of Suite 401, wondering how to advertise it. There was a discussion about using Suite 401 for conferences, etc. His sister said that home schooling people are looking for places. There is a need. There is a website where SLPT could advertise the space. People would need to fill out an application to rent. SLPT would need to look into liability and a dedicated person to do booking, etc. Mr. Simmons' sister offered to possibly manage the bookings part-time

Ms. Rodriquez asked if the space could still be used for a party. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it has been more used for business/agency meetings. They have not really set up the logistics completely and so far the room has been used case-by-case.

# Finance Report for Mr. Howard, Finance Director Presented by Chairwoman Lone Eagle

- 1. Banking
  - a. Reconciliations complete through December 2022
  - b. Mr. Howard has access to Singlepoint and ACCESS ONLINE, websites for US Bank business
  - c. The ELOCCS access request form has changed. Catherine Weekooty of HUD sent the correct from and instructions for a Secure Systems ID. Mr. Howard's access will be delayed until the new process has been completed limiting his assistance to Housing in submitting the report due

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at the end of April.

d. The Direct Deposit Signup Form was submitted for the Native Language Program-Fund 159. Drawdowns will begin as soon as the form is processed, estimated for April 17, 2023.

#### 2. Grants

- A payment from Great Basin Land and Water was received in the amount of \$82,749.02
- b. The Tribe received \$70,261.87 to close the Water Quality Monitoring grant from the EPA
- c. The necessary entries were made to comply with Resolution SL-06-2023 regarding funding of the Chairwoman's stipend.
- d. The following Financial reports were submitted:
  - i. Fund 158 BIA Tribal Transportation
  - ii. Fund 165 BIA Tribal Transportation Agreement
  - iii. Fund 167 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund
  - iv. Fund 135 Water Quality Monitoring
  - v. The final report due for Fund 136 was submitted
  - vi. Payroll Quarterly reports scheduled for submission by May 1, 2023
- e. Document to enroll in the State Small Business Credit Initiative submitted to Treasury
- f. In researching the Emergency Rental Assistance (ERA) Grant, it was discovered an additional \$2,644 was awarded without notification. After a review of the grant ledger with the Housing Director, they found some misclassified transactions as well as some missing credits. They are correcting the errors immediately to prepare the final report for the grant which is due April 28, 2023.
- g. Chairwoman Lone Eagle and Mr. Howard will attend the BIA FY2024 Budget Workshop on May 10 and 11, 2023.

## 3. Revenues

- a. Total revenues for the month for the month were \$175,010.89 consisting of the following:
  - i. \$70,261.87 for Fund 135
  - ii. \$22,000.00 for Fund 159
  - iii. \$82,749.02 for Fund 132

# 4. Expenditures

- a. Total expenditures for the month of March 2023 were \$22,286,78
- b. The Tribe overpaid its payroll liabilities to the IRS. A letter was sent to the IRS in Ogden, UT and they requested that the credit be used to pay outstanding amounts due for September 30, 2016, June 30, 2022 and March 28, 2023. The remainder will be refunded to the Tribe.

## 5. Capital Purchases

a. There were no capital asset purchases for the month of March 2023.

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## 6. Other Issues

- a. All venders are current:
  - i. Problems with ABCDE Cleaning are resolved. Weekly payments will be processed as scheduled.
  - ii. They received refunds from vendors who were overpaid during the period the Finance Department was understaffed.
- b. The new Finance Clerk Jennifer Pielop is making significant contributions to financial operations.
  - With her assistance SLPT is current with all their venders and she was instrumental in improving the Tribe's receipt of refunds and improving relations with the vendors.
  - ii. She has also scanned the old financial records (pre-2019) and saw to it they were destroyed. She has freed up more than two file cabinets for current file storage, while establishing electronic records for the Finance Department.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if there were any questions. There were none.

The audit will be in May during Memorial week. Mr. Carslaw is taking the lead.

# **Next Meeting:**

 Regular Council meeting Saturday, May 20, 2023 at Administrative Office-on the Reservation at Summit Lake. Meet at the Sparks office at 5:00 am. Lunch will be Pot Luck. Meetings are on the third Saturday of each month.

Mrs. Lone Eagle will sign the Native Connections agreement and get it to Mr. Kramer.

She will set up a meeting with the Nevada Indian Commission with Stacy Montooth and Sarina for the ARPA funding for the State to check on that.

ARPA Discussion. No decision was made on the food cards. There needs to be more research on the Visa cards. The amounts discussed ranged from \$500 to \$1500.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

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# **CERTIFICATION**

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the April 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting May 20, 2023 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

Eugene Mace, \$r.

Secretary/Treasurer

Summit Lake Tribal Council