

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, September 17, 2016
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, September 17, 2016 to order at 8:22 am.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Jerry Barr called roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, present, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present (via phone); Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez, excused; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Eugene Mace present.

STAFF: Anne Macko, Contractor; William Cowan, Director of Natural Resources Department; and Linda Quinn, Finance Director (in the building)

Guests: None present

REPORTS

Council Reports

Chairwoman Page Linton reported she had two male ICWA cases which were both non-affiliated from California. There were requests for a disenrollment and a Tribal ID who would possibly come in today.

Mr. Barr sent a letter to the Enrollment Committee requesting more information on certain files they located that need further clarification. The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Barr. Christine Harjo emailed requesting to have an Enrollment Committee meeting this next week. It was received in too short of a timeframe to give everyone notice. They do want to meet as soon as they can. When they find a time Ms. Linton will be informed.

The GSA bill for the maintenance truck was \$3,172. Mr. Cowan was informed the money will be coming out of Fund 102 of the Natural Resources funds.

The Chairwoman came into the office September 8, 2016 to sign checks and timesheets and pickup mail. She got an email from Louis Toscoti with the Indian Health Service. He is an engineer and he would review the HUD report and see what we can do to get started on safe drinking water and the sewer system. She has yet to receive an answer from HUD regarding her email requesting a consultant to go over what we can do on the reservation and get this started. The Chairwoman wants to get the drinking water and sewer system going so the Tribe can plan to build some housing.

She has been reading emails and studying financial reports.

The Chairwoman received an email from Rob Scanland with Great Basin Land and Water. He is preparing all the allotment letters for Tribal Members who have allotments on the reservation. They want all the fractional interests that people have on the reservation.

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We are offering them fair market value for their land out there. Mr. Scanlon would like to discuss this with the Council. Jessica is coming on Monday. The Council decided on Wednesday September 21, 2016 at 5:00pm for the meeting but due to Mr. Scanlon's email the meeting will be moved to Thursday, September 22, 2016 at 5:30pm.

The new communications box with phone is setup at the Reservation. We only pay for the minutes.

The Chairwoman wants to bring to the attention of the BLM Winnemucca that social media is talking about the Burning Man organizers buying land by Gerlach for a year round resort. She did not know about this and wants to make sure to ask BLM Winnemucca for information. They will be at the next meeting at the Lake.

She also wants to ask about the Black Rock Pipeline up by Gerlach. She knows nothing about them. It seems a bit hush-hush. Mr. Barr thinks it could be pipe for something existing and they already have the rights. She wants more clarification.

Ms. Linton would like to reserve the Jeep and one of the trucks to go to the Reservation next month. She will check to see if the men will be working and if the vehicles are available.

Ms. Linton announced that she gave Anne Macko permission not to go to the Lake, but work from the recording when they return. They will not stay overnight.

Ms. Quinn helps keep Ms. Linton on track with anything urgent. She tries to forward all the emails to the Council. She calls or texts when things are urgent.

Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto reported that she had a request from a Tribal member regarding an ID. They should be here around 1:30 pm. She informed Ms. Linton.

The financial training last night was good, very informational. She thanked Ms. Quinn.

Ms. DeSoto would like to put out a newsletter to the membership. People are still going to Ms. DeSoto or the office. Ms. Quinn forwards messages to Ms. Linton. A newsletter is needed to inform the membership of what is going on such as the fact there is a full Council. The membership needs more guidance as to whom to contact.

Communication is the key.

Council Member Jerry Barr reported that he has been signing checks and checking emails. There has been no Higher Education application this month. Mr. Barr sent a letter to the Enrollment Committee.

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Council Member Eugene Mace reported that he has signed checks and is reading manuals.

Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto entered the room.

Staff Reports:

Ms. Quinn entered the room.

Finance Director Linda Quinn: Ms. Quinn reported the following.

1. HUD requires the Indian Housing Plan be completed by October 18, 2016. The Tribes IHP outlines what they plan to accomplish in 2017 with the HUD funds. The Council needs to review the old plan. The Council can roll it over with the same plan or make suggestions for new plan. The goal for last year's IHP was the same as the last few years. The old plans could be updated. \$550,053 is available to initiate a plan and then the Tribe can request more funding for a Community Center. HUD people can help with planning and implementation.
2. PITNEY BOWES renewal proposal for change in services was presented. It would be more cost effective to lease or rent a smaller newer machine that would suit our light to moderate postal needs. The proposal, Pitney Bowes Postage Machine Comparison Chart, is attached. The decision was to rent the DM125. Ms. Quinn was granted permission to the sign contract.
3. FUND 124 – TROUT UNLIMITED GRANT is an \$18,768.00 grant to prepare a report for Trout Unlimited which was completed 12/31/15. However the final report and request for the balance due of \$9,004.00 was never requested. Another example to the need to keep the Finance Dept. accountable for all reports, draws, etc. After e-mailing the contact, Joseph McGurrian, the report was completed and the check was approved for payment. Due to September being the last month of the federal fiscal year the check will be delayed. Grant closed.
4. DRAWS:
 - Ms. Quinn drew down \$54,695.42 to finalize FUND 115, EPA PPG Grant which expired in 2013.
 - She requested \$90,357.00 for Fund 118, Noxious Weeds. The program is extended through 12-31-16.
 - ASAP will be closed for draw down from September 16th through October 3rd, 2016.
5. BIA funding for Fund code #1045, Rangeland Management Resilient Landscaping, has been delayed by BIA due to their internal coding issues. This is

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a Fire prevention fund. Ms. Quinn was requested by BIA not to draw down these funds due to an administrative error in Accounting that they need to correct.

6. Ms. Quinn made an appointment on November 18th to review our insurance needs with a local broker, Greg Johnson. She plans on getting prices for next year's renewal. She wants to meet with three or more brokers to be sure the Tribe gets the best policy at the best price.

7. Jerri Barlese, tribal member, requested SL land assignment regulations and minutes. Ms. Quinn sent Ms. Barlese the policy and the requested copies of the 2016 Minutes (Feb-July).

UPDATES:

8. FUND 115, EPA PPG Grant funding of \$54,695.42 was drawn and received (closed program.)

9. NFWF PROGRAM OFFICE ASSISTANT: There are no applicants yet. BIA funded \$12K with \$8,108.66 expended. There is an available balance of \$3,891.34. Jenny Burns will be working the first week of October. This will be her last week and Ms. Quinn hopes to get the old files out and all filing caught up and organized. There is much to file since the auditors requested their review samples. Ms. Quinn suggested a review of materials in the shed and to move some things into the office. It was suggested we scan then shred our old paper records.

10. MR. CHARLES CARSLAW is expecting the draft audit soon. He will review it and make comments. Any adjustments that are needed will be worked out with the CPA's. Ms. Quinn has requested an update on our Indirect Cost Rate for 2015 and 2016. She will follow up with an email to him.

11. FUND 125, NFWF NEXT GENERATION GRANT: \$25,916.18 for Youth Employment in payroll expenses have been moved from various funds to Fund 125. Reports will be processed next quarter and finalized/closed this year.

12. US BANK: Ms. Quinn has received no news from US Bank regarding our request for direct deposit and future credit card. She will contact them for an update.

13. GSA CONTRACT RENEWAL UPDATE: LEONARD BILETI has finally accepted the BIA Contracts for 2016 and has renewed the contract. We get to do this all over again in four months!

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14. CREDIT ACCOUNTS have been established with all area Lithia Dealerships. A credit line of \$1500 has been approved.

15. COPIER/PRINTER/FAX: The RICOH was installed 9/1/2016. It works great! Faxes are coming in again. Ms. Quinn has also talked to Bill Almond about the electric downstairs. Mr. Almond stated he will send us an electrician.

16. BUDGETS: Ms. Quinn went over the budget worksheet. She explained that the budget worksheet shows the total funds awarded, total funds expended (what has been spent), and balance of funds remaining. The list of grant funds will include all fund sources until the funds have been received and the Fund is completely closed. She was asked about difference in the budget totals from last month. She explained the changes were due to the correcting the overcharges made due to the IPA error which put money back into the various funds. This was an error found at Audit and has been corrected.

17. ITCN--TRIBAL CHILDCARE: The members can get childcare funds wherever they live. The Council should notify the membership what benefits are available, what services the Tribe provides. Ms. Quinn has asked for eligibility information from CCDF.
The ITCN membership fees have not been paid in years. Ms. Quinn asked if it was a benefit. Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto believes that it is of benefit. Page Linton agreed so the Annual Dues will be paid.

18. K-12: The Council needs to see about funding K-12 only for enrolled members.

19. Ms. Quinn requested a budget meeting with the Council to review the consolidated program. The meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on October 16, 2016, the Sunday after the General Meeting.
The General Meeting should be from 10 am to 3 pm. The Council plans to leave at 4:30 am-5 am. The jeep and the GSA vehicle will be reserved.

Ms. Quinn asked for any comments or questions.

Ms. Quinn notified the Council that she has consolidated the funding drawdown records that are now in one ASAP labeled binder.

Mr. Cowan will need to do some reports by the end of the year to close out some of the funds that are closing and cannot be extended.

Ms. Quinn asked if the Council liked the training on SF-425s. The Council liked it.

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The report concluded.

Chairwoman Linton called for a ten minute break at 9:43 am.

Council returned from break at 9:53 am.

Council Member Jerry Barr confirmed the members present are Chairwoman Page Linton, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, Council Member Jerry Barr and Council Member Eugene Mace. He also confirmed the presence of staff William Cowan, Natural Resources Director, Linda Quinn, Finance Director, and Anne Macko, Contractor.

Natural Resources Department Report

Director of Natural Resources William Cowan: Mr. Cowan previously emailed his report to the Council and asked for any questions.

1. TRACTOR: Marilyn said that the Tribes' paperwork is sufficient. Mr. Cowan received quotes from Tiger and Diamond Mowers. There are three different mower tracker configurations. Mr. Cowan explained all the options and their costs.

(Chief Knispal, USDI, Department of Justice entered the room.)

Tiger cannot do a front-end loader, while Diamond can do a front-end loader. A rear-attachment provides more versatility but the driver would need to look back and twisting around. There are two options for service so service is covered.

Mr. Cowan's recommendation the lower price on Ferguson-Massy or Cadillac John Deere 6045 for \$89,000 plus the full package for \$160,000 combined. It would be available in nine to eleven weeks. The price is as shipped to Reservation.

Council Member Barr prefers the John Deere because it is new, from a local dealer and has more uses.

The consensus of the Council (Mr. Barr, Mr. Mace and Ms. DeSoto) is the purchase of the John Deere new mower Tractor with Diamond boom mower.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to purchase an upgraded John Deere with Diamond boom mower and front-end loader. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 10:17 am.

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2. **TRIBAL HOLIDAYS:** The staff is expecting Columbus Day off. It is still listed. Mr. Cowan needs confirmation. There was discussion of moving the day off to another day but the policy was not amended. As for now it is still a holiday, until the policy can be amended to change it. Confirmation is that it is to be observed this year.

3. **VEHICLE REPAIRS:** The original plans were to fix the Dodge dually transmission ourselves. This is not an option now. Arrow can install a rebuilt transmission for \$2850 plus tax and \$1000 for further upgrades. Problems are: 1. Do we want to spend \$4000 on it and 2. How we can get the Dodge to town since there is no trailer available to tow it.

Mr. Cowan did outreach to Craigslist and found an insured person to tow a GMC for \$700. Mr. Cowan contacted him but he got no reply to the charge for a Dually Dodge. The truck has 130,000 to 140,000 miles on it and was used for towing. The additional charge for towing it would bring the total costs to at least \$5000. This is a one ton 1998 Dually Dodge.

Mr. Barr asked what would be more cost effective, purchasing a used truck or fixing the current one. We also need to figure out what to with the other scrap vehicles.

Ms. Quinn knows of a scrap man who will tow out the scrap and pay for it. She will contact him.

Mr. Cowan said they need a truck of the same size for heavy hauling. He is also thinking of returning the GSA vehicle and getting a seven person Suburban for personnel transport. He needs a truck to tow the skidster, water tanks, and gravel/materials with a 1400 pound dump trailer.

The money would be from Fund 120, Transportation.

Mr. Barr and Ms. Linton feel it would be better to fix the Dodge. They would like Ms. Quinn to check with the scrap man to see if he would haul it.

4. **FIRE RESILIENCE PROJECTS:** One project is mowing which was discussed previously when discussing the purchase of the mower.

Another project is an add-on to the retrofit of the livestock water facilities. Mr. Cowan reports that there is a glitch with contracting with the BIA. The money, \$54,000, has been awarded but it has not been received. It was discussed earlier this year about sole sourcing to Boss Tanks for the retrofit tanks. Mr. Cowan talked to Boss recently and they can also install Solar fencing which was planned to use NFWF funds. Mr. Cowan wants to confirm the sole source contractor. The consensus of the Council confirms the sole source contractor for the retrofit of the tanks and the solar fencing.

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5. NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION: The NDEP sent a letter the night before requesting permission to sample the Lake for a regional assessment of how the lakes are doing. Mr. Cowan is not sure what the state wants with the data. He is concerned in view of Black Rock. He asked the Council what they want to do. He can write them that it is Federal land and thanks for the offer, but no thanks. The Council is in agreement.

When Fish and Wildlife was out assessing the proposed road crossing, Mr. Cowan asked the Archeologist if she knew Geoff Smith, the UNR professor that who did research on Last Supper Cave and developed an MOA with Fish and Wildlife Service in Sheldon and partnering with archeology research on Sheldon. It was a casual conversation and mentioned Dr. Smith helped us with some research. She asked if she could get these reports. We have an informational data sharing agreement with the BLM. MOA Sheldon outreach to the Tribe is necessary. Mr. Cowan is asking for permission to release the research to her. As a Federal employee and archeology, Ms. Luanne Spelding, is held to confidentiality.

The Council does not see any issues but will only help if it is kept confidential with documentation she signs, MOU. The Council wants an MOU.

Mr. Cowan received an email from Geoff Smith that the work was completed and the Master Thesis is done. Some of the information for sandals at Sagebrush includes data that shows that there was a sandal 9000 years old and a fragment 2000 years old.

Dr. Smith is now asking for assistance for his student Anna Camp and her work with Catlow Baskets. The Catlow Valley is by Denio and Burns. There are some samples at Last Supper Cave. He asked if the Council would support a project similar to his own for her work with baskets.

Mr. Cowan feels a proposal on maintenance work is needed.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE REPORT:

Chief Knispel reported that two more officers were selected. There will be three officers stationed at McDermott and two at Winnemucca. His Lt. Derrick still has not been out to the Reservation. He would like to bring two guests with him next time: Jim Perkins and Lt. Martin. The Council can call him if they have any question.

Chief Knispel left the room.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes to discuss Natural Resources. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Executive Session

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began at 10:56 am.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:15 am.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to appoint Mark Hicks Heavy Equipment Operator to do road work on the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation at \$25 and hour not to exceed 40 hours in a week. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Page Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to allow Mr. William Cowan to hire two labors to do concrete work not to exceed 40 hours in one work week. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Page Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:17 am.

This concludes the Natural Resources Department Report.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to make an agenda change to move to the Minutes. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Page Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:40 am.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the Council minutes of Saturday, August 20, 2016 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Page Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:41 am.

Chairwoman Linton called for Lunch at 11:42 am.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, August 20, 2016 to order at 1:48 pm.

ROLL CALL: Council Member Jerry Barr called roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, present, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Eugene Mace Sr., present.

STAFF: Anne Macko, Contractor; and Finance Director Linda Quinn

Guests: Jennifer Rovenpera and Chris Heppy with Applegate BLM

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Government to Government Consultation

Applegate BLM—Jennifer Rovenpera and Chris Heppy

Mr. Heppy reported on the personnel changes. He is the Temporary Field Manager until November 13, 2016 when Craig Drake from Montana takes over. There are also two Range Management Specialist and Engineering Technician positions open.

Ms. Rovenpera continued the report.

WILDLIFE: The NorCal Riparian Restoration is on-going. Management actions being analyzed under this environment assessment include: maintaining existing spring developments; seeding; juniper reduction; rerouting roads; and streamline stabilization. The cultural view point has the management area being considered for archeological site for limited impact.

RANGE AND WILD HORSE & BURRO: They have received word from Washington on sage grouse procedures. Now they can look at the following new grazing permit renewals for Denio, North Cowhead, Wall Canyon East, Bitner, and Home Camp and Corral. There is also a new wild horse gather and removal EA and DNA. The Horse Lake Gathering permit renewal is on-going.

FUELS/FORESTY: There are two new surveys for archeology: Vya E near Massy Flats, just south of Mt. Altman, Mosquito Lake and Forty-Niner Canyon; and Vya F south the Oregon border and West of Colman Valley. These are potential projects for development in three years. The On-going Vya D and Vya B & C will probably start cutting next year.

Mr. Heppy asked what the sphere of influence for Summit Lake is. Mr. Barr explained that there is a 75 mile influence for Summit Lake.

FIRE: The new project is Integrated Wildland Fire Management Programmatic EA which is a plan to determine what, where, and when to burn. The on-going Dodge Fire ESR Plan is for reseeding, a cleaned pit, and more seeding.

RESTORATION/HABITAT IMPROVEMENT: There is a new Weeds Management EA for and environmental assessment update.

CULTURAL: Following are the cultural projects:

- Bitner Ranch Stabilization & Preservations: This project is south of Sheldon stabilizing 1800s root cellars.
- Tule Day: The project is Sunday, September 18, 2016 at Modoc Wildlife Center in Alturas.
- Public Archeology Day: This is October 1, 2016 at the Susanville Hobo Camp.

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- Agreements: There are agreements with Nevada Rock Art, University of Utah for research of nutritional plants online, Chico State survey of bear allotment, and Friends of Nevada Wilderness.
- Great Basin Archeological Conference is October 9-11, 2016 in Reno, Nevada. They have two presentations.

Ms. Rovenpera asked for any questions. The Council asked about the Massacre Trip they have been trying to do. A tentative date of October 22, 2016 was set. She will confirm the date later.

It was set that Applegate BLM will attend the December 17, 2016 Council meeting.

Ms. Rovenpera said to let her know if there are any questions on Project Summaries. Mr. Barr asked her about how the areas close to Summit Lake are dealing with lack of water and grazing. She said she would find out.

Chairwoman Linton thanked Ms. Rovenpera for the email updates.

This concluded the Applegate BLM report and Ms. Rovenpera and Mr. Heddy left the room.

OPEN FORUM

No one present to requesting time in Open Forum.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Chairwoman Linton passed out a letter of support to send to Standing Rock. She asked if the Council should send a resolution or a letter. Vice-Chairwomen DeSoto commented that she has seen other tribes send letters, so a letter will be enough.

Chairwoman Linton received a request for relinquishment/disenrollment .

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to introduce Resolution SL-11-2016 Relinquishment of Cindy Mauk with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:28 pm

Next Agenda Items

Enrollment-Old Business

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Next Meeting will be Saturday, October 15, 2016 at the Summit Lake Paiute Reservation. Meeting to start at 10 am.

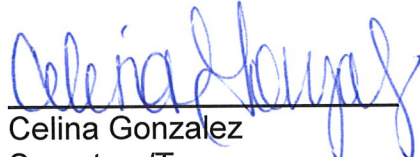
MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn. Council Member Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote:
3 For 0 Against 0 Abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 2:29 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Celina Gonzalez**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 17th 2016, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting on October 15, 2016 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

3 - **FOR** **0** - **AGAINST** **0** - **ABSTAINING**, Acting Chairperson Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

Date



Celina Gonzalez
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council