

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Special Council Meeting  
Monday, March 22, 2021  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 402, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Meeting of Monday, March 22, 2021 to order at 5:36 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 Program Manager

Ms. New Moon was here to discuss the Annual Performance Report (APR) and the differences between the two new emergency rental assistance grants:

- United States Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)
- NAIHC C19HAP Housing Assistance Program with Wells Fargo

United States Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP)

The biggest thing with the US Treasury ERAP is the money has already been awarded and has already had funds used for assistance. It covers rental assistance including arrears for rent. Assistance is approved for three months at a time. Housing will pay for three months rental or utility assistance. If the application still requires assistance, they can re-apply for another three months. She can also help people who are subsidized such as people with public housing, Section 8, or anything like that including SLPT programs. It does not cover mortgages or assist with home owners' utilities. It is based on the established Housing income requirements so they must be income eligible (under 80% of median area income). If they are delinquent in rent payments, Housing can help with that if eligible. Ms. New Moon has created a policy and application. It was approved by Council previously. She cannot help if they are over the 80% income. She can assist them to find a place if they have suffered some type of hardship with security deposit and first month's rent out of the US Treasury or the SLPT new IHBG program. ERAP can pay the full month's rent where the SLPT program can only pay a maximum of \$1000 for the security and \$1000 for the first month's rent.

Between the two new grants, Ms. New Moon has brought in over \$100,000 to use by December 30, 2021. She needs to use them up as much as she can. She is hoping for more people she can help as long as they can qualify and have some kind of hardship.

Ms. Crane asked how people are aware of the programs. Ms. New Moon has them posted on Facebook and website and gets people responding to that and then they just call in. She hears that it is mostly through word-of-mouth. Housing has had a good turn-out for sports. She just received an application from Idaho.

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Ms. New Moon advises them all the application forms are on the website so if they have access to a computer and printer, they can print out the forms, fill them out and send them to her. She can also mail applications. She keeps the website updated.

Ms. New Moon discussed other details of the grant usage. 10% can go for administrative costs. New details are still being released. This is primarily rental assistance. This grant is for \$64,489.02.

NAIHC C19 Housing Assistance Program with Wells Fargo (C-19HAP)

They are still trying to get more people to apply. Housing did not get the full \$44,000 but did get \$37,360. This one can also be used for rental assistance and uses the 80% income limit guidelines the same as the other programs. Unlike the other grant, this one can pay for mortgage. She can help people who own their own homes with mortgages. Applicants must qualify. Investment properties or vacation homes are not eligible. They need to relate themselves to being impacted by COVID in some form. This can help with food and supplies for families since SLPT has a well-stocked Food Pantry. She would rather prioritize assistance with rent and mortgages. This would be also available for those outside the State of Nevada. This is a month-to-month program.

Ms. New Moon would prefer to use ERAP (Treasury grant) for utilities.

Funding for this grant is on a reimbursement basis where SLPT spends the money and sends request for reimbursement.

This grant does provide for temporary or permanent housing or quarantining if necessary. The homeowner must be an enrolled member.

Monthly and quarterly reports are required and due on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. Applicants must have original receipts to submit. This will have a different application and slightly different policy from the ERAP which will include home owners. Ms. New Moon will have these ready for next month with a resolution.

Ms. New Moon is happy that SLPT Housing received both grant awards. This is money that would normally not be available.

She received word that \$10 million for affordable housing was allocated for the Nevada Tribes. SLPT is unofficially receiving \$35,000 for HUD for COVID assistance.

There was a discussion about whether this money could be used for housing the staff on the Reservation. Mr. Crane mentioned self-contained trailers similar but better than FEMA trailers. Both Ms. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon said it could be used by people

living on the Reservation, not employee quarters. Ms. Lone Eagle stated that Ramah funds or a different grant would be required to fund this.

Ms. Lone Eagle discussed the annual HUD funds. According to the APR SLPT Housing received \$74,594. Ms. New Moon said that the last two years that was correct, but they received \$74,406 this past year. Ms. Lone Eagle asked if the \$35,000 for HUD COVID assistance was in conjunction with the IHGB or is it slash COVID like the COVID funds last year. Ms. New Moon said it was not under the IHGB but separate or slash COVID funds like last year. It will be \$74,406 plus the \$35,000 received for HUD.

She will do a flyer.

#### Annual Performance Report (APR) Review

Ms. New Moon asked if everyone understood it or had any questions. There were those would did not understand it all. Ms. New Moon said what it basically is that at the end of the year Housing submits the SLPT Housing Plan as an estimate of what they think they will do with the coming year's money. The APR is the actual; what was actually done with the money received. This is the APR for 2020.

Ms. New Moon summarized the report and what was actually spent on which programs. The Council reviewed and adjusted the 2020 plan to make the 2021 Housing Plan changing amounts to be spent. There were also a couple new programs added.

She still has one section that needs to be fixed. She was unsure of the numbers, but will get them from Ms. Quinn.

In April the Formula Center will open. Ms. New Moon will contact them to look at the SLPT IHGB allocation. SLPT now has a larger formula area. She hopes to get some more money.

Mr. Frank asked about purchasing land. Ms. New Moon said that would fall under Tribal funds to purchase land. Sometime in the future she would like to secure some form of units under management. She looked at a 4-unit apartment building and it was over a million dollars to start. Several ideas were discussed like tiny houses. Bigger tribes can do it because they receive much more money. SLPT is minimally funded.

Ms. New Moons believes SLPT is small but mighty. There is a good team now that can think outside of the box. This is what they need to do because SLPT is unique because they are not on the Reservation. This can start with the Formula Center. Ms. New Moon will hit the ground running as soon as it opens. Hopefully she will get good news.

She announced that she has funded two out the ERAP so far. One with utilities and one

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with utilities and rental payment. She has a couple of applications to discuss in Executive Session.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the Annual Performance Report for 2020 for HUD Housing Department. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. APR approved at 6:18 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes for Housing. 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 6:19 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 6:35 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an adjustment in income for a monthly rental application effective October 2020. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 6:37 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane to approve the application for Employment Training in the amount of \$366.85 for the cost of books and testing. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 6:38 pm.**

The next meeting will be Saturday, March 27, 2021 starting at 9:00 am. Zoom Links will be sent to those interviewing for the Enrollment Coordinator and Tribal Coordinator positions.

## **OPEN FORUM**

Ms. Lone Eagle spoke to Melissa Eller and she will adhere to what it states in her contract; nothing more, nothing less. She had been taking out the trash which was not in her contract and originally volunteered to do it. Now she has a contract to be compensated. She will do nothing more, nothing less. If it is not in the contract she will not do it. She will do only what is specified in the contract. She felt someone felt that she was in the office too much. Ms. New Moon said she enjoyed seeing Ms. Eller in the office and she has helped out so much with the Food Pantry. Ms. New Moon would hate to see this change. There was a discussion about the situation.

**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 6:46 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 12:27 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting March 17, 2021 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: **4 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAINING**, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

04/20/2021  
Date

Eugene Mace  
Eugene Mace, Sr.  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Tribal Council