

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, September 17, 2022  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, Saturday, September 17, 2022 to order at 8:01 am.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Madison Hutchinson, Natural Resources Environmental Specialist; Lorretta, Finance Clerk and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUESTS:** Melissa Eller, Enrollment Committee Chair; Itzayana Melendez and Eva Leon, Washoe County Health District; Mark E. Hall, Black Rock Field Office Manager, Bureau of Land Management (BLM); Shannon Deep, Winnemucca District Office Tribal Liaison, BLM; Tai Subia, Winnemucca District Office Geothermal Lead, BLM; Robert Sevon, Assistant Field Manager-Minerals Program, BLM; and Will Faulk, Attorney for SLPT

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Saturday, August 6, 2022 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 8:04 am.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, August 20, 2022 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 8:05 am.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Monday, August 29, 2022 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 8:06 am.

**Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** There is a big concern regarding the Audit. It is a big

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deal that money was not drawn done on time. Also reports need to be done properly and submitted on time. If a person does not know something, they need to ask. Everyone should work as a team going forward.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended HIP/ARPA meeting with the BIA. There were a lot of questions. There were questions on what was HIP and what was ARPA and how each was defined. She questioned what they could they do with them when the membership does not live on the Reservation. Under contract 638 it says it is for home improvement. Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon have discussed many ideas of how to structure economic development thinking for the long term across the board. There needs to be action behind things. Council must work across the board for the entire membership.

THPO: The Chairwoman needs to review the resolution to change two words and it needs to be signed again. It has already been approved. She is still working on it. The Council also needs to be involved.

There was a meeting with the new Attorney, Will Faulk and Mishon Eben regarding Thacker Pass.

She attended a meeting with the Eastern Nevada Tribes, mostly Shoshone. Brian Mason was the meeting Chair. They discussed how the Tribes benefit. Nevada is the fourth largest place for mining in the world. The BLM now knows that it is a massacre site near Thacker Pass. It is a lot of work and they are not sure how it will work out. Ms. Crane said that it was noted that since the Tribes never asked for anything, they did not get anything.

August 26, 2022 the ITCN had a meeting which was in quorum for one hour. There were 11 Tribes which were awarded the Broadband Project. There was a celebration regarding getting the broadband project.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a meet-and-greet with Catherine Cortez-Masto at RSIC. It was a good meeting. Ms. Cortex-Masto us driven to work within Indian Country. She shows up. They shared some concerns with Duck River regarding roads and construction and gave her a proposal.

Mr. Mace and Mrs. Lone Eagle will attend the Native American Housing Legislative Conference in Washington DC. There is also a meeting set to see Senator Rosen in conjunction with Walker River and Washoe.

There will be an event for Native American Day September 24, 2022 at the office.

A member wants to rent Suite 401 for a private party on September 25, 2022. Mrs. Lone Eagle is trying to contact the HOA. The Member is asking if they can have a BBQ and a

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bounce house. This could have liabilities. Mr. Mace said a BBQ could be a fire hazard. Ms. Quinn will ask the HOA if they can be a bounce house. Renting out Suite 401 for meetings is fine but would be hard for a private party.

Pets are no longer allowed in the office.

There will be interviews on August 26, 2022 at 8:30 am, 9:30 am, 3:30 pm and 4:30 pm for the NRD Biologist and Coordinator.

There has been one person who has applied for all administrative positions. Mrs. Lone Eagle will schedule an interview.

Ms. New Moon and Mrs. Lone Eagle are looking at modular homes-specifically four-bedroom homes. They will go to look a one. Mr. Mace would also like to go. These homes run \$149,418.00 for a three-bedroom modular home. These are from Champion Home Builders who is also a realtor. The questions are where do they put the homes; should they look at land on the Reservation or in the Reno/Sparks area. This is up to the Council. Ms. New Moon said that Hunter Shelters is also checking back with her often. She told them there was no decision yet.

There was a meeting with a Tribal member who was asking questions regarding:

- Housing Improvement Assistance on Reservation
- ARPA Funding statis
- Forthcoming projects and initiatives prioritized
- Road Conditions and public access
- Fire Management
- Concerns about water supply and resources
- Help with coordination with BIA regarding probate
- He asked if he could utilize the NRD maintenance man repair a leak in his FEMA home. Needs roofing, and other repairs.
- Community based and Reservation based help
- Climate change
- Copies of reports, finished products, and interests
- Restoration
- Land use Plan
- Long range transportation
- And more questions
- There are three wells.
- He does have some valid point. He wants to be involved.

Mrs. Lone Eagle noted that there is a new Acting Superintendent for the BIA who is also looking for someone for probate.

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She will talk to Jim French with the county regarding road management.

They are reaching out to Soldier Meadows again with the original intent to purchase land to make the reservation whole. They would use Fund 107. Nevada Land Trust is still working on it. Aaron Peskin of Great Basin Land and Water will help.

Representatives of Washoe County Health Department entered the meeting at 8:52 am.

**Consultation with Washoe County Health District: Itzayana Mendez and Eva Leon**

They discussed a couple of projects.

The first project is the Community Health Assessment. They have conducted the survey digitally and in-person. They had meetings in January and June to develop the process. There are 103 points of interest. There was outreach in April and May. They asked for health priorities. 641 surveys were received. In August they had a listening tour to get more data. They had 27 meetings and met with 58 community leaders. There will be a Community Forum on September 30, 2022 with 200 participants. They will do a ranking of priority and create a Community Health Plan. They want to go into the community to create a better quality of life.

The main priorities were:

- Mental Health
- Jobs, wages, housing, education access
- Affordability of health services
- Preventative Health care
- Health Literacy – knowing what doctors are talking about

When it comes to housing social determination is number one.

There was a listening tour where they talked to many types of people.

Mr. Simmons asked if this was a county initiative or did it come from the state. It was explained that it is only for certified counties. It is a normal cyclical process.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if there were partnerships with tribes. She talked about the Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) clinic and Indian Health services. SLPT uses other tribes' health services. They are working with Indian Health Services (IHS) survey. SLPT is unique as no one lives full-time on the Reservation. They are trying to see how IHS provides its services.

Council Chairwoman Lone Eagle report continued:

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Regarding the Tribal member who was asking questions, the member will send a letter with Roads and Public access, he wants more signage. He is concerned with movement at night. Movement at night could be sage grouse and bat data gathering. There was a discussion regarding trash on the Reservation, the abandoned home on the Reservation, looking at land assignments, and probate problems. The BIA has no more answers regarding probate.

Posted open positions are Enrollment Coordinator, Finance, Tribal Coordinator and Scanner. They are posted on all media outlets. All calls and inquiries should go to Mrs. Lone Eagle.

The Chairwoman received emails regarding submission for LACTF funds structured as discussed at the last meeting.

During Zoom for the NREL Geothermal Mrs. Lone Eagle had questions. This is what they want to talk to the BIA about plus anything else they have.

She had emails regarding coordinating with a Tribal member and HIP. She had a meeting with a Member after previously talking to the HIP officer. An application was forwarded so Mrs. Lone Eagle and the HIP officer could go through the HIP application as an example of what she would look at on the application if it was coming to her department. There were a lot of questions. They will send something to the emailer in regards to that. She looked at two applications. The other one was ineligible because their income was over the limit. It was good to see the process. They are trying to think outside the box for those homes on the Reservation, which ones where which type of program and adding the income component.

Mrs. Lone Eagle still wants the HIP officer to review the applications. They are taken case-by-case. She filters through the submissions and lists them on a point system. With the funds she receives she can only help three to five people. It is not guaranteed or a Grant paid to the Tribe directly. It goes to the Tribe specifically for the one who has applied for the funds. The applicant can not own more than one home and could not have received additional assistance years before.

September 25, 2022 there will be a meeting with Nevada Victory and Lindsey regarding voting access and activities. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Mercedes to come to do a meet and greet. Lindsey had one pole watcher for SLPT. SLPT will have an official designation for voting for everyone, not just members. Everyone has one poll watcher, but they want more. They do pay workers. It would be fourteen days from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm. Mrs. Lone Eagle will verify the times. They are sending a sample ballot. The Chairwoman wants to promote the Tribes to vote. Education is important.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended the ITCN meeting and the meeting with Catherine Cortez-

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Masto.

Email and replies: Children's' Closet: QIRS Model, Language, Rhonda. The Chairwoman listened but SLPT does not have a daycare or latchkey, but do have the Paiute Language class that has started.

Mr. Simmons will be on leave from September 30, 2022 until October 11, 2022. Mr. Waddell will be in charge. He will also take leave again in February 2023.

August 29, 2022 was the Special Council meeting regarding SSBCI. Mindy Elliot discussed what SLPT could do. The deadline for submittal has been extended.

Mrs. Lone Eagle talked to Ryan Handly of Innova working on the IHS survey. He understands that SLPT is unique, small, but mighty. He is working on a new survey tailored for SLPT. She is looking for a sub-committee. He is looking to finalize it in January or February. RSIC gave approximately approximate numbers of SLPT served of 84. Using a percentage of the membership, they estimate servicing 142 SLPT members by 2035 of SLPT at the clinic. Mrs. Lone Eagle is not sure this is correct. They need to be more accurate. They will need to start from scratch with new data from 2018 forward.

Mrs. Lone Eagle met with a lady from Sierra Regional Centers in regards to services. They are trying to build relationships with certain communities.

August 30, 2022 was the Nevada and Utah WRO Tribal Governmental Services Informational work session. Marlyss was on the call. It was with the Bureau of Indian Affairs four different offices. They talked about what each office: Field Operations, Trust Services, Human Development, and Justice Services has and what is out there for the tribes and continuing a working relationship. They asked what technical assistance the tribes would find most helpful, in-person presentation webinars. They received the information on the new acting Superintendent, Thomas Hemstreet, who started in mid-August 2022. He will be there through December. SLPT will not be pursuing this funding.

Mrs. Lone Eagle, Mr. Faulk and Ms. Eben met regarding Thacker Pass. They will be going to Thacker Pass on September 16, 2022.

A conference will be held at the Grand Sierra Resort in October. It will be regarding Thacker Pass. SLPT will not be able to attend as they will be at other conferences.

Moapa Tribe said they walked away from ITCN-- the program not the consortium. Mrs. Lone Eagle recommend that they go back to the Moapa Council and tell them that they do not want to be part of the consortium since they are ignoring ITCN. ITCN sent

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information that Moapa says they did not get anything. If they are doing it on their own and ignoring ITCN it is double dipping, but they did not agree.

On Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a meeting in Elko. There were a lot of Shoshone. Topics discussed included: Polling Places in Nevada, Indian Education for Youth Aid before 1995, The Declaration of Indigenous Peoples' Rights, and the Treaty of Ruby Valley. They talked about different rights. They asked questions like why are we here and why do we fight. There was talk of social injustice. They talked about mining. Taxes on mining should go to Tribes. Water is Life.

Will Faulk joined the meeting at 9:45 am.

ITCN 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference will be the week of December 11, 2022.

Christina became a scanner on September 6, 2022.

Mrs. Lone Eagle signed timesheets and employee action forms.

There were two non-affiliated ICWA cases.

She signed the SF 425s.

Enrollment: Three applications were returned as incomplete, then there were five more. There are ten pending applications. Eight applications came back as undeliverable. They will need to confirm the addresses. Mrs. Lone Eagle is not sure when the Enrollment Committee will meet next.

Health update: Chairman Melendez of RSIC has lifted the mask mandate. Please get the COVID booster shots. Mr. Melendez talked about the violence they have been having and the air quality. They had a bunch of events coming up. He talked about the eastern tribes and the mining tax, and other things. They should ask how it benefits the tribes first.

Mrs. Lone Eagle is still working on the THPO as requested. There are edits to the resolution: two words will change and her name will be added as designated person. The resolution has already been approved.

In the past the Council talked to a Judge and Prosecutor from the SCFR Court. There was a resolution. It was the intent to use SCFR. Mrs. Lone Eagle said there was a resolution SL-15-2005 that was approved. There is a person who does not want them to be SCFR Court. They should talk to Council with their reasons. Mr. Simmons will set up a meeting.

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The Washoe County Health representatives left the meeting at 9:59 am.

Mr. Faulk stated that he has been busy with Thacker Pass. Whether people are for or against the project, it cannot be stopped. They are suing for Securing Rights of Consultation to explain why the Tacker Pass area is important to the tribe, why they object to destroying a massacre site, to avoid scared sites. It is to set up a precedence for further projects, to make the agencies listen and follow the proper process. It is to be able to exercise the Tribes given rights.

**Consultation: Winnemucca BLM**—Mark E. Hall at 10:03 am

Mr. Hall was accompanied by Shannon Deep, Tai Subia, and Robert Sevon.

Mrs. Lone Eagle was interested in the geothermal projects, NREL. She attended a Tribal listening session but did not notice BLM's presence. Mr. Hall says that meeting was at national level.

Gerlach Geothermal Project is proposing to drill up to 20 geothermal exploration holes. It is a five-year plan. After the drilling they will need to determine if they will be going forward. This does not mean there is any development on the table.

SLPT has a data sharing agreement with the BLM. It could be updated.

Mrs. Lone Eagle notified Mr. Hall that SLPT was becoming a THPO.

The usual timing for reporting and comments to notices gives SLPT very limited time to deal with them. Hopefully by the end of winter SLPT will be THPO.

Mr. Hall said his information should be updated as it is old. Mrs. Lone Eagle said if the project is not within 75 miles of the Reservation, SLPT usually cannot do anything.

Mr. Mace asked how much acreage would the geothermal project need if they do find something. Mr. Hall said it is hard to say. There are three different methods for mining the geothermal drillings. It depends on the size of reservoirs. The recycling of water depends on size.

Mr. Simmons asked where it was and if they would drill close to the road. Mr. Hall explained it was west of County 34, sloping into hills and on the edge of the playa south of 3 Mile. They will drill close to the road, a couple of hundred feet from the road. They will need to deal with the County regarding the roads. The drill pads will be 300 feet by 300 feet for roughly a total of three acres. Mr. Simmons has traffic concerns. It will take 45-60 days per single wellsite drilled one at a time. Mr. Mace commented if they develop the project, they will need to develop the roads. Mr. Simmons will talk to the County about traffic.



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Ms. Quinn asked about Horvath Geothermal at Pinto Hot Springs. They were only allowed to drill one temperature gradient hole. ORMAT did some magnetic survey and wants to head into NEPA survey. Mr. Hall said the project had not really started in terms of NEPA. If they want, a site visit for the Tribe can be set-up sooner rather than later. It is problematic for priority sage grouse habitat, wildness area and cultural resources, etc., so it does not look favorable. On the other hand, the hot springs themselves are on private land, not BLM land.

The horse gathers are finished. They gathered 285 horses at Calico. Soldier Meadows was the base for gathering around the Reservation area. They found a total of 1300 horses with an additional 500 on North Calico and 500 on South Calico. Mr. Simmons has seen less horses on Reservation. The entire boundary fence is repaired and seems like there are less horses and burros.

LCT instant study area is treated as wilderness area. It is east of the Reservation in the watershed. State of Nevada NDEP is working on clean water legislation. Since LCT is treated as wilderness area, the area cannot be altered, roads cannot be developed. Co-management of the area is possible, but no one really knows what it means. SLPT can write a formal proposal and send it to the BLM.

Mr. Simmons wants to protect the watershed and the headwaters. Options are buying the land, transferring the land, or converting it to wilderness area in order to withdraw it from any development or mining. SLPT could still do co-management, NCA, and protection of trails are various ways to protect them. Co-management proposal should be sent to Mr. Hall and his manager. NCA, Wilderness needs to be discussed with congressionals. If there is an existing claim before 2000, they can still work the claim. Mr. Hall will check the total coverage of the study area to see if it covers the entire watershed through the head waters.

Mr. Faulk as the Tribe's Attorney was introduced.

Thacker Pass was brought up. Mr. Hall said he cannot discuss it with legal council present as he does not have his legal council present. He will not discuss it with Mr. Faulk. Mrs. Lone Eagle will try to set-up a meeting later. Mr. Hall said he was not the line officer for Thacker Pass. This discussion was tabled.

Mr. Hall said they survived Burning Man. Mrs. Lone Eagle told members that they do not have tickets to Burning Man.

There was a closure order written that Burning Man cannot stop people in transit. Mr. Simmons said that everyone stayed in the office that week.

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The BLM representatives left the meeting at 10:54 am.

Mr. Faulk commented that SLPT and the other Tribes have informed BLM that they consider the whole area as a traditional cultural district and the September 12, 1865 Massacre as extending over Thacker Pass Project. This would prevent BLM from allowing any construction activity in the Thacker Pass project area. They were not supposed let any drilling be done in the area, which was done the past week. They want to avoid anyone telling them anything. BLM is not responding. They do not want to get information so they do not have to act upon it. SLPT will keep pushing to have that right to talk to them. The members are asking what is the Council doing. SLPT is one of the four tribes that they should have asked for comment, but they did NOT ask. They lied and did NOT consult with the tribe.

Mrs. Lone Eagle thanked Mr. Faulk for attending the meeting.

Mr. Faulk left the meeting at 11:03 am.

The Chairwoman called a break for 15 minutes at 11:05 am.

Council returned from break at 11:29 am.

Mrs. Lone Eagle continued her report.

Mail:

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- Tribal Clean Air Summit October 4 and 5, 2022 in Washington D.C.
- Postcard on EPA Conference October 25-27, 2022
- Montana Associates LLC a seminar on Taking Land in Trust-Legal on October 5,6, and 7, 2022 in Reno, Nevada. No one is interested.
- October 12-16, 2022 at Grand Sierra Resort is the Western Mining Action Network conference
- Affiliated Tribes of Northwestern Indians tribal dues are due. Mrs. Lone Eagle said to pay it.
- California Miwok Tribe possible legal implications for Indian tribes, informing tribes of a recent determination which was made on May 30, 2022 by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs about a court case going on regarding this tribe in being re-established as a recognized tribe.
- Pipeline Awareness Newsletter—Safety actions for pipelines
- Bitner Area Critical Environmental Concern Management Environmental Assessment from Applegate BLM-EA Environmental Impacts. ACEC area. Badger Meadows important including greater sage grouse and fish and including Bitner Ranch stabilizing structures

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- National Highway Traffic Safety Administration announces a notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact statement EIS for Model year 2027 beyond Corporate Average Fuel Economy CAFÉ to propose new standards. No comments.
- US Department of Labor Mine Safety Administration—Request for mining inspector apprenticeship program candidates.
- Department of Veteran Affairs Native American Loan Project to buy or build on Federal Trust Plan.

Mrs. Lone Eagle met with Assemblywoman Sara Peters regarding tribal consultation process. SLPT does not have a policy in place. They do need something. She has a copy of Ms. Peters' process for the Council to review. The discussion will be tabled until next month.

She has an overview of the Housing Improvement Plan (HIP) things to review.

Mr. Simmons will set-up a talk with Mr. Schossler regarding CF Court resolution. Set-up a Special Council Meeting on September 29, 2022. The time to be determined.

Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Crane will be going to a conference October 11-14, 2022. Returning to attend the General meeting at the Lake on October 15, 2022 which is also Ms. Crane's Birthday.

Mrs. Lone Eagle will be on leave October 5 -9, 2022. She will have her phone and laptop with her.

Early voting will be October 27- November 4, 2022. Election day is November 8, 2022. Someone will be there the whole two weeks. They are a designated polling place for the county.

There will be an event October 24, 2022 from 11:00am to 4:00 pm for Native American Day.

October 23, 2022 there will be a walk at the RSIC at 4:00 pm.

Grievance Follow-up-Executive Session

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes for Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 11:55 am.**

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Council returned from Executive Session at 12:05 pm.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle called Lunch at 12:06 pm

Council returned from lunch at 12:06 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, September 17, 2022 back to order at 1:07 pm.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Madison Hutchinson, Natural Resources Environmental Specialist and Anne Macko,

**GUESTS: Melissa Eller, Enrollment Committee Chair**

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the Elko Tribal Leaders meeting.

She sat in on a Trust Land Consultation with Julius Small regarding the Buy Back Program Funding. SLPT must comment to ask to engage in the program by September 30, 2022. Mrs. Lone Eagle said there were probate problems. She would like more information so they can get in on this money.

Ms. Crane signed checks.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the Special Council meeting with Mindy Elliott regarding SSBCI. She is ready to help SLPT get submitted. The deadline was extended to October 31, 2022.

He attended the meeting with Catherine Cortez-Masto. Duckwater Tribe talked to her. The road deal was two years ago and still waiting. She was surprised it was two years.

He attended a FEMA webinar on how to write out a FEMA loan application. They have \$50 million for BRICK Program. They explained how to fill out the loan application. It is awarded on a point system.

He signed checks.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended the Cortez-Masto meeting on September 26,

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2022, the Special Council Meeting regarding SSBCI on September 29, 2022 and he signed checks.

**Council Member Steven Crane** attended the Special Council Meeting regarding SSBCI on September 29, 2022 and he signed checks.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Council to check their credit cards to see if they were expired. Ms. Crane and Mr. Mace both expired and will be getting new cards.

Enrollment: Mrs. Lone Eagle asked for the date for the next Enrollment Committee meeting. One application was received. There are ten applications ready for the Enrollment Committee to review and write resolutions. Eight applications and one acceptance letter were returned in the mail. Mrs. Lone Eagle is still handling Enrollment calls. After the Committee sees original documents, they will be sent back to the applicants.

### **Housing Department Report by Austin New Moon, Housing Manager**

#### Updates:

- The Chairwoman and Ms. New Moon looked at a four-bedroom manufactured home that does work with HUD funds to be purchased.
- Completed a BIA-HIP Training with Nancy Jones. Also received great insight on the BIA-ARP Funds that were awarded to SLPT in 2021. There are two applications for this program and discussed them with Ms. Jones. There will be letters soon. Ms. Jones will see if the whole tribe would be eligible, if SLPT can use the funding with other funds to purchase land, that could be used to clear space to put up Hunter Shelters.
- She sent out recertifications for individuals who have changed employment. She is trying to get the applications back so they can be processed accordingly and individuals do not owe funds back to HUD if the assistance should have been changed. There are ten days to report any changes.
- Assisting NRD and Ms. Hutchinson with the Honoring Native American day event she is hosting on September 24, 2022. She is working on getting beaded items or photos of beaded items and artwork that SLPT members have done. During the event Housing, the library and the Pantry are open.
- Continuing to pick up pantry items weekly. They also put a box of Christmas decorations out in the pantry to hopefully get rid of. There is a decline in what has been received. This has been going on for a few months. It is not as good as in the past. They are not getting access to the Walmart boxes. There are new pantries opening up. She will reach out to Horizon.

#### Housing Emergency Programs:

- Indian Housing Plan (IHP) is due October 18, 2022. The Council can review it at

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- the General meeting or the Special Council Meeting on September 29, 2022.
- Ms. New Moon talked to Nancy Jones with BIA HIP. She will look into the ARP money they received and check with Washington D.C. to see if what the funds can be used for is for the tribe as a whole instead of on individuals in order to purchase property in Reno, Nevada. It is still Housing although coded as HIP. She will let SLPT know if they can use the \$64,194. The applicants they do have do not qualify for the traditional HIP. This could be used to clear the site across from the Field Station and will check it can be used in Reno, Nevada as well.
  - US Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): Original funding has been 100% expended. Ms. New Moon submitted for first reallocation and was approved for additional funding in the amount of \$2,288.11. She submitted for another reallocation on August 19, 2022 requesting \$10,000. She wants to allocate the actual funds on paperwork. Treasury anticipates final awarding amounts to be issued September 26, 2022.
  - US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF): no new applications received: total of six applications received, five paid, one denied. Completed the HAF Work Plan and submitted to them September 15, 2022. She also had the Chairwoman add her to the portal so she can submit reports and receive all notifications as she previously had not been in regard to HAF.
  - National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Covid-19 Housing Assistance Program (C19HAP): They have \$36,428.58 remaining which needs to be expended by November 30, 2022. Under the original implementation plan they submitted, they did allocate funds to purchase cleaning supplies and PPE relating to COVID-19. Since they have a lot of PPE stocked, it is her recommendation to purchase bulk items of cleaning supplies such as Clorox or Lysol wipes and disinfecting spray. Applicants will be encouraged to apply for this program so they can hopefully expend all the funds. This program does have a \$5,000 cap for each applicant. Mr. Bill Picotte would like it spent by November 30, 2022.
  - Indian Housing Block Grant Program American Rescue Plan (IHBG-ARP):. SLPT is almost 100% expended for this program. They can close it out as soon as funds are fully expended.
  - SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Funding is still there. Since funding for the other programs is running low, they will start utilizing these program funds.

#### Paiute Language Class:

First class began July 14, 2022. Classes continue twice a week on Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 am. Classes are uploaded to the YouTube channel. They have had an increase in in-person attendees at the Friday, September 16, 2022 lesson. Attendees are starting to pick up on the language more quickly and evaluations are showing this. SLPT member Jeff Burt is a star pupil. They will need to delay classes during the voting period of 14 days. Things are going well and have once-a-month evaluations.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for review of Sports Registration and Equipment applications and Recertifications of Tennant based Rental Assistance applications. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:14 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:20 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve a Sports Registration and Equipment application reimbursement for \$335.05. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:33 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve a Sports Registration and Equipment application reimbursement for \$169.22 Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:33 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Approve Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Tribal Member in the amount of \$500 per month. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:34 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Approve Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance in the amount of \$435. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:35 pm.**

**Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) from James Simmons, Director**

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded 0.82 inches of precipitation and temperatures that ranged from a high of 94 degrees to a low of 33 degrees Fahrenheit. The USGS SnoTel station, located in the upper watershed, currently estimates 0.0 inches of snow water equivalent (SWE).
- Ms. Hutchinson has completed her six-month probation period and is now a full-time employee.
- The Lake Fence EA has been approved the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). It is

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the target to get the fence up this fall. Great Basin Land and Water bid out the project to put the fence up in October.

- Pearl mussels are native to the region.
- Caroline A. Kisielinski submitted the application for the David H. Smith Conservation Research Fellowship to research ancient LCT DNA. This relates to the Paleo project being done at the Lake, using the same data/cores as discussed at the last meeting. If she is awarded, the Fellowship pays for everything. There is little to no cost to SLPT. Her data can be added to the SLPT data for a more complete picture of the past.

Discussion Topics:

1. Request to submit USDA NRCS EQIP application: One of the aims of the EQIP program is to improve wildlife habitat. Mr. Simmons would like to start with a small project to see if it fits SLPT NRD. One thing that this can be used for is rehabilitation of the habitat. He would like to remove old fencing on the Reservation to give better movement on the Reservation for the sage grouse and other animals. Mr. Simmons would like to submit an application. Submitting an application does not commit SLPT.

It is the consensus of the Council to submit the application to NRCS EQIP. Mr. Simmons read what the program covers.

2. Mr. Cowan wants advance notification of upcoming visitors and projects at the Reservation so that he can engage with the visitors and ask questions.

Mr. Simmons sees this as if it is needed to be done for one member, it is needed to be done for all members. He asked for thoughts. One thought was this could bring liability issues. Also, it was thought that Mr. Cowan could be getting in the way and holding up the project although he means well.

Mr. Cowan had a concern about seeing a fish trapped in shallow water in a creek in May, but just brought it up now. Mr. Simmons did not know about the fish issue. Mr. Cowan should have talked to NRD and not by-pass them. He wondered if there was a policy in place. There is no policy. If there was to be a policy about getting advanced knowledge of visitors and projects on the Reservation, it should go out to the whole membership. It needs to be fair. There must be NRD staff present if he is there, but hopes no one is getting special treatment. It should be fair. It was noted that Mr. Cowan knows that he does not talk for nor represent the Tribal Council.

The Council left it to Mr. Simmons to decide on a case-by-case basis and only if a NRD staff member is also there.



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3. NRCS Project Letter: Peavine Mountain Watershed West Wash Dam Rehabilitation Project. This is a feasibility study period and request for comments. It is a flood protection plan to update and bring to code dams. The Council has no comments.
4. NRSC Project Letter: Truckee-Carson Irrigation District Project to modify irrigation. Council had no comments.
5. NRCS Project Letter: Walker River Paiute Tribe Project to update irrigations system. Council had no comments.
6. 2022 Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects Program Grant: This is a Transportation Program—money for transportation facility—public highway. The minimum grant award per grant is \$12.5 million. Mr. Simmons would like this for the road west of the Reservation. He wants to do research on the grant. A completed EA would be needed. The EA was supposed to be done already. If it was done, he wonders if it would be eligible. He would write a grant application. He will need a new estimate on the road cost. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward.

Mr. Simmons requested permission to ask for a no-cost extension to Fund 146 LCT Viability Model. It would be the first extension. There are still objectives, PVA statistics and DNA to complete. NRD is up-to-date with reporting. This funding came in during COVID and NRD lost a Fisheries Biologist. Consensus of the Council is to apply for the extension.

Mr. Simmons gave a heads-up that there may be more no-cost extensions and that they will be closing many grants by the end of the year.

Mr. Simmons will check with Mr. Cowan about the trapped/stranded fish. He wants to be clear about what Mr. Cowan found. He will talk to Rachael Youmans at Fish and Wildlife for a permit to harass raptors to keep them from eating spawning fish.

Signage: More new updated signs will be put up and every gate will have the same verbiage.

Wildfire management: Earlier this year NRD updated the nozzles on the fire tanks so as to match fire trucks so they can hook up to the tanks. The fire breaks will need to be updated which have been good so far. Fuel moisture sensors will be installed at the weather station. They have done a few things on the wildfire side. Mr. Simmons would like to submit for a funding provided by the US Forest Wildfire Community Defense

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Grant. They will need a new SLPT/Community Wildfire Plan. They are moving forward with Wildfire Management.

The Climate Resilience Grant was submitted. NRD is looking at climate change. They are moving forward on many of these projects. Mr. Simmons agrees with Mr. Cowan that reed canary grass is one of the biggest issues. They agree on the priorities but may disagree on how to do it.

A Tribal member requested for Tribal staff to help do maintenance and assist him with repairs on his home at the Reservation. Mr. Simmons wondered who would pay for this (for any member). It could be done on the staff's own time per agreement and not as NRD staff. There are liability issues. They could not use any Tribal equipment or any Tribal work time.

There is one project which is to do monitoring on Tule and Slide springs. Game cameras are set-up on site to see what animals are using the springs. Mr. Simmons showed some photos.

#### **Enrollment Committee Report: Chairman Melissa Eller**

The last Enrollment Committee meeting was June 7, 2022. Ms. Eller is trying to get a meeting set for Wednesday, September 20, 2022 at 6:30 pm to get applications ready for review at the next meeting.

Mrs. Lone Eagle explained where the applications were in the office.

There is someone who applied for the Enrollment Coordinator. Mrs. Lone Eagle will interview them when she returns from the conference.

#### **Finance Department Report by Linda Quinn**

##### **AUDIT**

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022 Ms. Quinn received the 2021 Audit report. They checked Fisheries and ARP in 2021. There were two findings. One finding was stated a couple of final reports were submitted late. This was explained to the auditors satisfactorily. The other finding was that money was not drawn down regularly (on time). This is a serious finding and moved SLPT out of Low Risk.

This is a technical shortfall. Although there was money in the bank, they are not supposed to use grant money outside of the grant. Draws should be done monthly at all sources.

SLPT is no longer Low Risk, but not the worst. There will be no sanctions. The next

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audit will be looked at closer. Next years audit should be good.

The Audit Exit has not happened yet because the Audit is not closed. Emma Han will do it when the audit is finished. She even called to ask what happened. Ms. Quinn explained what happened. The end-of-year bills were paid and it was excessive.

2022 draws are now all caught up.

1. Budget Summary: Summary for all grant expenses with remaining grant balances as of September 17, 2022.

- Modifications were received for the following Carson City BIA Grants allocating 2022 Contract Support Costs Funding: Fund 140 CTGP--\$19,766; Fund 164 Fisheries--\$19,766; Fund 162 Roads--\$1,566; Fund 163 Range--\$4,726; Fund 144 Higher Education--\$269.
- Lorretta continues to learn the finance operations.
- Scanning continues with Dawn Barlese and Christina Barlese.
- Draws were completed to pull down reimbursement funds for all grants.
- Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) Fund 140 budget balance is \$

2. Direct Deposit has come up again as an employee who receives his check via mail has waited a full week without receiving his check. Many checks have been missing. A lot of mail is not getting received. There are many replacement checks. Because of this issue one employee did not get his.

Ms. Quinn requested a trial direct deposit for the payroll of September 28, 2022. The presence of the Tribal Leader can make this possible. She can work with US Bank and supply employees with a form to give Finance their information. They will designate a back-up. Someone helps either the Vice-Chair or Secretary/Treasurer to do it. Paper checks can always be issued.

Ms. New Moon left the meeting at 4:36 pm.

3. The US Treasury Local Assistance and Tribale Consistency Fund (LATCF) first payment of \$50,000 was received September 1, 2022. Reference Fund 167, Resolution SL-39-2022.

4: BIA NOF for BIA-NTBG-2022-OIED was tabled.

5. Funded By the Capital Project Grant, 125 Dell laptops have been ordered and will be received soon. Property tags will be applied and serial numbers documented for inventory. Notification will need to be sent to all members. Dell estimates their ship date as October 6, 2022. Ms. Quinn put together a flyer. Sign-out sheets will become inventory sheets.

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Ms. Quinn is searching for shelves. She found shelves to work for the library and for the bathrooms. For later purchase, it was discussed to have a children's table and four chair set for the library. This would wait until after the election.

Mrs. Lone Eagle referenced the BIA HIP program in her request to Ms. Quinn to see if she can find documentation for the purchase of FEMA trailers on the Reservation. Ms. Quinn said that they have not found anything as the trailers were donated. In looking over the application of one member for the HIP funding, they do not have a lease or title even though they have details (although not a receipt) for the costs to bring it to their allotment from Arkansas. It was donated. There was a question whether the trailer belongs to the Tribe or to the member. The HIP officer was very detailed and found many ineligible sections on the application.

6. Dennis McCann, SLPT Insurance Broker, would like to come to Summit Lake Reservation for the October 15, 2022 General meeting and give a short presentation. They will leave the office for the Lake at 5:30 am.

7. The fireproof lateral file cabinet arrived and has been loaded with grants, payroll, banking and other valuable business documents.

Ms. Quinn will get a bid for IT from Ricoh. The current IT service DTS is not able to give service in a timely manner.

Ms. Hutchinson is hosting Native American Day. There are sign-in sheets to obtain updated addresses, emails and where they are from (tribe or other).

Ms. Crane wants another ARPA meeting. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they should have actions, to have decisions, before doing another meeting. They talked about tiny homes and the need to read the Land Plan. Modulars and tiny homes have been discussed. This discussion was tabled.

**Next Meetings:**

- General Council Meeting, Saturday, October 15, 2022 at the Administrative Office, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation. Nevada People are to meet at 5:30 am to travel to the Lake. Lunch will be pot luck and Ms. Crane's birthday.
- Special Council Meeting September 29, 2022 at 10:00 am at 2255 Green Vista Drive, Suite 401, Sparks, Nevada.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion.  
Chairwoman Rand Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST,**

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**0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:03 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 17, 2022 Regular Council Meeting were approved with corrections by the Council during a duly held meeting October 15, 2022 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.

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Date

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