

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2022
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, June 22, 2022 to order at 9:11 am.

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

STAFF: and Linda Quinn, Finance Director; Director; Lorretta Wells, Finance Clerk; Courtney Hardin, Enrollment Coordinator;

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an Agenda Change to add Enrollment Coordinator Courtney Hardin presentation of a resolution for approval. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: **4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 9:13 am.**

Ms. Hardin presented Resolution SL-27-2022 for approval of enrollment.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-27-2022 Accepting Application for Enrollment for Amber Marie Gibson as a Tribal Member 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-27-2022 enacted at 9:14 am.**

Mrs. Lone Eagle told Ms. Hardin that she can send a letter and copy of the resolution to the new member.

Mr. Hardin left the meeting.

CTGP Budget

Ms. Quinn previously gave everyone a copy of the CTPG budget:
\$151,000 for direct costs
\$30,000 for in-direct costs

The object is to create a 2023 direct budget based on 2022 direct budget. Then there is the in-direct budget which covers about half of Council fees, third of Chairwoman's stipend, half of insurance, half of communication fees, half of power bills, and things like this. This information is a rough estimate.

Direct is used for overhead or things that everyone uses like rent. The only expenses for salaries are for Enrollment per government rules.

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BIA wants a new contract every three years. The new budget will be for the new contract.

Ms. Quinn explained the items in the budget. Enrollment must come from CTPG, not in-direct. She noted which items were direct and which were split with in-direct.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that the new Enrollment Coordinator's tasks will be enrollment until Enrollment is caught up and eventually will be part enrollment/ part administrative duties for the Council and Chairwoman. Basically, she will be cross training. Ms. Hardin will take over the Council related tasks from Ms. Quinn.

The service agreements will be split between direct and in-direct.
Changes in spending of more than 10% must be approved by the BIA.

Mr. Mace asked if the \$151,000 is not spent, will the BIA decrease the amount of the grant for the next year. Ms. Quinn says that is likely. They can have some carryover. She would like to keep it at \$50,000 but if there is \$100,000 to carry forward, BIA will probably decrease the grant. This is one reason why they need to spend down the grant. Also, SLPT needs to start a new CTGP grant in 2023. It is best to limit the carryover before starting new.

Ms. Quinn had a couple of ideas to help spend down the money.

1. Purchasing an economical car for the office to drive around town instead of the Council car which is a gas hog. It would be good on gas mileage and seat four. It could be used for errands and to go to meetings and trainings. It would be a good way to close out the grant and be very useful and practical. It would also save money on gas.
2. 2022 Tribal EPA Region 9 Annual Conference hosted by the Pala Band of Mission Indians and the US EPA on October 25-27, 2022 in Lake Tahoe, California and on line. Ms. Quinn said the Council should go to show the EPA that SLPT appreciates having EPA grants, especially the GAP, back and to thank them for how good they are to work with. Council seems interested. They would leave on October 24 and return on October 28, 2022. Early Bird registration is \$300 per person from March 31 to July 31, 2022. Mr. Crane said he knew nothing about it. Mr. Crane, Ms. Crane, Mr. Mace would like to go, It is the consensus of Council that all five members of Council will go to the conference.

Ms. Quinn asked for any questions.

She presented the current actual expenses to use in creating the new BIA CTPG budget.

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Ms. Quinn passed out a budget that was sent to BIA for CTGP for \$151,000. It contains the following items:

- Finance Clerk is in there.
- Health benefit--removed.
- Expenses is only half.
- Stipends
- Remove election fees until 2024
- Enrollment Committee fees for every other month.
- CPA fees--increased.
- IT agreement--increase.
- Transcriber contract--increased
- Grant writer—remove
- Office supplies and admin—as is
- General office supplies—as is
- Postage--increased
- Document destruction—increased due to the scanning project
- Communications--as is
- Rent is different—(covers the mortgage)
- Facilities maintenance covers the HOA fee for both suites--increased
- Utilities is split
- RICOH printer—as is
- Travel--doubled
- Vehicle maintenance--as is
- Fuel--as is.
- Training, Conference, Seminars—increase
- Burials—increase
- Education K-12--as is
- Dues and Membership fees—increase
- Insurance: vehicle, liability, property—increase

The estimated budget for this year is \$180,000.

Ms. Quinn asked if the Council had talked about Council funding. They just had an informal discussion off the record. Ms. Quinn said that they should contact BIA and find out if they can get an increase; that they need more administrative, that they need more funding for another position, and to asked BIA to please give them whatever they can give them.

Mrs. Lone Eagle called Marilyn Bittisillie to let her know they were having a meeting regarding funding and she wanted to touch bases with her. Ms. Quinn said they could write a letter officially making the request. The Chairwoman said they know SLPT's situation. They know SLPT chair has always been behind the scene. Currently Mrs.

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Lone Eagle is there in the office. They would not oppose them officially sending them something telling them what the Council would like to do. It should be something feasible or allowable, because other tribal Chairs are paid positions. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained her situation. It should be an allowable expense. They need to think long term.

She explained that people wondered where she was and that SLPT was last to the table. Now they have a seat on the table. She wants people to hear SLPT's issues and concerns. She wants SLPT to move forward and evolve with all the other tribes. Right now, SLPT is behind. She needs to go to conferences and be recognized. SLPT's membership is growing. SLPT's presence is growing. There was a discussion on the positive effects of having the Chairwoman being there to talk to the members directly and to make decisions.

Ms. Crane says she likes having Mrs. Lone Eagle there. It really does take a load off the staff and gives the members the ability to reach out to her. Her question is how do we do this long-term. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that is why they need to talk to BIA, to look at the budget, and ask them for any additional funding.

Ms. Quinn said would be good if they can get another \$36,000 added to the funding.

Changing Articles

Mr. Mace said he likes having Mrs. Lone Eagle in the office, but he feels that they need to revise the policies and make changes. He wants to do it right because it is a new position so changes need to be made. Mr. Mace feels changes need to be made to avoid conflict of interest. There was a discussion of the interpretation of employee. It would be easier to amend instead of recreating. There is a very gray shading in the different parts of the policies. If they want to change the Articles that is another meeting. The BIA will ask us "what does your rules say". The Article are outdated.

It was suggested to put out a blast telling the membership that Chairwoman Lone Eagle is available in the office.

It would be a good idea to call the BIA to let them know that there are some changes coming and seeing if they have any advice on how to do it.

Mr. Mace said the Tribe is changing so the rules need to change with the Tribe. It is time. Ms. Crane agrees that it is time for some changes. It would be a good idea to meet with the BIA and seek their advice. Mrs. Lone Eagle will reach out to Ms. Bittisillie. She is still trying to meet with the Superintendent. They need to do it right from the start.

There were changes made by resolution and inserted into the Articles.
Mrs. Lone Eagle read parts of the Articles and a description of Ordinances.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle will call BIA to ask for a meeting letting them know that SLPT is discussing changing their Articles and Ordinances. She will ask how do they do this, what to they need to do.

Mr. Mace thought it would be nice to get more funding. Ms. Quinn will contact BIA and ask if SLPT can get more money, to have a conversation before officially requesting it.

Miscellaneous Topics

A contractor has been contacted and the air conditioning will be fixed soon

Mrs. Lone Eagle heard from Michael Ondelacy, Commercial Property Manager of RSIC asking why Mr. Mace and Mr. Frank wanted to visit. She mentioned SSBCI and he said he would check back with her. She also called and left a message for the secretary. There is no reply yet. In talking with Michon Eben, Mrs. Lone Eagle is aware that RSIC is looking to expand adjacent to the Colony.

Regarding RSIC and Thacker Pass, Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned the lawyer that had worked on the Thacker Pass lawsuits, one of which included SLPT. He was working for free, but has backed away due to various issues including his health. So, the lawsuit is on stand-by with SLPT. She talked to a reporter from NBC-New York who was persistent. Mrs. Lone Eagle talked to her about how BLM was not truthful. The reporter did have copies of the documents in question. Recent articles say that due to recent circumstances, SLPT and Burns are Tribes in opposition to Thacker Pass. SLPT's name is out there. It would be good to be THPO.

Mrs. Lone Eagle has been working on becoming a THPO. It is in the works. She has been talking back and forth with SLPT's Representative, Mary Barker. It is in draft form. The extra pieces to it and additional comments were added as changes and edits. She asked when she can send the application and when will she know that SLPT is a THPO or not.

Now that things have come out and are now public record, the BLM has been put to the fire in regards to how they got the permits.

SLPT does not have large platform so it is good to partner with a larger Tribe like RSIC. RSIC never even received the notice from the BLM. Usually, BLM sends notices to all the tribes regardless how close to the project area.

She is not sure what is happening with McDermitt. They have been quiet. She would like to contact them to see what is going on.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle is hopeful and excited to become a THPO. They will need to get a THPO person and the only place to put them is in the office space currently designated for the children's library. The desk out there can be moved into the office and the library can be where the desk was. Mrs. Lone Eagle is waiting for some books from Title 6. Claudia went for Mrs. Lone Eagle on pick-up a book day. They gave her a set of one each of the books. They also said if there were any left, to come back and they would give her extra books. Claudia will be delivering them next week. They are all Native related books. It is not a whole lot, but a start. They can look at Amazon and online for Indigenous books.

Mr. Mace checked if Ms. Quinn had checked labor laws to see if a 15-year-old girl can be employed. She had not had time yet. He checked himself and there was a brief discussion

Mrs. Lone Eagle sent the IHS master plan packet to the Council to look over. The INNOVA people are on board to meet with Council on July 13, 2022 to do a presentation. Mrs. Lone Eagle read out some of the questions asked about the IHS Clinic the members use. She read out the questions. She has asked Ms. New Moon to create a survey on the Housing Facebook Page for the membership. The information is due July 7, 2022 or the July 13, 2022 meeting. Many of the questions are questions for a clinic. Mrs. Lone Eagles question is where is the SLPT dollars are going.

When the Council was asked if they want an increase in the meeting stipend. Two said no and one said yes. There was no vote. There has not had an increase in some time. Mr. Mace said he would accept a \$50 increase to cover Mr. Crane's gas.

There was cake for Mrs. Lone Eagles' birthday.

ARPA

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked what is left in ARPA. They need to know what they want to do so they can create a budget. There was a discussion on quick build structures from a studio size to two or three bedrooms with kitchen and bathroom. They are built in a day. They can be disassembled in a day and a half. They have good insulation. Mrs. Lone Eagle will contact them to do a Zoom presentation. They come with stove, refrigerator etc. in the kitchen.

Mr. Crane said they need to get things rolling and get it done. The company is called Hunter Shelters. Mrs. Lone Eagle brought up the website and showed a video. After the video the Council asked about the pricing and the durability. They seem customizable.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked the Council to make a decision on increasing the Council stipend.

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MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve increasing Council stipends to \$450. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:37 pm.

MEETINGS

Saturday, July 16, 2022, Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 am at the Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada
Wednesday, July 13, 2022 meeting with INNOVA regarding IHS.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle will contact the BIA about moving forward with amending or revising the Articles to making the Chair a set position.

They will also talk to the BIA regarding getting additional funding.

Regarding ARPA, Council needs to find information about what they want to do. Ms. Quinn will make a budget of approved expenses, so the Council knows how much funds they have. Ms. Quinn said they need to decide to do something. They need to find information on the Hunter Shelter.

Mr. Simmons is looking into the Truckee Meadows Public Land to see if they can transfer BLM land which is the watershed to the Reservation.

Mr. Simmons is looking to find funds to drill a well and pipe the water to the Field Station.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 4 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 12:45 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the June 22, 2022 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting July 16, 2022 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: 4 - FOR, 0 - AGAINST, 0 - ABSTAINED, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

9/9/2022
Date

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