

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, March 18, 2023  
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, March 18, 2023 to order at 8:01 am.

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

**STAFF:** Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUEST:** Adam Rose, Travois; Utahna Enriquez, Christina Lomaintewa, Cherice Trejo, Celina Gonzalez, Tribal Members

Agenda Change to move Adam Rose of Travois regarding Low Income Housing Text Credit to 9:00 am

There will be a resolution to correct a funding issue.

## **MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, February 18, 2023 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:06 am.

## **Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** stated that between February 18, 2023 and March 18, 2023 she did the following:

- Daily email and replies, phone calls and text replies.
- Enrollment issue per mother. Mrs. Lone Eagle contacted the facility and worked with the enrollment department. This application is still pending until Enrollment gets the forms back from the facility. Originally, the forms were sent back in January 2023 to a former case worker who is no longer at the facility.
- February 23, 2023-she had a meeting with Ms. New Moon about the poll questions for the special meeting on March 15, 2023.

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- February 24, 2023-Met with Attorney General Aaron Ford Staff. Also has a meeting with Rafe of Friends of Burning Man on the Ormat Geothermal project lawsuit via phone call.
- February 27, 2023-closed the office early due to weather.
- February 28, 2023-briefly attended the LCT conference via zoom.
- March 2, 2023-Senator Zoom call from 11:00 am-12:00 noon.
- Attended the NAIHC in Washington, DC with Vice-Chairwoman Crane on March 5 to 9, 2023. Met with SLPT's senators at the Battle Born breakfast and the one-on-one meetings scheduled for them while they were in Washington DC.
- March 10, 2023-Meeting on BIL, IRA at 8:00-11:30 am. DTL Grant meeting 10:00 am-11:00 am and Interviewed with NRD for a fisheries technician at 1:00-2:00 pm.
- March 13, 2023:
  - Attended the state legislative Child's Day in Carson City, Nevada. In regards to number of SLPT youth, the count is 71
  - Meeting with Finance staff due to some concerns that came up and following the current process on making sure that payments are made in a timely manner. Intend to keep the previous schedule regarding checks.
  - Some concerns regarding Audit and compliance. Department heads are working to make sure reporting and compliance are up-to-date.
  - Hand delivered a check for a student to Carrington College.
  - Briefly met and spoke with Innova group on the HIS budget/funding.
- Mr. Simmons talked about having the Finance Clerk assist NRD with a fixed asset tracking system.
- March 14, 2023:
  - Zoom meeting at 9:00 am with Adam Rose and Ms. New Moon on how Travois may be able to assist the tribe on a project if they decide to do a project.
  - Attended a DV Event (Head Start) with ITCN 11:30-1:30
- March 15, 2023-Attended Special Council Meeting scheduled for 5:00 pm-8:00 pm for public comment and feedback from the tribal membership. Also, a discussion on how to expend ARPA funds. There was a good attendance. She also completed an employee evaluation.
- March 16, 2023:
  - Met with Teresa Melendez who wants to help tribes
  - Joined a Zoom meeting at 6:00pm-7:30pm for MMIP and updates from assembly staff.
  - Signed EAN forms for two NRD employees.

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- Reviewed survey for ARPA so the tribal members who did not use the link during the meeting can have an additional timeframe to answer the questions. The poll will be open until April.
- Ramah will be used for non-NRD staff to receive a Patagonia jacket since NRD will be placing an order again for the new hires.

Use of Suite 401

Have informed staff going forward to use the outlook calendar to use Suite 401. Each department has a specific color per the chairwoman. They must have the Chairwoman's permission to use the Suite.

Scheduled Meetings:

- March 22, 2023-Ms. New Moon- for Housing Meeting from 10:00am-End
- March 23, 2023-James Simmons-NRD Team meeting from 1:30 pm-3:30 pm

Capital Fund Project:

- Received four requests for a laptop out of state.
- Received two requests for a laptop-tribal member picked up in person.
- Total Laptops remaining are 70.

Council Mail:

- The National Center Magazine.
- March 2, 2023-UNLV College of Fine Arts letter and book.
- March 6, 2023-Dept of Army letter Re: Engineering and Construction Division
- March 7, 2023-NICWA Sponsor request letter for conference April 2-5, 2023. The Chairwoman will attend. The rest of the Council will be attending the Res Summit.
- March 7, 2023-Dept of Army
- March 9, 2023-GSA consultation Letter
- March 13, 2023-IEC Save the Date committee meeting on April 24, 2023 at 2:00 pm
- March 13, 2023-Department of Interior-BLM Winnemucca District-MOA for the Thacker pass project both electronically and by mail. She will talk to their lawyer. BLM is claiming that SLPT did not sign the MOU so they are not required to consult with SLPT.
- BLM Surprise Valley's Craig Drake and Jenn Rovenpera will attend the May General Meeting at the Reservation.
- March 13, 2023-received post card for the grand opening of the Sawabe Muhano location.
- Workshop notice for the BIA FY 2024 Budget May10-11, 2023 or May 17-18,

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2023 in Tempe, Arizona. Council would like Mr. Howard to attend.

Mrs. Lone Eagle was not sure where funding is and whether there had been any drawdowns.

The Event Survey-list for the Camping event mailed and also posted online. There is already one RSVP.

- March 2, 2023-Bill AB125 MMIP Database. Details of the bill and what can or will happen during the process of bring the bill forward. There is funding for NCIC database and discussed who would gather the data, working relationships, collaboration with law enforcement.
- March 10, 2023
  - Inflation Reduction Law regarding forest fire funds available. There was a lot of funding out there.
  - Desert Terminal Lakes Grant—Meeting discussing five-year+ grant coming to a close. NFWF had concerns working with Great Basin Land and Water (GBLW). They would like to go direct to tribes or have a different third-party. The president of GBLW was asked not to attend. Aaron Peskin, Mr. Simmons and Mrs. Lone Eagle talked about this and he had no issue as long as the Tribe does not loose their funding. There was an internal audit which had some red flags.

March 10, 2023 President's fiscal year 2024 budget-proposed budget to increase state funding for roadwork, Tribal economies, and so forth. There will be a consultation on March 13, 2023.

Adam Rose from Travois entered the meeting at 8:59 am.

Mrs. Lone Eagle introduced the Council.

Mr. Rose had a presentation on the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) remarket so Mrs. Lone Eagle made him the host on Zoom.

First, Mr. Rose introduced Travois. They have been in business since 1995 and work exclusively with tribes. He talked about Remarket. The tribe could receive up to \$893,000 that does not need to be paid back. Travois helps the tribe to use the Housing Tax Credits to pay for housing. The tribe could use an affordable Housing Grant to offset the tribe's contribution. It requires a finance budget and architecture intertwined.

Mr. Rose described other projects Travois has been involved with which include

- 30 multi-family units to promote continued cultural preservation
- three-bedroom separate units for Washoe Tribe in Carson City, Nevada with the

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Washoe Housing Authority

- a small tribe with a need for a mix of units and a community area with a focus on a tighter footprint which would be for elders and young families with a need for one, two and three bedrooms
- California townhomes with five units with mixed bedrooms, two floors with first floor two-bedroom apartment and 2<sup>nd</sup> floor two-bedroom apartment plus accessory one bedroom unit behind. Townhomes with solar panels

His suggestion for SLPT would be a possible 15-unit combination with two apartment buildings and three or four duplexes.

The LIHTC program was established in 1986 so it is a stable program. Federal Tax Credit is administered by the IRS but managed at the state level. The program sells tax credits to the investment partners who pay for the credits. The tribe would be the developer.

The tribe needs a site to start. They need to think about the tribe's diverse needs. In a recent membership survey, housing was on the lower side of interest. There is space for development on the Reservation, but most tribal members do not live on the reservation.

The Council has a questionnaire out to the membership which was still open for a month. The Council can then decide how to allocate the ARPA funds. They are already working on providing internet services on the Reservation.

Other ideas are stem projects, school, and childcare concerns. A top economic payment is scheduled.

Mr. Rose said to keep Travois in mind for housing later. IHBG is another resource for GAP. They could consider a 15-unit or 16-unit project or two to five unit.

The Council is talking water-sewer that goes into it. The cost per unit is \$294 per square foot (not infrastructure) at Washoe with \$721,000 community amenity.

Fees Market Study-Mr. Rose explained the Travois consulting fees and an example of how the tax credit buying process works.

The Chairwoman asked if there were other sources of funds. Mr. Rose mentioned the IHBG program and other grants. They would need to define a budget and needs.

When they met with State senators Cortez-Masto and Rosen regarding grants, they said if there were ideas, the tribe should give them the ideas.

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Mr. Rose said that is a great resource. He said that the tribe would need to provide 20% of the cost needed, not the whole cost.

He had one caveat regarding eligibility in applying for units. People who apply for a unit must qualify at median income of 60% or below income at the time of moving in. Any subsequent increase in income after moving does not affect staying in the unit. The state usually also has income targeting usually look at 50%. There is a possible program for medium income.

People or organizations which buy the tax credits are banks, investing companies, Fannie Mae, etc.

Rehab vs New Construction. This depends on what population they are looking at--large families, elders. Rehab could be a motel, hospital, or school converted into housing.

The Nevada Housing Coalition (NHC) awards tax credits. The state comes up for rules. Nevada State limited partnership with the Tribe as a general partner. The competition for against all developers But NHC are looking favorable toward tribes.

Rental or Home Ownership—units can be rented for 15 years or more.

Mr. Rose showed examples of other multi-family units with dedicated space for Vets and elders, but which can combine into lone big space.

Other points of interest:

Single family units with intent to convert to home ownership

Duplexes fit in with single family homes

Five-bedroom units usually have 2100-2200 square feet

Timeline: The grant is awarded in May for work done the following year. By the second quarter-decision made on what type of units to have and all the moving parts, rent structure determined.

Then there is the Design meeting to determine the community, budget estimates and the various required studies.

The last quarter is getting ready to submit to the state in the first quarter of the next year.

The next year first Quarter: find tax credit partners, have full construction documents and due diligence

The second 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter credits are awarded . It is 15-to-18 months to completion

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Mr. Rose stated the he wants them to consider Travois to be a resource even in future years. They only deal with Tribes.

The Council will be attending the Res Summit and can see him that there.

Mr. Rose left the meeting at 10:11 am.

March 14, 2023-Monthly meeting with tribal leaders regarding bills coming up AB273, AGR 3, SB94 and SB216. One is in regard to the Green Amendment which they are tabling to the next meeting. SB94 is the Tribal Coordinator to the State of Nevada. Each state agency focusing on Tribal Liaisons. They feel they need to learn to interact with Tribes. SB 216 is the Native Voting Bill to have county clerks interact directly with the Tribes. SLPT deals with Washoe and Humboldt counties. There were no issues working with Washoe County when SLPT was a voting place. Sent down SIREN Bill. It is still on the table but they are still trying to pass it. Shay Backus talked about bills and wanted tribes to be engaged especially on Bills the did not get passed.

National State Parks—When it comes to discount entry for tribal members or waiving of the fee, the said they will “allow” it. It is a matter of partnership. Tribal Liaisons—This is down to finances to house a Liaison.

Tribal Consultation Policy. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it would be no issue to take the Tribal Consultation and adapt it into one for SLPT and put it in place. She would like a Tribal Consultation Policy. It is in the works to get one approved so that the tribes can adapt it so consultation meetings are face-to-face meetings.

What state departments would tribes consider to be important to have Tribal Liaisons: Nevada Department of Transportation, SHPO, State Parks, Secretary of State regarding elections, Division of Minerals, Hydrological and Mining out of the Division of Minerals, Corrections.

The 29<sup>th</sup> Tribal Impact Hearing is coming up.

Duck Valley is using BIA Law Enforcement and working with the NCIC database. They are working with two states.

She has her folder from her NIAHC trip. The legislative priorities regarding the reauthorization of NAHSDA, increase in investments, the Indian Housing history and other paperwork which she will give to Ms. New Moon.

Utahna Enriquez asked if SLPT would keep the Polling Place for voting in Suite 401. Mrs. Lone Eagle said yes. There was a good turnout, also of non-native voters. She

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wants to keep it going. They had no issues.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** reported that she attended NIAHC March 5 to 9, 2023 in Washington D.C. She went to the Native American Museum. They went back and forth from the Senate Building and met with Senators Rosen and Cortez-Masto and Representative Amodei. It was good. Ms. Crane said it was important for them to meet with the Senators and Representatives.

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed how the re-authorization of the NAHSDA was discussed. SLPT needs to think outside of the box because of their reservation. Last year Mr. Mace and Mrs. Lone Eagle sent letters of support of passing the reauthorization.

Walker River was there in conjunction with the meeting with Rosen. It was nice to have Gina Williams there as she is the representative of the Nevada Region and she spoke about what they are working on Walker River and to have a representation of someone from NIAHC to speak on NAHSDA and why it was so important was idea. They talked about the unique situation with SLPT. They have to think outside the box. It is good to meet with the membership as for as funding that is coming. At the end of the day, it is giving payouts and then a few weeks later the money is gone. Once the money is in their hands and no longer in the Tribes budget, they cannot tell them what to do with the money. The next week there will be a Housing meeting with Walker River, Washoe, Fallen, Housing Coalition for the state to be in Suite 401 on Wednesday, March 22, 2023.

Ms. Crane asked how do they keep the programs they have in place when the grant ends. They will need to ask for grants to keep funding for housing projects.

Ms. New Moon said SLPT has more programs than other bigger tribes.

Ms. Crane attended the Special Council meeting on March 15, 2023 for ARPA and member forum.

She was available to sign checks.

Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned that there is an established formula on how much grant funding is awarded based on population and land base and whether people live on the reservation. Ms. New Moon said this is why SLPT is minimally funded by NAHSDA. Because the tribe is so desolate with no clean water, etc., members cannot live out there even if they wanted to. It was asked if they can find land locally for the tribal members to live on. Delgadina Gonzalez that living at the lake would have no emergency services or place to get food.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that regarding building on or off the reservation, whether or not



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they can develop off-reservation and in the city, there needs to be a plan. SLPT is not a revenue tribe. Work and planning have to be done. Having a grant writer position still needs to be funded. They need to be ahead of it.

Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez said it appears that people need to be low income to get anything

Ms. New Moon stated that the Council understands the need but grants have specifications and income restrictions. That is for all government programs.

Mr. Crane said SLPT needs a revenue making project or business. Mr. Mace agreed as well.

ARPA must be obligated by 2024 and expended by 2025.

Someone on Zoom asked if there were ideas to generate revenue.

Mr. Simmons mentioned an idea told to him by Sudeep Chandra of UNR. He commented that SLPT could have a high-end fishing/hunting lodge at the Reservation. He suggested working with the UNR Business School to put together a plan. It is just an idea.

Other ideas were to talk to Native American Nevada Tourism. Maybe they could have an expensive training camp for elite athletes. A Tribal Warden would be necessary.

Mr. Simmons was on the fence about opening up the Reservation – would have to keep a lid on it.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the March 15, 2023 Special Council meeting for ARPA and Member forum. He was impressed with all the people who attended.

He was available to sign checks.

**Council Member Philip Frank.** He attended the Special Council meeting on March 15, 2023. He was interested in the NRD presentation.

**Council Member Steven Crane** attended the March 15, 2023 Special Council meeting.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved for an agenda change to have Mr. Simmons present the Natural Resources Department first. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the roll: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried**

**at 11:12 am.**

The Chairwoman called a break at 11:13 am.

Council returned from break at 11:28 am.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

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

The weather station at Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 46°F to a low of -6°F. The USGS SnoTel station located in the upper watershed estimated 14.2" of snow water equivalent (SWE). There was a good snowpack this year and hopefully the lake level will rise.

Rachel Hartman started on February 27, 2023 as a Natural Resources Technician III. Mary-Clare DeBord accepted the position of Natural Resource Technician II starting March 20, 2024. The department has enough staff to get everything done. Next year they will try to get UNR interns to help.

NFWF LCT PVA fund 122 was extended to August 31, 2024.

Meghan Munn has past her 90-day probationary period and is now a full-time regular employee.

SLPT NRD was featured in the Reno US Fish and Wildlife newsletter.

They will be out checking the roads for snow, etc. the following week and hope to open the field station Monday, April 3, 2024.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

1). Annual Wildlife Report and Harvest Limit Proposal. NRD recommends that the LCT and sage grouse harvesting limits remain the same as the previous year of three LCT per adult member and one per minor member and sage grouse harvesting remains prohibited or 0 birds.

Harvest limits are based on the low number of fishers, but with the Event there are many more people fishing. In the creek fishing is with nets only.

#### **Fisheries Program 2022 activities:**

Annual fish trap

Water shed/climate modeling

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Paleoclimatology modeling  
NFWF grant for Mahogany Creek/lake connectivity  
Population genetics work  
Mahogany Creek diversion removal/fish passage  
Lake bubbler install  
Ancient LCT DNA  
Monitoring project—Eagles eating fish and a way to reduce predation on fish  
Weather station and steam gauge maintenance  
Water quality  
Mahogany Creek restoration project—reed canary grass treatment  
Acoustic telemetry-this should close this year  
Population viability-this was requested to be extended for more sampling

Mr. Mace asked about the large equipment shed. Mr. Simmons is working on it.

Mr. Simmons presented a graph showing lake levels which has been going down since 2012. He hopes that this year's water level will go up two to four feet.

LCT: 2015 was a low year for the fish trap. The run increased from 2016-2019 and has been staying fairly consistent since. They have been seeing around 1000 spawners. It may go up this year with the increased snowpack and streamflow.

Mr. Simmons presented data on LCT spawning and juvenile tracking.

Grouse lek count data of males in ten-mile radius of lake and total of male and female. Both show things are stabilizing but the overall trend is the population is declining. They have noticed diseased birds. Standing water this year could increase disease.

It is the consensus of the Council to keep the Harvest limits the same as the previous year. Fishing permits will be sent to all adults. Mrs. Lone Eagle says permits across the board also proves tribal membership. They will be asked to report the catch.

2) Springs Fencing Project: This year's springs fence project is highlighted in the Reno Fish and Wildlife Service newsletter. There is a new grant opportunity for next year. The grant provides the opportunity to install pipe rail fencing around the springs, which is sturdier and needs less maintenance. Mr. Simmons wants to submit a proposal to upgrade the fencing at Slide Spring and increase the areas to be fenced to include the Upper Tule, Lakeview, and Tollhouse Springs. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward with submittal of the proposal.

3) Cheatgrass treatment proposal/application and partnership with NDOW—apply for money to restore the sagebrush ecosystems on the Reservation. BIA funds have been applied for to do an aerial treatment and native vegetation reseeding. NDOW wants to

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partner with SLPT to do the same treatment for an area on the boundary of the reservation but off the Reservation. If SLPT partners, SLPT can do the southern tip of the Reservation at the same time. NDOW would do all the work, and SLPT would make sure that the process is done the way SLPT wants it. SLPT would request the same herbicide as already approved by the Council in the BIA application. The money will be around for a couple more years. It is the consensus of the Council to submit the proposal.

4) Mahogany Creek Restoration (Fund 148)- Mr. Simmons wants to extend the grant due to COVID and to complete the grant objectives. It the consensus of the Council to extend the grant.

5) BIA Fisheries/Range Budget Modifications

- Fisheries Fund 102 has \$450,000
- \$250,00 for fuel tanks
- \$45,000 for a truck
- \$30,000 for a new boat.
- There is not enough money for a new boat. So, Mr. Simmons wants to use \$10,000 for a new dock and keep the rest in reserve to cover any cost overruns for the fuel tank.
- Lake bubbler to complete in April.
- Lake Profiler needs to be fixed. It is not working yet. It still has an invoice to come.
- Keep some for trailer and station repairs/upgrades - hot water heater(s), furnace(s), siding repair Trailer 4, etc.

Fund 141-bought a truck-and this is complete.

Range:

Fund 104-it will need an extension to complete

- Fence maintenance-complete
- \$100,000 for the heavy equipment shed and should be completed this year.

Fund 143-UTV/Fence maintenance-This is complete

6) BLM/USFWS funding opportunities: The focus area is Wildlife Inventory, to see what and number of species including important game/cultural species and reptiles and amphibians. It is the consensus of the Council to apply for funding.

Mrs. Lone Eagle commented that as of March 17, 2023 Martha Guzman, US EPA Region 9 Regional Administrator, invited her to attend the RTOC meeting April 18-20, 2024 in San Francisco, California. Mrs. Lone Eagle will attend on behalf of the Tribe.

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Pyramid Lake will be the host for the summer meeting. The Council is in agreement. She would like NRD and the Council to get involved, but NRD is opening the fish trap at that time.

Mr. Simmons will meet with the EPA Project officer Larry Maurin to talk about the workplan and budget of a grant proposal.

There was a discussion of the Connecting with Summit Lake Event on the reservation.

- Night activities should be Tribal things like storytelling, singing, dancing, cultural things
- There should be some freedom to explore and a menu of planned options and activities led by NRD. The first half should be more led projects and the second half would be for menu options.
- Mr. Mace suggested that the children's activities be more structured.
- Utahna Enriquez suggested a History of Summit Lake and the families.
- People must submit written RSVPs for head count and other necessary information.

Mrs. Lone Eagle called for a one-hour lunch break at 1:32 pm.

The Council returned from Lunch at 2:33 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, March 18, 2023 back to order at 2:33 pm.

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

**STAFF:** Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUEST:** Travois; Utahna Enriquez, Christina Lomaintewa, Cherice Trejo, Celina Gonzalez, Tribal Members

**Enrollment Report presented by Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator,**

Enrollment

There were eight applications requested and sent out. Only one was turned in and she has not heard from the others. She received the one application which was incomplete.

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She returned it to be completed by the parent or sponsor and asked for the required original documents to be sent in with the application.

Regarding one adult application, both Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Gonzalez are in communication with his facility to get the application completed and returned. Correspondence was sent to the applicant stating that his application was pending approval with a new application and the original application for reference.

Ms. Gonzalez will reach out members who requested applications to offer assistance in filling out applications. She will also send out correspondence to applicants whose files have been found pending or incomplete informing them of corrections that must be made, missing documents needed and information specific to errors on applications.

One member is having issues with getting an original Birth certificate. The member states that it needs to be corrected and amended to reflect their father's name. She cannot get a Real ID until this is corrected. They asked if Enrollment could help research and possibly assist financially in this process.

#### Enrollment Scanner/Printer

She managed to get the Enrollment scanner/printer to work properly. She will be scanning all documents she created and receive into the computer and into the Progeny system.

#### Enrollment Cards

Ms. Gonzalez is waiting for Progeny to finish developing the ID cards for minors and the Adult member Real ID.

One member requested a name and address change with a new Tribal card. The member provided marriage certificate for proof of name change. She updated the member's information in Progeny, updated the picture and signature. Five cards were printed out for this member because of poor quality film in the Data Card printer.

#### ICWA

ICWA: 21 enquiries for ICWA received this month. 20 were non-affiliated and one is a natural child of a SLPT member.

#### Membership Files:

She is still reviewing paperwork and documents that are in the computer as well as file drawers and cabinets. Several files are empty files with a name on it and in Progeny a lot of data is missing because there are no documents. In order to complete the Enrollment files, Ms. Gonzalez would like to request that she be able to ask BIA Probate for copies of the old files. Mrs. Lone Eagle will sign a letter of request.

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She would also like access to Ancestry.com to help complete the documentation. She would like a subscription for one year for records. Enrollment does not have a budget.

#### NICWA

Ms. Gonzalez enrolled in an eight-week free NICWA course offered by Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC). It started on March 6, 2023 and will run through April 24, 2023. It is the Positive Indian Parenting Course. The classes are not the typical parenting classes. They are designed to look back into how the individual was raised, how Natives parent and to explore the changes that can be made. It asks if Native American traditions play a major role, is generational trauma significant, and so on.

This course ties into the training she will attend April 2 through April 5, 2023 as they are offering a Train the Trainer of Positive Indian Parenting during the conference. She is trying to get into the class.

She is also doing on-line, phone, and Zoom programs on things such as suicide prevention.

The Enrollment Committee still has a vacancy.

#### Paint and Learn Class

Ms. Gonzalez and Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a Paint and Learn on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 at the ITCN building. It was for community members to learn about ITCN's Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault services and programs that are offered throughout Nevada. It was very informative and a great way to coordinate with them to do a presentation for the SLPT membership in the conference room and through Zoom.

#### Upcoming Camping Trip

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

#### Evening Activities and other ideas for the Event

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

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved for an Executive Session for ten minutes for Enrollment. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 2:43 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:58 pm.

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

#### Updates:

- Continuing to pick up Pantry items weekly.
- 2023 Indian Housing Block Program IHBG – amount awarded to SLPT is \$87,122.
- On the poll the focus of the Tribe is not Housing. The poll will continue. She asked if there should be any further discussion about Low Incoming Housing Tax Credit and whether they should proceed or not.
- Ms. New Moon is continuing to work with Finance on getting correct numbers for a few closed out grants.
- Jordon Leyva sent an email inquiry regarding a short film. It is a story about a native girl. He wants to meet with Elders. He would like to shoot at the Reservation. He is part Paiute. The Council is not interested.

#### ARPA

- Cleaning bundle forms posted to the website and Facebook. It was also printed and are at the front desk. A mass mailing will go out with the SLPT NRD newsletter. They have been receiving a lot of applications so far. 20 request forms have been submitted. Ordering will begin the week of March 22, 2023, first come, first served. The received forms are date stamped as they arrive.
- Four tables, 32 folding chairs and a chair/table storage rack have been ordered. The tables and storage rank have been received. They are currently waiting for the chairs. Delivery was pushed back a few times. She also ordered a new tablecloth, SLPT flag and flag pole. They also order a children's table and chairs for the library area.
- 24 polls were received at the Special meeting on Wednesday, March 15, 2023. There were 15 in person and 9 via Zoom. Another electronic poll was created and shared to the website and Facebook, as well as sent via email and text messages to the members who they have contact information for. They asked those that were not in attendance to complete one. Those who already cast their votes should not complete the electronic poll. There were 19 more polls completed after the meeting. Ms. New Moon suggested ideas: Museum to go



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and learn, Educational. Free tutoring. Someone said they were concerned about being exposed to COVID. Ms. New Moon should have final numbers by the April meeting.

Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs.

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

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

SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)

- Since the approval of this program on February 18, 2023 applications have started to roll in. This must be COVID based. She is working with finance to get correct numbers remaining for the obligated amount that was awarded to Housing.

Paiute Language Class:

First class began July 14, 2022. Classes continue twice a week on Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 am. Classes continue to be recorded and uploaded to the SLPT YouTube channel. They have a few new students attending.

There was a discussion on ARPA. Ms. Celina Gonzalez asked how much incentive would be given those employees that worked through the pandemic. Mrs. Lone Eagle said there was no set bonus. Ms. New Moon said the other tribes already did it. There is nothing set in stone. Ms. Gonzalez said ideas keep getting shut down. She feels like there should be a payout and it should include youth/littles. Mrs. Lone Eagle says that the youth is the majority of membership and the future.

Cory Burdette will come down to the office to do some handyman work. People should make a list of things for him to do.

Executive Session

Ms. New Moon asked for an Executive Session for ten minutes.

- There is one recertification and two applications
  - One Rental Assistance Recertification
  - Two Security and First Months Rental Applications.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Housing. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0**

**AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council is in Executive Session at 3:53 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 4:40 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve rental assistance recertification in the amount of \$500 for six months. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:42 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve pre-approval of security and first month's rent up to \$4000. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:43 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to approve security and first month's rent for deposit amount of \$600, rent of \$1,189 for a total of \$1,780. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:44 pm.**

There is a down payment and assistance program family in Oregon is happy and thanks SLPT and especially Ms. New Moon for all her help.

Ms. New Moon will complete the poll numbers from the in-person, Facebook, and the poll currently on line live and tally what the priorities are. The poll votes will run until April 14, 2023. Nothing is set in stone. She will post online and Facebook. It is the Council's decision. Poll is just to see what the membership is might like.

Mr. Mace would like housing for revenue. Mr. Frank said to look to the future with power to the reservation. Mr. Crane would like apartments to get revenue but is for all members.

Since SLPT is so small and remote it is hard to compete for grants. SLPT has to think outside the box.

Ms. Celina Gonzalez thanked the Council for taking a poll. This is a good step forward. A member said that a decision needs to be made. If they want to do revenue, do something small. Mr. Mace said that at the conferences he attended, the advice was to go big. Ms. Gonzalez said to start small and use HUD money. Ms. New Moon said that SLPT HUD does not have any money. The IHBG is a competitive grant and SLPT is competing with the larger tribes. When it comes to using the ARPA money and using the tax credits, the investors get their money and the apartments pay for themselves and provide some revenue. Investors do not want small projects. If SLPT goes small

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they will not be able to get funds.

The problem is time is running out. The Council works for the whole membership and as a whole. They are trying to make the best decision. They need to use the money to get it off the books.

Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez said the Council has done more for the Tribe with their projects in the last few years.

Mr. Mace said that they have come a long way. They are hoping to get revenue from SSBIC and the conference room was intended to also be a revenue source by renting it to Government agencies for conferences and meetings .

Ms. Lomaintewa asked if the Tribal Council wants to do revenue, why is it not done, why is it taking so long.

Mr. Crane said the Council is doing the best they can for everyone.

Ms. Lomaintewa cannot get food stamps. Previously they were given food cards. She does utilize the pantry and thanks Ms. New Moon. Ms. Lomaintewa said she was feeling impacted right now. Things should have been done years ago. They should think about it.

The Council already gave money to the tribe in payments.

Ms. Lomaintewa discussed her COVID situation.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-06-2023 Tribal Council Chairperson's Stipend Revision with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 2 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 2 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-06-2023 enacted at 5:30 pm.**

### **Finance Report by Daniel Howard**

Mr. Howard passed out the monthly grant status report and the budget reports. He is working with Ms. New Moon to straighten out one grant. Closed out NRD grants for Funds 122 and 132. The final report was submitted for Fund 122., NFWF Trout Assessment with a Final invoice of \$70,261.87. The final invoice for 2022 was submitted for Fund 132 in the amount of \$82,300 to Great Basin Land and Water.

The Finance Clerk is helping a lot with accounts payable and straightening things out and there has been great improvement there. She is also working as Liaison with the

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venders. She has been stepping when needed.

Mr. Howard found the paperwork for ELOC for the Housing grant. There is some paperwork that is need to be filled and will be done the following week.

He will do on-line training on March 22, 2023 for the MIP accounting system.

ARPA-He found questionable payments coded to 157 Sick time for NRD employees and 8020 Council Stipend which should be paid from somewhere else. He looked at what adjustments to make to add back to 157. This is an adjustment of an additional \$42,980 for Fund 157. After obligations, \$1.8 million, the housing set aside was decreased. These adjustments can be made, but it needs to be determined to make the adjustment and where to move the adjustments to. This means \$1.812 to \$1.85 million is left in Fund 157

Council stipends for a couple ARPA specific meetings should come out of ARPA. Regarding the sick pay, no one seems to know anything about it but since they were 2021 and the audit is done and closed, they will need to stay in ARPA. The Audit is closed.

Resolution SL-06-2023 resolves the issues from Resolutions SL-38-2022, SL-39-2022. It is retroactive. Mr. Howard is thankful for the clarification.

Changes were made in a couple of NRD grants to move funds.

In looking at the numbers in ARPA, it does not look they can consider the LIHTC proposal. They could try to get loans, but probably not enough. Since the membership numbers have doubled, they may be able to apply for IHBG, but it is a competitive grant.

Mindy Elliott called with good news. SSBCI application has been accepted and there is more funding available for Technical Assistance to those who get loans. Mr. Howard can write a proposal to ask for funds.

Mr. Howard would like permission to attend the BIA Financial Workshop May 10-11, 2023 in Tempe, Arizona. The room is \$151 + tax per night and registration is \$695 per person. The deadline to register is April 14, 2023. It is the consensus of the Council for Mr. Howard to attend.

Late payments, non-payments and more issues are improving. Mr. Mace feels that Mr. Howard was making decisions to change the Articles which was causing problems. He should come to Mrs. Lone Eagle or the Council first to make the decisions. Ms. Crane is more concerned in the audit and that things need to be in order across the board.

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Mr. Howard feels they should expect findings due to the fact that there was no orientation from the previous Finance Director. She did not leave any documentation on information that she knew. Now that there is a Finance Clerk, checks will be on time. Ms. Crane said to not be afraid to share work.

Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that if there is an issue, please let her know first. Come to her directly to help with problems. The Finance Clerk should be given more things to do.

Ms. Crane asked how Jenn, Finance Clerk, is doing. They are working better together. She straightened the files and is learning and setting up a clean process now.

Ms. New Moon left the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Mrs. Lone Eagle had a question for Mr. Howard regarding LICTF and the change in the balance. Regarding the change in LICTF, Mr. Howard will look into it but it looks like salary. Also, regarding Higher Education, there is not much there. There is a student who provided a new needs and analysis for another request for funds. \$1,721 may be the requested amount now. The student should reapply for next year when new funds come in since SLPT has not received the Higher Education funds for 2023 yet.

There was a question from Zoom. What does each Council member do-what are they responsible for?

Mrs. Lone Eagle is the Chairwoman and described her position and its duties which includes HR, Admin, Tribal Representatives, Personnel, Distribution of mail to Council. She is more visible and available for the membership in the office Monday through Friday.

Ms. Crane is the Vice-Chairwoman works along-side the Chairwoman. She attends meetings and events as requested by the Chairwoman. She signs checks on a weekly basis. She attends seminars and trainings.

Eugene Mace, Sr. is the Secretary/Treasurer who is to make sure money spent right and sent to the right places. He is responsible to questions things and to sign checks. And go to classes and do the politics of Council. He makes decisions and voting what he feels is right.

Philip Frank is a Council Member who is a natural resources observer and does the actual hiking etc. He is one of the Tribal Cultural Monitor.

Steven Crane is a Council Member and Tribal Cultural Monitor and reads about what is going on to know what is going on, to do the best job he can.

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Mrs. Long Eagle will write the student and the school that he will just need to re-apply next year as they are waiting for BIA funding of Higher Education.

Mr. Howard and Mrs. Lone Eagle talked with Marilyn Bittisillie, the BIA Award Officer and resubmitted the CTPG budget after fixing it. Marlys did mention that the budget Mrs. Lone Eagle and Mr. Howard submitted after making all the corrections, was \$600 over. They needed to ask for in the same amount as the received the previous year 2022 or \$152,403. They also had to use the EIN or UEI number.

There is another member asking about Higher Education. Mrs. Lone Eagle will handle that.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Delgadina Gonzalez said that Celina Gonzalez's daughter is the NUI first runner up Pow Wow Princess. She spoke and sang in Paiute. She is going to run for the UNR Pow Woo Princess April 1, 2023. Ms. Gonzalez has raffle tickets for sale.

### **Next Meeting:**

- Regular Council meeting Saturday, April 15, 2023 at Administrative Office-2255 Green Vista Dr Suite 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am. Meetings are on the third Saturday of each month.

**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 6:19 pm.**

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 18, 2023 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 15, 2023 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

**\_\_ - FOR \_\_ - AGAINST \_\_ -ABSTAINING**, Chairwoman Randi DeSoto 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