CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Monday, May 17, 2021 to order at 2:15 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: Linda Quinn, Finance Director and Alissa Marshall, Enrollment Coordinator

GUESTS: Chairwoman from Lovelock Paiute Tribe, and Thalia Dick and Melissa Eller, Election Committee Members

The Oath of Office was conducted outside as a precaution due to possible exposure of the Chairwoman of the Lovelock Tribe. When the Council is came indoors, they set the following positions:

Chairwoman                  Randi Lone Eagle
Vice-Chairwoman             Nedra Crane
Secretary/Treasurer         Eugene Mace, Sr.
Council Member              Philip Frank
Council Member              Steven Crane

A letter will go out to all the participating agencies announcing the results of the SLPT Election information for the 2021-2024 Council members. It will also be posted in the Administrative Office.

New Business

Liaison Assignments: These are Liaisons for Higher Education, Enrollment, ICWA,

Vice-Chairwoman Crane for Enrollment With the Enrollment Committee
Chairwoman Lone Eagle for ICWA
Vice-Chairwoman Crane for Higher Education

OPEN FORUM

Ms. Quinn and Ms. Marshall had documents for Ms. Lone Eagle to sign.

Ms. Marshall corrected an earlier statement from the May 15, 2021 meeting and stated that the membership was currently at 176 members. She has a resolution which needs a correction and thus will be tabled until the next meeting.
Ms. Lone Eagle read a communication from the EPA Region 9 office stating that the Pala Band Mission Indians and the US Environmental Protection Agency will be the co-host of the 2021 Tribal EPA Region 9 Annual Conference. It is for Tribal Environmental professionals from California and Nevada. They will share their work. The conference will be October 18, 2021 through October 22, 2021 at Harrah’s Lake Tahoe Hotel and Casino as well as online through Et AL Sullivan’s virtual conferencing platform. They are requesting sponsorships. This will be given to Ms. Youmans as this concerns the NRD department.

The Recommendations and report of the Election Committee

Ms. Eller presented the 2021 Post-Election Report as prepared by the Election Committee on Monday, May 17, 2021. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe 2021 General Elections were held on Saturday, May 15, 2021 at the SLPT Reservation. The committee arrived at approximately 8:50 am. The set up the building for the election as required. At the time of the election there were 110 members over the age of 21. Of the 110, five members were not eligible to vote. Of the ineligible members, two requested ballots to vote and were sent letters as to the reasons why they could not vote. One person tried to vote in person and was not allowed.

The 2021 Election Committee was comprised of two Tribal members. Thalia Dick served as the Committee Chair and Melissa Eller serving as Secretary. Claudia Castaneda, a non-member also served on the committee. There was a total of nine requests to serve on Council. Seven were accepted who met all the requirements; Eugene Mace, Jr., Philip Frank, Steven Crane, Nedra Crane, Randi Lone Eagle, William Cowen and Bonnie Barlese. The two not accepted were Jerri Lynn Barlese and Lorraine Watson. There was a total of 22 absentee ballots requested which were mailed out on April 5, 2021. There were 12 Tribal members who voted in person on the SLPT Reservation on May 15, 2021. A total of 34 ballots were cast; 33 were good and one was spoiled.

Ms. Eller read the timeline and activities of the Election Committee. The initial meeting was November 21, 2021 at a Regular Council meeting. The Election Committee member present was Melissa Eller and absent were Thalia Dick and Chanell Barlese. The timeline ends with Ms. Eller’s Post-Election report.

The Election Committee recommends a review of the Election Code. It should be reviewed and updated prior to the next election. Any and all questions concerning the Election should be referred to the Election Committee, not handled by staff. All mailing of Election materials should be handled by the Election committee and mail dropped of separately from the Tribal office mail. Registration signature forms should also include a place for the members to request a ballot to eliminate some confusion. Ms. Lone Eagle
agrees that this should be revamped. The ordinance must also be referenced in any changes.

It was a rewarding experience to work on the 2021 Election. It was really a team effort to see it through. Ms. Eller thanked the SLPT staff who helped whenever asked. It was a pleasure to serve and reach a successful end.

The Council expressed their thanks to the ladies of the Election Committee.

Ms. Dick had nothing to add and thanked the Council for the trip to the Reservation.

MEETINGS

Saturday, June 19, 2021 for the Regular Council meeting at 8:00 am.

Wednesday, May 19, 2021 for interviews for Finance Clerk starting at 5:30 pm.

Thursday, May 27, 2021 Special Meeting with NRD at 5:30 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the May 17, 2021 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting June 19, 2021 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

7-6/2021
Date

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