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Staff Reports

Natural Resources Department (NRD) Report by Natural Resources Director Rachael Youmans

Ms. Youmans passed her report to the Council.

The highpoints:

Natural Resources Department has been very busy.

Ms. Youmans is trying to hire people. A Biologist 3 and two other Biologists have been hired but the candidate for Technician did not call back. There has been no interest in the Maintenance Worker position and has been posted to the public.

As of March 16, 2019 it is still snowing at the Reservation. There is 43" at the SnoTel which it the highest since it was installed.

Soldier Meadows road was washed out but is not fixed. They tried to go up to the Reservation but were stopped by snow drifts.

There is a tentative official acceptance of the EPA GAP program grant. A new requirement for the grant is that the Tribe must have a Tribal environmental plan. The first round of the grant is providing money to do this since it has been a while since the Tribe has this grant and the requirement was put in place when the Tribe did not have the funding to comply.

Three employees attended a training put on by NDOW and USGS for sage grouse capture techniques.

The staff has been working on data on mainly population data for fish and sage grouse.

There are three employees at Wilderness First Aid training this weekend. Three more employees will go to training in three weeks.

Discussion Topics:

Harvest Limits for both fish and birds

Lahontan Cutthroat trout: The NRD has been gathering info via catching and tagging of fish and then finding them again by either re-catching the fish or scanning their tags at a stationary reader. The NRD is using science to estimate the population size. Their ability to more accurately estimate the population increases over time as more data is collected. The population has been in decline for several years and the most recent data does not show an increase in the population, but it does not show further decrease. This information should be used very cautiously.

The past decline could be contributed to 1) Drought, where not as many babies were able to get back (recruitment) to the lake to grow; 2) Reed canary grass in the stream channel. It is possible this year to have flooding with the quick melting of snow or a slow snow melting for a constant steady flow of water in the stream.

Ms. Youmans recommends the same harvest limits as last year: three fish per adult and one fish per youth member.

She would like an updated mailing list and to be kept current with the available incoming information so that there is one source. Ms. Quinn stated this is already being done.

Mr. Mace asked about the 2011 flood. Ms. Youmans was not aware of any noxious weeds at the time. It is not the same vegetation on the banks. She will need to check this.

As of March 14, 2019 SLPT was awarded funds for model 108; CTGP for Roads, Range, Fisheries and Higher Education from the BIA; 2019 638 funds. It will be prepared for Ms. DeSoto to sign.

Ms. DeSoto asked about the extension of funds 101 to 105. Ms. Quinn said that the new funding proposal was acknowledged on December 20, 2018. A decision is to be made within 90 days. BIA's time is up on March 20, 2019. Nothing else has been received. The revision to the 2018 extensions was also sent to the BIA and there has been no reply. Ms. DeSoto asked Ms. Quinn to follow-up with the BIA and to let them know what SLPT believes is the deadline for decisions on these items and to copy Ms. Youmans and herself.

Sage Grouse Population

Ms. Youmans explained how and where NRD gathers data on population of the birds. They defined an area for data collections or a management area. This is for birds with radio collars. The area is the known bird locations and a circle with a ten mile radius out from the center of the lake on the reservation.

The sage grouse population is declining. NDOW says it is happening across the range. The sagebrush health is not good. Some areas are dying out. This can affect the birds and other animals which eat the sagebrush. NDOW closed the area east of the reservation to hunting last year. The mule deer have also been affected as they are also sagebrush eaters.

Ms. Youmans' recommendation is that there is no sage grouse harvest this year. She understands it is traditional for the Tribal Members to hunt and if that is desired, a lottery system could be put into place. This would allow a total of eight birds to be harvested. Ms. Youmans hopes to convene a Tribal committee later in the year to discuss this and get input.

The Council decided to keep the harvest the same as last year and have no harvest.

- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the prohibition of sage grouse hunting in 2019. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 9:29 am.
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Executive session concluded at 9:47 am.

The Natural Resources Department report concluded at 10:15 am.

The Council meeting resumed at 9:55 am.

Financial Report by Ms. Linda Quinn, Finance Director

The BIA 2019 funding has new contract numbers for five programs. Ms. Quinn is

concerned about the amount and that they do not have the normal wording. Ms. Quinn will follow up with Marilyn Bitisillie.

Budget Reports: Ms. Quinn explained the budget. Ms. Youmans is working to spend down the NRD projects. Ms. Quinn and Ms. Youmans are working together to clarify the BIA funding issues with the BIA.

Webinar: Ms. Quinn and Ms. Komar listened to the Indian Loan Program on Section 184 loans. It was interesting and informative

There was a discussion on loans for a new building and how to pay for it. Ms. Quinn will send a letter to the BIA asking for a written response on whether the BIA would fund a mortgage payment. Ms. DeSoto stated that she is not comfortable with loans. She feels the Tribe is going in the right direction.

ELOCCS: A new password has been received for the Housing Manager. The paperwork is ready for Ms. DeSoto to sign to authorize Ms. New Moon to use ELOCCS.

The 2018 Annual Performance Report was posted in the lobby. \$17,879 was spend for Planning and Administration. Ms Quinn reviewed the description of accomplishments in 2018. It is ready for Council's signature then on to HUD. Wayne Johnson with HUD reviewed it and stated that it looked good.

Forms: Please do not fill-in the dates for a Council Member signature. There should be no pre-dating. Just leave it blank.

Travel signatures are due before any traveling. Please keep the receipts.

The 2019 APR will be completed online. Ms. New Moon has access. Hopefully the report for 2019 will show allocation progress.

Indian Block Grants: Planning and Administration is not to exceed 30% of the annual funding. Ms. New Moon's time needs to be tracked per each program. Time management is necessary for proper HUD accounting.

Nevada - California Indian Housing Association was sent a check. The post office sent it back due to addressee was wrong. The check was voided. It is free to join NV/CA IHA since SLPT is a minimally funded Tribe. The dues were requested in error. There is a meeting on March 19, 2019 in Pala Casino, California. There will be one in Nevada this coming summer. Ms. Quinn recommended that Ms. New Moon attend. Ms. Quinn found the one she attended to be very informative and gained many new contacts.

Ms. Quinn is writing a letter to Patricia Gomez, HUD Program Specialist, introducing Ms. New Moon as the new Housing Manager.

NAHASDA has an Intermediate training. Ms. Quinn highly recommends that Ms. New Moon should attend in the future because it is very informative. There is training in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 9, 2019 to April 11, 2019.

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The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:36 am.

The Financial Report concluded.

Ms. DeSoto said that Tribal Members are still asking about RAMAH money and if there will be any more payouts. It was agreed by Council that there was not enough for a payout and that it will be held for a new building.

Housing Coordinator Report by Austin New Moon

Ms. New Moon stated she was new and started on February 19, 2019. She is reading the Policy and Procedures. Ms. New Moon has looked at the current Housing applications.

She has created new or edited forms and tools:

- A new application form
- Forms of validation
- A check-list for internal use for items needed for application which auto populates
- Inspection forms use the HUD forms
- Tool Kit for rental assistance for renters

The Council was asked to review them and comment.

Ms. New Moon has also been working on a Down Payment Assistance and Closing Cost Assistance Tool Kit. There is an awesome Native American Home Ownership counseling workshop.

She attended a housing counseling webinar. There is another one on March 28, 2019. Mr. Crane would like to attend. She did the 184 Lending and Navigating through the HUD exchange. There was a discussion of upcoming webinars and training the Ms. New Moon she is planning to attend including the Nevada-California Housing Association meeting.

Ms. Crane asked about helping the out-of-state members. Ms. New Moon says it will be a case-by-case decision. Ms. DeSoto explained that SLPT is not ready to except applications until everything is approved. Once approved the Housing program policies

and procedures will be online for reading. Housing binder with the approved programs will hopefully be ready next week.

There may be a possible meeting with Bill Nibblelink to introduce Ms. New Moon and review/refresh the programs. The Council will need to make a formal request for assistance.

Ms. New Moon stated that she had a good relationship with the Reno-Sparks Tribe and would like to spend time shadowing them and the Pyramid Lake Housing departments.

Once the programs go into effect, Ms. New Moon would like to stay with the initial wait list for the first round.

Ms. New Moon is working on Financial and Credit Counselling to give with the Down Payment program to help people. There will also be training for Tribal Members and even other Tribes which could make some money. Housing Department needs to train the younger people. Everyone thought it would be a good idea.

Ms. New Moon state that she was excited.

The Housing Coordinator report concluded.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be April 20, 2019. There may be a possible Special meeting to approve and pass resolutions.

Ms. Crane will be taking ICWA training and Mr. Frank and Mr. Crane will be training for certificates for monitoring environmental surveys on March 25 and 26, 2019.

There will be a Special Council Meeting on March 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm regarding HUD policies and procedures and forms. This will be billed to HUD Planning and Administration.

Tribal Coordinator report by Donna Komar

IT Support – Ms. Komar is very happy with them.

- Conner from Digital Technologies has come in a couple times and assessed the IT needs. Their company is preparing a bid with suggestions.
 - The Server is the main issue and that will need to be replaced with an upgraded and larger system. The NR Video Library is extensive.
 - Router needs to be upgraded.
 - Ms. New Moon's computer needs to be replaced and put on the Server
 - Home Windows packages were purchased and they need to by business packages.

- Laptops will be purchased for NRD
- The advice is to use offsite cloud account to back-up the system

Enrollment Coordinator –

 Claudia would like to start volunteering for SLPT as soon as possible and be hired later when her recent personal issue is over. Ms. Crane is not comfortable with this. Ms. DeSoto would like to talk to Claudia first.

Secretarial Election 2019

- Flyer completed mail out with newsletter
- Newsletter completed Approval to send out was requested. Ms. Komar read through the newsletter. There was a discussion about the wording of the article about the change in the Articles of Association. "Lineal descendance of persons in the above categories" was the decided wording for C. The Council gave permission to send out the newsletter and flyers.
- Secretarial Election Committee flyer and Enrollment Committee flyers will go out with the newsletter.

Trainings for 2019-

- Progeny Training can only be done Mon Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please provide direction. The company is under new management.
- Ms. Crane is setup for ICWA Seminar in March
- Mr. Frank and Mr. Crane are setup for Monitoring Certification in March

Employee Handbook/Personnel Manual-

- Exempt vs Non-Exempt
- Comp Time
- Hourly vs Salary
- Employee Action Notice Form Ms. Komar read and explained the employee categories. Ms. DeSoto asked for training on how to fill it out.

Other Information-

Ten Line Phone System purchased. Anything larger at this location cannot be done due to infrastructure. It can only support ten phones lines. The building cannot handle anymore because of the building's wiring.

- Higher Education packet returned by student Please review
- Letter went out to a former Tribal Member Explaining what Relinquished means.

- Enrollment of Tribal Member This application needs research and review.
- Enrollment: There are applications for minor children

Council Mail-

- US Census Information packet and Boundary needs Ms. Komar asked who to take this project; her or Enrollment
- Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge fixing the barn area. Ms. Youmans said to just file it.

The Tribal Coordinator report is to be continued.

Chairwoman DeSoto called a lunch break at 12:04 pm to return at 1:00 pm.

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BLM Consultation

Mark Hall stated that the topics of discussion were updates on Burning Man, a follow-up on Soldier Meadows and Balthazar.

Burning Man:

BLM issued four non-compliances. Two were resolved and two are being appealed.

- Field and fuel storage violation and also that an Army Corp of Engineer permit is required.
- They are required to report alleged sexual assaults, which they did not do.
 Pershing County Sheriff's department also wrote letter of warning of the potential arrest of some of the board members. They are appealing this.
- Air zone violations by not giving out the airport number in a timely fashion
- Other reporting requirements not filed in a timely fashion

The BLM takes the permit and its terms very seriously.

At 12:01 am March 16, 2019 the environmental impact of Burning Man came out. Mr. Hall brought a copy. The thin part is the major body of 150 pages. The bigger section is the Chapter-Index with the proposed mitigations.

The BLM is proposing the following: A phase closure area. This is less of an area so others can move through the area. Transiting through the closure is okay but there should be no stopping in the closure area. People do not have the authority to stop other than before two weeks prior or two weeks after the festival. There will be meetings to discuss Burning Man at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada on April 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm and in Lovelock, Nevada at 5:00 pm on April 9, 2019. The BLM would like written comments by April 29, 2019 but can still talk about it after that.

The 747 jet is sitting on a private parcel. The owner is on notice. He is responsible for damage, reseeding the dune field he traveled through. It is becoming a tourist attraction so he is also responsible for fencing it.

Tickets to Burning Man: Getting tickets for Burning Man is between the Tribe and Burning Man. Pyramid Lake is not happy with their arrangement.

BLM did an economy impact report of the effects on Pyramid Lake Tribe which shows it is losing money.

Burning Man money flows:

Burning Man would like 100,000 attendees which would bring in \$160 million to the local economy. If the event stays at 80,000 it brings in \$80 million. BLM is looking at a 50,000 population for a smaller event as commented on by several sources. 100,000 people cause major implications for public agencies especially the BLM in terms of having enough employees to handle the influx of people. If there are any questions, give Mr. Hall a call.

Ms. Rehberg reported on the Balthazar Geothermal project.

They are doing baseline studies. The facilities have been moved across the road. The powerline has also been moved along Route 140 with power by Harney Electric. There is no concrete proposal on the project. There is one hole drilled but it was not hot enough. It is very preliminary. They have not found a reliable resource. If the Tribe would like to see it, they can probably do it after the May meeting at the lake.

Ms. Youmans asked about the cow issue. Mr. Hall explained that a Range Tech was sent up to Soldier Meadows on November 20, 2018. Having cows there should have not have happened since that pasture was closed to grazing. The BLM tried to work with BTAZ but was not happy with the slow response. Mr. Hall has been talking to the Ranch Boss and is aware that he is talking to the Tribe. Ms. Youmans said that they primarily talk about the

physical conditions (snow/road wash outs, etc.). The bulk of the MOU is between the Tribe and BTAZ. BLM can be the "broker' or third party. The cows have been on the Tribe's side of the fence. Sam has been notified that they have fallen out of Mr. Hall's good graces; that he needed to get everything rounded up and put where it belongs, and made him aware of the three-party agreement about the fence. He was also informed that Garrett Schwitzer is now the Range Specialist and is also the wild horse and burro man.

Mr. Hall told Mr. Crane that while the BLM cannot do anything about the cows ending up on the reservation, once they are on the Reservation it is up to the Tribe. From what they understand from their solicitors, that if the Tribe decides to have a BBQ one weekend; that is up to the Tribe. The policy is that if five cows or more are found where are not supposed to be when the Range Tech gets there, there will be a trespass issued. Mr. Hall said the road to Soldier Meadows has been fixed. Ms. Youmans stated that there was a large snow drift on the south access to the reservation.

Ms. DeSoto feels there should be a meeting with BTAZ, the BLM and the Tribe. It is time. Ms. Youmans agrees. She thinks it should be at the Administrative Office.

Mr. Hall reported that the road was marginally fixed. There is a need to fix culverts, to clean the culverts and side ditches out.

Ms. Youmans stated that this year the National Highway Administration submissions are closed but that the NRD should start talking and doing NEPA. Soldier Meadows is a county road. Ben Garrett is retiring.

Ms. McCullough, District Manager, asked what the Tribe would like in terms of attending meetings. It has been very open. It was stated that May's meeting will be at the Reservation and usually both the Winnemucca and Applegate BLM offices attend. Ms. McCullough wants to serve the Tribe.

Mr. Hall would like to be on the agenda for the April 20, 2019 meeting at 2:00 pm.

Ms. Youmans will make comments on the environmental impact statement and send them to Council before the April 20, 2019 meeting.

The BLM Consultation concluded and the three BLM guests left the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Tribal Coordinator Report continued:

Ms. Komar just wants to update the Employee Action Notice. Ms. Youmans agrees but feels that the policy should be updated at the same time. Ms. DeSoto said it made sense but it will be time consuming. Ms. Komar will continue to work on the Personnel manual, but is concerned about getting in trouble. The change could affect the budget. It should be hourly with non-exempt but with overtime prohibited unless pre-approved in writing.

Ms. Komar will ask for a meeting just on this subject. There was a discussion of what salary means. The old forms can be used if filled out correctly.

Ms. DeSoto asked Ms. Quinn for copies of all the action forms.

Chairwoman DeSoto called a break at 2:35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:46 pm.

A Higher Education application was received. They requested \$11,090. The application is incomplete. A letter will be sent letting them know the request for Higher Education funding is pending their grades and a letter.

A letter will be sent to a relinquished former member that per policy, they will not be able to apply for membership again.

Enrollment: There are nine applicants for membership. Letters will be sent stating the receipt of the newer applications and the decision is pending. There will need to be meeting to review them.

A letter was received from someone interested in the Secretarial Election Committee.

There is a need for meetings for Enrollment, grazing and Policy and Procedures.

Ms. DeSoto called the vote to give Ms. Crane approval to go to training on April 23, 2019 and April 24, 2019 for the ICWA Mid-year Tribal Conference. The vote was 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTANED. Approval was given at 3:33 pm.

Ms. DeSoto asked people to please inform her of things they want to discuss to be put on the agenda. Also, please prepare any paperwork if a vote is required.

In response to a phone request for a land assignment, Ms. DeSoto read the ordinance policy. There was a discussion of a former land assignment question.

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Harney Electric is asking for an authorized voting person. Ms. DeSoto signed.

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Minutes

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CERTIFICATION

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Council Member Steve Crane stated he attended the two interview sessions for the NRD and the February 27, 2019 meeting with the BIA. He is attending training for Monitoring Cultural and Environmental Certification as well. He is doing his homework.

Staff Reports

Natural Resources Department (NRD) Report by Natural Resources Director Rachael Youmans

Ms. Youmans passed her report to the Council.

The highpoints:

Natural Resources Department has been very busy.

Ms. Youmans is trying to hire people. A Biologist 3 and two other Biologists have been hired but the candidate for Technician did not call back. There has been no interest in the Maintenance Worker position and has been posted to the public.

As of March 16, 2019 it is still snowing at the Reservation. There is 43" at the SnoTel which it the highest since it was installed.

Soldier Meadows road was washed out but is not fixed. They tried to go up to the Reservation but were stopped by snow drifts.

There is a tentative official acceptance of the EPA GAP program grant. A new requirement for the grant is that the Tribe must have a Tribal environmental plan. The first round of the grant is providing money to do this since it has been a while since the Tribe has this grant and the requirement was put in place when the Tribe did not have the funding to comply.

Three employees attended a training put on by NDOW and USGS for sage grouse capture techniques.

The staff has been working on data on mainly population data for fish and sage grouse.

There are three employees at Wilderness First Aid training this weekend. Three more employees will go to training in three weeks.

Discussion Topics:

Harvest Limits for both fish and birds

Lahontan Cutthroat trout: The NRD has been gathering info via catching and tagging of fish and then finding them again by either re-catching the fish or scanning their tags at a stationary reader. The NRD is using science to estimate the population size. Their ability to more accurately estimate the population increases over time as more data is collected. The population has been in decline for several years and the most recent data does not show an increase in the population, but it does not show further decrease. This information should be used very cautiously.

The past decline could be contributed to 1) Drought, where not as many babies were able to get back (recruitment) to the lake to grow; 2) Reed canary grass in the stream channel. It is possible this year to have flooding with the quick melting of snow or a slow snow melting for a constant steady flow of water in the stream.

Ms. Youmans recommends the same harvest limits as last year: three fish per adult and one fish per youth member.

She would like an updated mailing list and to be kept current with the available incoming information so that there is one source. Ms. Quinn stated this is already being done.

Mr. Mace asked about the 2011 flood. Ms. Youmans was not aware of any noxious weeds at the time. It is not the same vegetation on the banks. She will need to check this.

As of March 14, 2019 SLPT was awarded funds for model 108; CTGP for Roads, Range, Fisheries and Higher Education from the BIA; 2019 638 funds. It will be prepared for Ms. DeSoto to sign.

Ms. DeSoto asked about the extension of funds 101 to 105. Ms. Quinn said that the new funding proposal was acknowledged on December 20, 2018. A decision is to be made within 90 days. BIA's time is up on March 20, 2019. Nothing else has been received. The revision to the 2018 extensions was also sent to the BIA and there has been no reply. Ms. DeSoto asked Ms. Quinn to follow-up with the BIA and to let them know what SLPT believes is the deadline for decisions on these items and to copy Ms. Youmans and herself.

Sage Grouse Population

Ms. Youmans explained how and where NRD gathers data on population of the birds. They defined an area for data collections or a management area. This is for birds with radio collars. The area is the known bird locations and a circle with a ten mile radius out from the center of the lake on the reservation.

The sage grouse population is declining. NDOW says it is happening across the range. The sagebrush health is not good. Some areas are dying out. This can affect the birds and other animals which eat the sagebrush. NDOW closed the area east of the reservation to hunting last year. The mule deer have also been affected as they are also sagebrush eaters.

Ms. Youmans' recommendation is that there is no sage grouse harvest this year. She understands it is traditional for the Tribal Members to hunt and if that is desired, a lottery system could be put into place. This would allow a total of eight birds to be harvested. Ms. Youmans hopes to convene a Tribal committee later in the year to discuss this and get input.

The Council decided to keep the harvest the same as last year and have no harvest.

- MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the prohibition of sage grouse hunting in 2019. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 9:29 am.
- MOTION: Council Member Philip Frank moved to approve the 2019 Harvest Limits of three fish per adult and one fish per youth. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 9:31 am.
- MOTION: Vice-Chairman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive session for 15 minutes for Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 9:32 am.

Executive session concluded at 9:47 am.

The Natural Resources Department report concluded at 10:15 am.

The Council meeting resumed at 9:55 am.

Financial Report by Ms. Linda Quinn, Finance Director

The BIA 2019 funding has new contract numbers for five programs. Ms. Quinn is

concerned about the amount and that they do not have the normal wording. Ms. Quinn will follow up with Marilyn Bitisillie.

Budget Reports: Ms. Quinn explained the budget. Ms. Youmans is working to spend down the NRD projects. Ms. Quinn and Ms. Youmans are working together to clarify the BIA funding issues with the BIA.

Webinar: Ms. Quinn and Ms. Komar listened to the Indian Loan Program on Section 184 loans. It was interesting and informative

There was a discussion on loans for a new building and how to pay for it. Ms. Quinn will send a letter to the BIA asking for a written response on whether the BIA would fund a mortgage payment. Ms. DeSoto stated that she is not comfortable with loans. She feels the Tribe is going in the right direction.

ELOCCS: A new password has been received for the Housing Manager. The paperwork is ready for Ms. DeSoto to sign to authorize Ms. New Moon to use ELOCCS.

The 2018 Annual Performance Report was posted in the lobby. \$17,879 was spend for Planning and Administration. Ms Quinn reviewed the description of accomplishments in 2018. It is ready for Council's signature then on to HUD. Wayne Johnson with HUD reviewed it and stated that it looked good.

Forms: Please do not fill-in the dates for a Council Member signature. There should be no pre-dating. Just leave it blank.

Travel signatures are due before any traveling. Please keep the receipts.

The 2019 APR will be completed online. Ms. New Moon has access. Hopefully the report for 2019 will show allocation progress.

Indian Block Grants: Planning and Administration is not to exceed 30% of the annual funding. Ms. New Moon's time needs to be tracked per each program. Time management is necessary for proper HUD accounting.

Nevada - California Indian Housing Association was sent a check. The post office sent it back due to addressee was wrong. The check was voided. It is free to join NV/CA IHA since SLPT is a minimally funded Tribe. The dues were requested in error. There is a meeting on March 19, 2019 in Pala Casino, California. There will be one in Nevada this coming summer. Ms. Quinn recommended that Ms. New Moon attend. Ms. Quinn found the one she attended to be very informative and gained many new contacts.

Ms. Quinn is writing a letter to Patricia Gomez, HUD Program Specialist, introducing Ms. New Moon as the new Housing Manager.

NAHASDA has an Intermediate training. Ms. Quinn highly recommends that Ms. New Moon should attend in the future because it is very informative. There is training in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 9, 2019 to April 11, 2019.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for five minutes for Personnel. Council Member Phillip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote. 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 10:32 am.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:36 am.

The Financial Report concluded.

Ms. DeSoto said that Tribal Members are still asking about RAMAH money and if there will be any more payouts. It was agreed by Council that there was not enough for a payout and that it will be held for a new building.

Housing Coordinator Report by Austin New Moon

Ms. New Moon stated she was new and started on February 19, 2019. She is reading the Policy and Procedures. Ms. New Moon has looked at the current Housing applications.

She has created new or edited forms and tools:

- A new application form
- Forms of validation
- A check-list for internal use for items needed for application which auto populates
- Inspection forms use the HUD forms
- Tool Kit for rental assistance for renters

The Council was asked to review them and comment.

Ms. New Moon has also been working on a Down Payment Assistance and Closing Cost Assistance Tool Kit. There is an awesome Native American Home Ownership counseling workshop.

She attended a housing counseling webinar. There is another one on March 28, 2019. Mr. Crane would like to attend. She did the 184 Lending and Navigating through the HUD exchange. There was a discussion of upcoming webinars and training the Ms. New Moon she is planning to attend including the Nevada-California Housing Association meeting.

Ms. Crane asked about helping the out-of-state members. Ms. New Moon says it will be a case-by-case decision. Ms. DeSoto explained that SLPT is not ready to except applications until everything is approved. Once approved the Housing program policies

and procedures will be online for reading. Housing binder with the approved programs will hopefully be ready next week.

There may be a possible meeting with Bill Nibblelink to introduce Ms. New Moon and review/refresh the programs. The Council will need to make a formal request for assistance.

Ms. New Moon stated that she had a good relationship with the Reno-Sparks Tribe and would like to spend time shadowing them and the Pyramid Lake Housing departments.

Once the programs go into effect, Ms. New Moon would like to stay with the initial wait list for the first round.

Ms. New Moon is working on Financial and Credit Counselling to give with the Down Payment program to help people. There will also be training for Tribal Members and even other Tribes which could make some money. Housing Department needs to train the younger people. Everyone thought it would be a good idea.

Ms. New Moon state that she was excited.

The Housing Coordinator report concluded.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be April 20, 2019. There may be a possible Special meeting to approve and pass resolutions.

Ms. Crane will be taking ICWA training and Mr. Frank and Mr. Crane will be training for certificates for monitoring environmental surveys on March 25 and 26, 2019.

There will be a Special Council Meeting on March 22, 2019 at 5:00 pm regarding HUD policies and procedures and forms. This will be billed to HUD Planning and Administration.

Tribal Coordinator report by Donna Komar

IT Support – Ms. Komar is very happy with them.

- Conner from Digital Technologies has come in a couple times and assessed the IT needs. Their company is preparing a bid with suggestions.
 - The Server is the main issue and that will need to be replaced with an upgraded and larger system. The NR Video Library is extensive.
 - Router needs to be upgraded.
 - Ms. New Moon's computer needs to be replaced and put on the Server
 - Home Windows packages were purchased and they need to by business packages.

- Laptops will be purchased for NRD
- The advice is to use offsite cloud account to back-up the system

Enrollment Coordinator –

• Claudia would like to start volunteering for SLPT as soon as possible and be hired later when her recent personal issue is over. Ms. Crane is not comfortable with this. Ms. DeSoto would like to talk to Claudia first.

Secretarial Election 2019

- Flyer completed mail out with newsletter
- Newsletter completed Approval to send out was requested. Ms. Komar read through the newsletter. There was a discussion about the wording of the article about the change in the Articles of Association. "Lineal descendance of persons in the above categories" was the decided wording for C. The Council gave permission to send out the newsletter and flyers.
- Secretarial Election Committee flyer and Enrollment Committee flyers will go out with the newsletter.

Trainings for 2019-

- Progeny Training can only be done Mon Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Please provide direction. The company is under new management.
- Ms. Crane is setup for ICWA Seminar in March
- Mr. Frank and Mr. Crane are setup for Monitoring Certification in March

Employee Handbook/Personnel Manual-

- Exempt vs Non-Exempt
- Comp Time
- Hourly vs Salary
- Employee Action Notice Form Ms. Komar read and explained the employee categories. Ms. DeSoto asked for training on how to fill it out.

Other Information-

Ten Line Phone System purchased. Anything larger at this location cannot be done due to infrastructure. It can only support ten phones lines. The building cannot handle anymore because of the building's wiring.

- Higher Education packet returned by student Please review
- Letter went out to a former Tribal Member Explaining what Relinquished means.

- Enrollment of Tribal Member This application needs research and review.
- Enrollment: There are applications for minor children

Council Mail-

- US Census Information packet and Boundary needs Ms. Komar asked who
 to take this project; her or Enrollment
- Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge fixing the barn area. Ms. Youmans said to just file it.

The Tribal Coordinator report is to be continued.

Chairwoman DeSoto called a lunch break at 12:04 pm to return at 1:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, March 16, 2019 back to order at 1:10 pm.

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

STAFF: Natural Resources Director, Rachael Youmans, Finance Director, Linda Quinn, Tribal Coordinator Donna Komar, Housing Coordinator Austin New Moon, and Contractor Anne Macko

GUESTS: Mark Hall, Kathleen Rehberg and Ester McCullough of the Winnemucca BLM

BLM Consultation

Mark Hall stated that the topics of discussion were updates on Burning Man, a follow-up on Soldier Meadows and Balthazar.

Burning Man:

BLM issued four non-compliances. Two were resolved and two are being appealed.

- Field and fuel storage violation and also that an Army Corp of Engineer permit is required.
- They are required to report alleged sexual assaults, which they did not do. Pershing County Sheriff's department also wrote letter of warning of the potential arrest of some of the board members. They are appealing this.
- Air zone violations by not giving out the airport number in a timely fashion
- Other reporting requirements not filed in a timely fashion.

The BLM takes the permit and its terms very seriously.

At 12:01 am March 16, 2019 the environmental impact of Burning Man came out. Mr. Hall brought a copy. The thin part is the major body of 150 pages. The bigger section is the Chapter-Index with the proposed mitigations.

The BLM is proposing the following: A phase closure area. This is less of an area so others can move through the area. Transiting through the closure is okay but there should be no stopping in the closure area. People do not have the authority to stop other than before two weeks prior or two weeks after the festival. There will be meetings to discuss Burning Man at the Nugget in Sparks, Nevada on April 8, 2019 at 5:00 pm and in Lovelock, Nevada at 5:00 pm on April 9, 2019. The BLM would like written comments by April 29, 2019 but can still talk about it after that.

The 747 jet is sitting on a private parcel. The owner is on notice. He is responsible for damage, reseeding the dune field he traveled through. It is becoming a tourist attraction so he is also responsible for fencing it.

Tickets to Burning Man: Getting tickets for Burning Man is between the Tribe and Burning Man. Pyramid Lake is not happy with their arrangement.

BLM did an economy impact report of the effects on Pyramid Lake Tribe which shows it is losing money.

Burning Man money flows:

Burning Man would like 100,000 attendees which would bring in \$160 million to the local economy. If the event stays at 80,000 it brings in \$80 million. BLM is looking at a 50,000 population for a smaller event as commented on by several sources. 100,000 people cause major implications for public agencies especially the BLM in terms of having enough employees to handle the influx of people. If there are any questions, give Mr. Hall a call.

Ms. Rehberg reported on the Balthazar Geothermal project.

They are doing baseline studies. The facilities have been moved across the road. The powerline has also been moved along Route 140 with power by Harney Electric. There is no concrete proposal on the project. There is one hole drilled but it was not hot enough. It is very preliminary. They have not found a reliable resource. If the Tribe would like to see it, they can probably do it after the May meeting at the lake.

Ms. Youmans asked about the cow issue. Mr. Hall explained that a Range Tech was sent up to Soldier Meadows on November 20, 2018. Having cows there should have not have happened since that pasture was closed to grazing. The BLM tried to work with BTAZ but was not happy with the slow response. Mr. Hall has been talking to the Ranch Boss and is aware that he is talking to the Tribe. Ms. Youmans said that they primarily talk about the

physical conditions (snow/road wash outs, etc.). The bulk of the MOU is between the Tribe and BTAZ. BLM can be the "broker' or third party. The cows have been on the Tribe's side of the fence. Sam has been notified that they have fallen out of Mr. Hall's good graces; that he needed to get everything rounded up and put where it belongs, and made him aware of the three-party agreement about the fence. He was also informed that Garrett Schwitzer is now the Range Specialist and is also the wild horse and burro man.

Mr. Hall told Mr. Crane that while the BLM cannot do anything about the cows ending up on the reservation, once they are on the Reservation it is up to the Tribe. From what they understand from their solicitors, that if the Tribe decides to have a BBQ one weekend; that is up to the Tribe. The policy is that if five cows or more are found where are not supposed to be when the Range Tech gets there, there will be a trespass issued. Mr. Hall said the road to Soldier Meadows has been fixed. Ms. Youmans stated that there was a large snow drift on the south access to the reservation.

Ms. DeSoto feels there should be a meeting with BTAZ, the BLM and the Tribe. It is time. Ms. Youmans agrees. She thinks it should be at the Administrative Office.

Mr. Hall reported that the road was marginally fixed. There is a need to fix culverts, to clean the culverts and side ditches out.

Ms. Youmans stated that this year the National Highway Administration submissions are closed but that the NRD should start talking and doing NEPA. Soldier Meadows is a county road. Ben Garrett is retiring.

Ms. McCullough, District Manager, asked what the Tribe would like in terms of attending meetings. It has been very open. It was stated that May's meeting will be at the Reservation and usually both the Winnemucca and Applegate BLM offices attend. Ms. McCullough wants to serve the Tribe.

Mr. Hall would like to be on the agenda for the April 20, 2019 meeting at 2:00 pm.

Ms. Youmans will make comments on the environmental impact statement and send them to Council before the April 20, 2019 meeting.

The BLM Consultation concluded and the three BLM guests left the meeting at 2:05 pm.

Tribal Coordinator Report continued:

Ms. Komar just wants to update the Employee Action Notice. Ms. Youmans agrees but feels that the policy should be updated at the same time. Ms. DeSoto said it made sense but it will be time consuming. Ms. Komar will continue to work on the Personnel manual, but is concerned about getting in trouble. The change could affect the budget. It should be hourly with non-exempt but with overtime prohibited unless pre-approved in writing.

Ms. Komar will ask for a meeting just on this subject. There was a discussion of what salary means. The old forms can be used if filled out correctly.

Ms. DeSoto asked Ms. Quinn for copies of all the action forms.

Chairwoman DeSoto called a break at 2:35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 2:46 pm.

A Higher Education application was received. They requested \$11,090. The application is incomplete. A letter will be sent letting them know the request for Higher Education funding is pending their grades and a letter.

A letter will be sent to a relinquished former member that per policy, they will not be able to apply for membership again.

Enrollment: There are nine applicants for membership. Letters will be sent stating the receipt of the newer applications and the decision is pending. There will need to be meeting to review them.

A letter was received from someone interested in the Secretarial Election Committee.

There is a need for meetings for Enrollment, grazing and Policy and Procedures.

Ms. DeSoto called the vote to give Ms. Crane approval to go to training on April 23, 2019 and April 24, 2019 for the ICWA Mid-year Tribal Conference. The vote was 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTANED. Approval was given at 3:33 pm.

Ms. DeSoto asked people to please inform her of things they want to discuss to be put on the agenda. Also, please prepare any paperwork if a vote is required.

In response to a phone request for a land assignment, Ms. DeSoto read the ordinance policy. There was a discussion of a former land assignment question.

Ms. Komar discussed a new building. There was one found for \$750,000 with lots of parking. She thinks it is too expensive even though the realtor says this is on the low end.

Harney Electric is asking for an authorized voting person. Ms. DeSoto signed.

Next Regular meeting is April 20, 2019 at 8:00 am.

Minutes

MOTION: Council Member Phillip Frank move to accept and approve the Saturday, February 16, 2019 Regular Council meeting minutes with a waiving of the reading. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:11 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Phillip Frank move to accept and approve the Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Special Council meeting minutes with a waiving of the reading. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:12 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 4:14 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, <u>Eugene Mace, Sr.</u>, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 16, 2019 Regular Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 20, 2019 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: <u>4</u> - FOR <u>0</u> - AGAINST <u>0</u> - ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

04/29/2019 Date Eugene Mace, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer