

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, September 16, 2017
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the Regular Meeting of Saturday, September 16, 2017 to order at 8:10 am.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace called the roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, present; Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present (via phone); Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Thalia Dick, present.

STAFF: National Resources Director, William Cowan; Financial Director, Linda Quinn; and Contractor, Anne Macko.

REPORTS:

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an Agenda Change to hear the Staff reports before the Council Reports. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:11 am.

Natural Resources Department Report presented by William Cowan

Mr. Cowan asked for any questions on the report previously emailed to the Council.

Ms. Linton asked if the Voice Over Internet Phone (VOIP) will still go forward. Mr. Cowan explained that the satellite internet system was upgraded, but the requested VOIP feature was not in the work order and thus not installed. He is hoping the staff themselves can install this feature. They want phone service and voice messaging.

The Natural Resources Department (NRD) has been very busy working on the One Mile Spring restoration. Mr. Cowan appreciates the Council's flexibility in allowing him to move the NRD work session out.

Mr. Cowan had a discussion with the Fish and Wildlife Service about options with the IPA so that it could be factored into the discussion on the NRD. Also he explained to them the last year's challenges. They mentioned that they have a Facilitator under contract.

Mr. Cowan talked via email with the Facilitator; Chris Steimeross, Equal Employment Opportunity Counselor for the region for Fish and Wildlife. Mr. Cowan asked if the Council and Chairwoman would be willing to do a conflict intervention whether it is facilitation, mediation or team building. He believes it would be helpful. Mr. Cowan's IPA contract expires in February 2018 and if it is to be extended the Council needs to start working on it soon. Mr. Cowan and Assistant Natural Resources Department (NRD)

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Director Youmans will start by discussing a redesign of the department scheduling, living accommodations at the Lake, and some flexibility of rules.

Mr. Cowan will try to contact the Facilitator by September 25, 2017. He asked the Council if they believed it was a good thing. The session would likely last a full day.

Mr. Barr feels that it is a good tool and good for communications. The Chairwoman and the Council agreed. Mr. Cowan asked for an email to inform him of what the Council decides.

The NRD workshop with the Council, Ms. Youmans, and Mr. Cowan will need to be rescheduled.

Mr. Cowan received requests for time off. One asked for extended time and one asked for time off at an inconvenient time for the work schedule. He asked for some direction. Ms. Linton suggested a priority for seniority and to extend the time beyond earned time should not be allowed. She suggested trying to compromise and work with the team.

The NRD report concluded.

Financial Report by Linda Quinn

1. 2018 Consolidated Tribal Program Grant, Higher Education and Indirect budgets were presented for Council's review and signature. 2018 Resolution for Higher Education Budget and Indirect Budgets were presented for approval.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve Resolution SL-14-2017 Re-Contract with Bureau of Indian Affairs for Consolidated Tribal Government Program Services in Fiscal Year 2018 with a waiving of the reading. Council Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-14-2017 enacted at 8:41 am.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve Resolution SL-15-2017 Re-Contract with Bureau of Indian Affairs for Consolidated Tribal Government Program Contract A10AV00357 Indirect Cost for Fiscal Year 2018 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-15-2017 enacted at 8:47 am.

2. Council reviewed the completed 2018 Indian Housing Plan (IHP) funding request with revisions per Council's recommendations at their last meeting. The report is

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due by October 1, 2017. The estimated funding projected for 2018 is a minimum of \$46,799.00. 2017 final allocation was \$50,478.00 for a difference of -\$3,679.00. Currently there is \$654,369.30 in LOCCS.

The Total Resident Service Area Indian Population used to allocate needs for SLPT is 133. This figure was discussed and Council determined it does not need to be contested.

Recent regulations added a restriction "Undisbursed funds factor" (UDFF) formula for tribes with funds not drawn from payment source (LOCCS). It is currently affecting only tribes with initial allocations of 5 million or more.

3. EPA Acting Chief, Kerry Drake emailed requesting a conference call. The Council selected Friday, October 13, 2017 at 1:30 pm. Ms. Quinn will set up this conference call with EPA.
4. Ms. Quinn presented the Budget Summary Sheet, outlining all expenses to date and balance of available funding by grant. Council did not have any questions.
5. Ms. Quinn reported Program Draws for August total \$243,000.00, all for Fund 122. September draws total \$294,688.45 (BIA, NFWF, EPA Program).
6. The front office counter has been raised to correct the height for ergonomic efficiency. The flooring was reviewed with the landlord who agreed to fix the disintegrating tiles. A low pile carpet tile will replace the black and white checked tiles. This is scheduled for September 21-22, 2017. The landlord has washed the building this month, replaced the door guard on the basement entrance and replaced the lobby doors with locking doorknobs as recommended by the Council for safety reasons.
7. Interviews for the Finance Clerk position were completed on 9/12/2017. Selectee Deirdre Queahpama, will start Monday, September 25, 2017 at 8:00 am.
8. Bureau of Reclamation has requested the following response documentation related to the 2016 Audit by 9/29/17.

Per the auditor's recommendation, please forward a copy of the Tribe's policy that requires administrators to review contracts and awards for reporting requirements and also provide a copy of a calendar of due dates prepared and provided to personnel responsible for the preparation and timely submission to the granting agencies.

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Response: Handbook reference to administration review and spreadsheet used for tracking reporting requirements submitted as requested.

Please forward a copy of the Tribe's updated indirect cost proposal that will be submitted to obtain an approved current indirect cost rate.

Response: Current Indirect Cost Rate for 2017 submitted as requested. Approved by National Business Center. Proposed indirect cost rate for coming year 2018 to be submitted when complete (within 2 weeks).

Manual adjustment needs to be made to clean up accounts. Ms. Quinn will ask for the assistance of Mr. Carslaw.

9. DETR, Employment Security Division gave us a penalty of \$114.02 for late filing the 2nd Quarter Unemployment tax report. The check was mailed but both the copy of the Report and the Report were filed. An appeal letter was written and penalties waived by DETR.
10. Ms. Quinn purchased a new vacuum as the old one was overheating and would shut off after a few minutes. The old one might be able to be fixed if it is taken to a repair shop or if someone wanted to work on it. Council replied the vacuum is not worth repairing so just give it away.
11. It was discussed about getting a new computer tower for the front office and Victor cleaned the old one for use at Summit Lake. Ms. Quinn spoke to Dell to get price quotes for a computer and then a printer as Victor said hers is a goner. Her printer went offline during a power outage last week and will not come back on. Victor recommended replacing her printer installed in 2009. Also, a battery back-up is needed for the Finance Office as the current one is dead. The costs are a little higher with Dell than at Best Buy or Office Depot as Dell sells federal commercial grade equipment with better quality and longer warranties. Ms. Quinn asked the Council if they had any thoughts on the price difference. The Council recommended purchasing the equipment from Dell.
12. Updates from last month's meeting:
 - Mr. Bill Nibbelink is scheduled to discuss IHBG on September 29, 2017 from noon – 5:00 pm and on September 30, 2017 from 9:00-3:00 pm.
 - David Grey of the Bureau of Reclamation responded to Ms. Quinn's inquiry for an audit report (April 19, 2017 of Desert Terminal Lakes Fund 107). His response was a report was sent on May 11, 2017 to Victor Haro and Mandy Brinnand. Ms. Quinn inquired of Victor Haro if she could get a copy of the report on the audit finding and have not received a response yet.

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- A Grant was received Natural Resources Director's salary charged to Fund 126, Water Quality Monitoring of the Watershed. Mr. Haro contacted Ms. Linton to confirm the grant funds are only to pay Mr. Cowan's salary only on this project. Ms. Quinn will confer with Mr. Carslaw and how to do this. Council discussed this grant for one person's salary.
- Brian Melendez responded to Ms. Quinn's inquiry on the BIA Enrollment Audit done on April 27, 2017. He stated it will be completed shortly as he is currently working on them.
- Current SLPT members with unknown addresses are: Amy Sue Stearns, Christopher Lee Townsend, Gina L. Wilson.
- Go Daddy still needs links added for the Minutes and Resolutions. It was asked if anyone checked the Admin Email. It's on Ms. Quinn to do this as time allows. Ms. Linton will also try to look at.
- No response from Jess Peterson at Investment Company regarding the trusts for minors. It was discussed if the Council still wants to do this. There was a discussion of what to do with the Ramah Settlement funds for the minor members. Ms. Linton and Ms. Quinn will investigate trusts further.

Ms. Quinn asked for questions. There were none.

The Financial report concluded.

Council Reports

Chairwoman Page Linton reported that under Enrollment she prepared three ID cards.

Ms. Linton heard from and also got updated addresses. She got a request for a CIB from a member who is incarcerated.

She also received a call from a member requesting information on Burning Man access but the tribe did not get anything from Burning Man. She will try harder to get something from Burning Man next year.

A Tribal member asked for an enrollment application for their son. The son is incarcerated and requesting Ramah funds but does not know his social security number. Mr. Barr said that he or someone with his power of attorney should call the Social Security Office/Department and request it.

Ms. Linton also received a letter requesting membership information. It seems the member was enrolled by a parent and does not have the information. They did receive a Ramah Settlement check. They would also like to find out if their son can be enrolled.

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There was a request to know if Summit Lake Paiute Tribe participated in HUD Section 184 Program for Housing. This can help put money down on a house. Ms. DeSoto did some research. Ms. Linton emailed her to let her know that research was being done. Mr. Barr suggested talking to Mr. Nibbulink about this.

There were two male and two female ICWA cases which were all non-affiliated from California and Colorado.

Ms. Linton said there was a meeting held at the Administrative Office with Chief Knipsel, Supervisory Special Agent for the Bureau of Indian Affairs exploring an Indian Country Highway Safety Program meeting with McDermitt and Summit Lake. This could increase the number of agents in the area. Mr. Barr and Mr. Mace will attend.

The Department of Wildlife passed Regulation 511-Hunting and Fishing Licenses. Native Americans will pay \$5 for a license.

Mr. Barr and Mr. Mace attended the Nevada Indian Commission meeting.

BLM Winnemucca is asking for comments on Amateur Rockets on the Black Rock Playa.

The Enrollment Committee meeting with the Council is September 17, 2017 starting at 9 am. They received an application which they say is incomplete.

Great Basin Land and Water has written a letter of support of the Summit Lake Grant on Food Web.

There was an increase in the 2018 budget for Enrollment Committee meetings.

Ms. Linton had an email from Marilyn Bitisillie stating that the deadline for comments regarding the revision to the Licensed Indian Traders regulations currently in 25 CFR Part 140 has been extended to October 30, 2017.

She attended the Enrollment Committee meeting on August 20, 2017. She went through files. There are two still missing.

Ms. Linton thanked Ms. DeSoto for her assistance while Ms. Linton was ill and thanked Mr. Barr and Mr. Mace for attending meetings.

On October 3-4, 2017 there will be a local BIA training which Mr. Barr, Mr. Mace and Ms. Quinn will attend. Ms. Linton would like a written report.

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Vice-Chairman Randi DeSoto reported that she assisted Ms. Linton, signed checks if need be, checked emails, texts and phone messages. Ms. DeSoto requested that those attending training and meetings bring back the materials and write a report. Also the documentation is needed to help other members.

She had an issue with email.

She attended the Enrollment Committee meeting on August 20, 2017 and will attend the next one on September 17, 2017.

Ms. Linton forwarded Mr. Cowan's email postponing the work session with NRD.

Tribal member contacted her regarding HUD questions and Ms. Linton forwarded the information to the Chairwoman to bring to Council.

Ms. DeSoto said that the Council members need to keep notes on meetings in case the recorder does not work. It would also be good to have to increase communication. She recommended that everyone should get notes and questions ready for the meeting with Mr. Nibbelink and look into options beyond the reservation.

She talked to the membership about the remaining Ramah and Nez Perce funds. Ms. Linton commented that after the next few meetings with Mr. Nibbelink and the EPA, the Council should have a better idea where they stand. A questionnaire can be sent to the membership asking for ideas for the money.

Mr. Barr suggested a call-in conference or meeting for discussing what should be done. Ms. Linton thought it was a good idea to keep in mind.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace reported that he went to the Enrollment meeting and the Bluebird CPA meeting. The audit looked good.

He went to the Nevada Indian Commission meeting lead by Cher Rupert. Topics included Native American veterans, education interstate and out-of-state tuition, an update on the Stewart Indian School, the Welcome and Cultural Centers and the roof on the Gym. Mr. Barr added that there would be a dinner for American Indian Achievement Awards on November 18, 2017. Mr. Barr and Mr. Mace thought they should nominate Mr. Cowan.

At the Indian County Highway safety meeting they learned at there was nothing they could do for the Tribe as they have no data to use.

Mr. Mace participated in the financial clerk interviews. There were good applicants and they chose the applicant that was a Native American.

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Council Member Jerry Barr reported there was nothing new for Higher Education.

He attended the audit meeting and the Tribe had a good audit.

Mr. Barr also went to the Nevada Indian Commission meeting presented by Ms. Rupert. They talked about the Stewart Indian School and looking for Native American veterans. They would also like to gather an oral history of the school. The membership should be notified of this. The American Indian Achievement Awards will be November 18, 2017. People can request records of the past students of the school. It was a good meeting.

Mr. Barr also went to the meeting on highway safety with Kenneth W. Copeland, US Department of Transportation and Highway Safety Commissioner for Region Six out of Ft. Worth, Texas. The program is set up to give out tickets, for stoplights, etc. to promote safety and prevent other criminal activities. Although there is nothing there for Summit Lake, the Council could write a letter of support for McDermitt.

Council Member Thalia Dick had nothing to report. She is listening and learning.

Ms. Linton called a ten minute break at 10:37 am.

Council returned from break at 10:47 am.

Ms. Linton read the minutes of August 20, 2017 for the Special meeting for the Enrollment committee.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of Sunday, August 20, 2017 with the Enrollment Committee. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:00 am.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of August 29, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:00 am.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 19, 2017 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:01 am.

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Chairwoman Linton called a lunch break at 11:02 am to reconvene at 1:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the Regular Meeting of Saturday, September 16, 2017 back to order at 12:53 pm.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace called the roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, present, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present (via phone); Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Thalia Dick, present.

STAFF: Financial Director, Linda Quinn (in the building); and Contractor, Anne Macko.

GUESTS: Jennifer Rovanpera and Craig Drake of BLM Applegate, Mark Hall of BLM Winnemucca via phone

Consultation: BLM Applegate Field Office

Ms. Rovanpera discussed the current projects and programs.

- Wildlife: New projects of the NorCal Riparian Restoration Programmatic EA are the Pinto Springs and Divine Springs enclosures.
- Range and Wild Horse and Burro: The Stateline Fence Reconstruction is still on-going. The Horse Lake, North Cowhead, Bitner and Nevada Coleman grazing renewals are also still on-going.
- Fuels/Forestry: There is a new Juniper Management Programmatic EA. The following programs are on-going: VYA B & C, VYA D, VYA E and VYA F where they are beginning to cut the juniper.
- Fire: The new discussion was on the July 2017 lightning complex. The Forest Service reported up to 100 fires at one time and total of approximately 10,000 lightning strike fires. The BLM was luckier with only seven. There were 29 fires all season per Mr. Drake. The Dodge Fire ESR Plan is still on-going and they will be planting seedlings.
- Lands/Realty & Recreation: They have received a notice of intent from the Hog Ranch Mine for a geophysical survey. There are no new surface disturbances. The Bastian ROW is not complete. The Outfitter and & Guide Programmatic EA is a low priority. Mr. Drake explained that the Applegate office is 45% vacant (13 open positions) due to a hiring freeze.
- Cultural: They may have found a solution to seeing the Massacre Lake Rock Art site. The idea is a Virtual Reality presentation. The site record of 300 rock art panels over 35 acres is finished. For the presentation there is the possibility of doing a drone recording of the area. The CSU Chico Research Design group was back out in June to finish the inventory of Barrel Springs. There was an American Rock Art Research Association Conference on June 1-5, 2017. The Sportsman

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Expo and Children's Day on June 18, 2017 was successful. They built a Pit River Tule House. The 2017 Public Archaeology Day at the Hobo Camp in Susanville, California will be October 14, 2017. This is a child friendly event.

The BLM has a mascot—Seymour the Antelope.

North sage grouse are back in the Juniper cut area and are staying there.

Because of the new government administration, uncertainty has thing on hold.

Massacre Rim is designated an International Dark Sky. There is a request for possible support to bring recognition to the area.

The Applegate Field office next meeting with Council will be in December 2017 or January 2018.

The Applegate BLM consultation concluded.

Chairwoman Linton called for a break at 1:42 pm. The Council returned from break at 1:55 pm.

Consultation: BLM Winnemucca Field Office

Ms. Linton called Mark Hall of the BLM Winnemucca for an update on Burning Man at 2:01 pm.

Mr. Hall reported that there were 59,582 paid participants at Burning Man. There were 7000 staff members. They are currently compiling the status on drug arrests. The alarming new trend is firearms with automatic fire. There was one fatality still under investigations. They are waiting for the toxin report.

The clean-up operations are still on-going. There were many abandoned vehicles.

Ms. Linton asked if the water on the playa had dried out. Mr. Hall explained that there had been testing done by the BLM and Burning Man to be sure it was safe.

After the death the BLM was ready to shut it down. Ms. Linton asked about the protocol for this type of incident. Mr. Hall explained that the man went through the outer ring (participants) and then the inner circle and was tackled by firemen. He got loose and went into the fire. Burning Man first proposed another human ring, but changed their minds. Cyclone fencing went up around the temple in addition to the two human rings. This is more effective.

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Mr. Barr was not truly satisfied that it was not shutdown. There was a discussion on the appropriate level of safety measures on the part of the BLM and Burning Man. Mr. Barr remarked that Burning Man seems to get whatever they want.

Mr. Hall said that Burning Man needs a new EIF to continue with the event.

Mr. Hall is still the Acting-Field Manager, but has applied for the job. There should be an announcement the beginning of October.

Regarding Hycroft, the Council should be receiving a letter from Fish and Wildlife on the Eagle take. There will be a public meeting mid-October.

Ms. Linton asked about fires. Mr. Hall said one fire had closed down Highway 447. There were many fires.

NDOW has backed off putting radio collars on the Big Horn sheep.

There will be a Wild Horse emergency gather because of the fire on Highway 447 which left no forage for the horses.

Washington cut the horse budget more than 50% nationwide.

The BLM will have Summit Lake collaborate on the Soldiers Meadow restoration project.

Mr. Hall concluded his report and signed off the phone at 2:29 pm

The next meeting will be the General meeting at Summit Lake on Saturday, October 21, 2017. The Council and Ms. Quinn will meet at the office at 5:00 am. Ms. Macko is excused from attending and will work from the recording.

There is a Special Meeting with the Enrollment Committee on Sunday, September 17, 2017. Ms. Thalia Dick is excused from attending.

There will be a Special meeting with Mr. Nibbelink regarding HUD on Saturday, September 30, 2017 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Ms. Linton discussed modifying meeting budgets for Council and the Enrollment Committee.

Ms. Linton remarked that many things depend on the conference call with the EPA. Hopefully this will get things moving again.

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MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:42 AM.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 16, 2017, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting October 21, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

3 - FOR 0- AGAINST 0-ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

10/24/2017
Date

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