

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, August 19, 2023  
Primary Administration 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, August 19, 2023 to order at 8:04 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:** James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Mr. Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator and Anne Macko, Contractor.

**GUESTS:** Jon Stansfield, Deputy Supervisor-Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest and Melissa Navis, Tribal Liaison of the US Forestry Service; Tom Schossler, Attorney; Craig Drake and Jennifer Rovanpera, Bureau of Land Management-Applegate; Michael Warren, GrowthProfit Cannabis Consulting; and Kelly Beaver, B & B Consultants

**NEW BUSINESS**

US Forestry Service  
Tom Schossler

**Consultation: U.S. Forestry Service Mr. Stansfield and Ms. Navis**

Mr. Stansfield asked Mrs. Lone Eagle to introduce Summit Lake. She told him that the Reservation was located in the northwest corner of Nevada and the Reservation is unique because the membership does not reside on the Reservation full-time. They are all spread out in the Reno-Sparks, Nevada area and all across the nation. She summarized the natural resources and environmental work at the Reservation.

The U.S. Forestry Service is doing a forest-wide EA process regarding cheatgrass with an aerial herbicide. It is a conceptual plan to inform the process at the district level. Mr. Stansfield commented that they are being more proactive and consulting early in the process. The draft scope is for nine herbicides to be used to do aerial spraying over wildfire areas. The first priority area is the Sierra Front, Elko Ruby Mountain and Wildfire urban areas.

Mr. Stansfield explained they propose to use nine standard herbicides in aerial spraying via rotor winged aircraft or drones for better access to the wildfire areas. They will identify the priority landscapes for this cheatgrass treatment. The closest area is near the Peavine. They are partnering with the BLM. It will take place in early Spring, late Summer or early Fall when the ground is moist and better accepts the herbicides. Then there is a plant management plan.

They will forward the herbicide list.

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Preliminary concerns include wildlife such as aquatics, native plants, cultural resources. There are multiple cultural branches of concerns: water resources, human recreational areas, and livestock.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said it was good to have communications and get the tribes involved. She also mentioned that SLPT was working on a consultation policy procedure.

Mr. Simmons asked if they were doing any treatments close to the SLPT Reservation. Mr. Stansfield said that they were not. Mr. Simmons would also like a list of the herbicides they proposed to use. He also commented that SLPT NRD is using aerial application to treat cheatgrass on the Reservation. It is a similar method.

Mr. Stansfield said the Department of Agriculture would likely to be interested and be informed of the results of the SLPT's aerial treatment projects. Mr. Simmons said it would take two years to see the affect of spraying and then reseeding the areas. Mr. Simmons will share the information with US Forestry Service. He would like information regarding herbicides and the reseeding and soil health.

Mr. Stansfield and Ms. Navis left the meeting at 8:34 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Change the Agenda to add BLM Applegate Consultation at 11:00 am and a Presentation of Cannabis Business by Michael Warren at 1:00 pm. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:39 am.**

## MINUTES

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, July 15, 2023 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:41 am.**

From Sunday, August 20 until Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Mr. Frank and Mr. Mace will be in Las Vegas, Nevada at a conference. Mr. Howard is on vacation from August 21 to 23, 2023, Monday through Wednesday. Mrs. Lone Eagle will be on vacation August 23 to 28, 2023 and then on August 29, 2023 she will be going to Notre Dame University. While she is gone, Ms. Crane will be available. Checks will be done Wednesday or Friday, August 23-25, 2023.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle gave information about payments for the CFR Court. Also, if there are any items to be heard, they will need the documentation. The first session will be mainly to talk and get acquainted. The Court will be held the third Tuesday of the month Quarterly. They have confirmed Court for Tuesday August 22, 2023 from 9:00 am to Noon. It will be a working meeting.

#### Council Reports

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle stated her report was from July 17, 2023 to August 18, 2023. She has been busy.

July 17, 2023 -Attended a Zoom meeting with IHS Phoenix, Arizona area on the final close-out of the Master Plan. She has copies of the master plan for Summit Lake 2019 to 2035. The design for SLPT to start a clinic/facility will not come to light for a year or two if it is the consensus of the tribe in dealing with IHS. There is another organization that is supporting the Summit Lake in establishing a clinic. Mrs. Lone Eagle is favor. Ms. Crane would also like it.

#### **Consultation: Update on Legal Decisions--Mr. Tom Schossler (via Zoom)**

Mr. Schossler presented the Effect of New Supreme Court Decisions

The cases he talked about how all water and water quality standards referenced below could affect SLPT.

- Under Winters, U.S. reserves water when reserving land for Indian purposes; regarding the Arizona vs Navajo Case
- Clean Water Act (CWA) and its protection of the water quality of the United States (WOTUS)
- Sacket vs EPA which shrinks WOTUS Case

#### Winters in regards to the Arizona vs Navajo Nation

There was a five to four decision in the Arizona vs. Navajo Case regarding the Colorado River water rights. The Navajo Nation claimed the federal shortage guidelines ignore their water needs and the quantity of Winters reserved rights. The US claimed no water for the Nation in Arizona vs California 1963 case. There was also a claim of breach of the Trust Doctrine. The trust breach is not supported by Winters, treaty farming language or pervasive federal control of Colorado River water. The Winters Case is law, but it was decided it does not compel the government to act to develop water for the needs of the Tribe. This case did not change the advantages guaranteed in the Winters Case. Trust responsibility is very narrow.

#### Sackett VS EPA Case

In Idaho a land owner filled in wetland to build. The EPA fined them saying it was

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against the Clean Water Act without a permit. The Court said the Clean Water Act covers wetlands with economically significant connection. The vote was 9-0. They said the EPA was wrong because this wetland did not have a continuous surface connection. WOTUS is limited to streams, lakes and adjacent wetlands that are indistinguishable from those bodies of water due to a continuous surface connection. Mr. Schossler said this could be a concern especially for SLPT because of a dispute within justices. In the case of Rapanos vs. the US with a vote of 4-4-1, the definition of WOTUS meaning relatively permanent, standing OR continuously flowing bodies of water "forming geographic features" usually described as "streams, oceans, rivers and lakes. Summit Lake is a permanent geographic feature as a lake. This should be okay, but it depends on the issue of navigability and navigability can also be used to determine ownership.

The Clean Water Act allows the tribe to have Treatment as State (TOS) which has Section 401 Authority. If someone needs federal permits, they are required to have a Tribal Certificate regarding water. The CWA Delegation of Authority to the Tribe gives the tribe authority beyond inherited authority but also authority over non-tribal members. Under TOS the tribe has authority over 401 permits (point sources) and 402 permits (non-point source)

The Winters Case was not overruled. The Court was afraid the Navajo was trying to get the US government to pay for water improvements, but it was a narrow ruling.

The CWA has statutes that point to better consultations, default water quality standards, and that TOS gives delegated federal authority over non-natives. The risk CWA is that it may not be valid due to no continuous surface connection, but Mr. Schossler thinks this is okay because SLPT already has TOS so it has already decided the CWA does not apply. Sackett Case is about wetlands and this is a separate issue.

The trickiness of navigability is the Ordinary High-Water Act. Navigability is touchy.

SLPT needs to develop Tribal Clean Water standards.

Mr. Simmons said he felt that the Council should know the impacts of these court cases. The Winters Case is still in place. The government adheres to things that are specifically stated in the statutes. They told the Navajo that it was not a trust issue. Mr. Simmons asked if the CWA can be used to help the Navajo Nation. Mr. Schossler was not sure.

Mr. Schossler left the meeting at 9:42 am

**Council Reports: Chairwoman Lone Eagle report continued:**

- July 18-20, 2023—Bluebird CPAs came to the tribal administrative office to

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conduct the SLPT FY2022 Tribal Audit. There was a discussion on posting signed copies of the minutes and resolutions online. The audit is done at SLPT and in the hands of the auditor to complete the audit. They are looking at NRD. Mr. Carslaw is working on the FY2024 Indirect Cost proposal. Mrs. Lone Eagle is being copied on everything from both Bluebirds CPAs and Mr. Carslaw. She said the tribe is thriving and moving forward.

- July 18, 2023—Meeting with R2 Spring Thaw Coordinator. They talked about Native language.
- July 19, 2023—
  - ARP hours meeting, also, another meeting with Kelly and Teresa about the Norte Dame Project with Summit Lake.
  - US Bank wire transfer made.
  - Zoom meeting on the fee waiver tuition bill and the new updated changes and follow-up with UNR if needed
- July 20, 2023—NATHPO zoom meeting
  - OCC Tribal Consultation
  - Finance Director and the Chairwoman had an appointment with US Bank. It is a federal account and one needs the whole bank account number.
  - Meeting via zoom
- July 21, 2023 – Had a meeting with NRD Director, Mr. Simmons, about NRD staff.
- Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) Zoom meeting
- There was a request in the middle of the week for a member to utilize the Suite 401 for a small get-together. It went well. The Council will need to think about an application and deposits, and help make the decision if they can use the Zoom equipment. They discussed obtaining a locking cabinet.
- July 24, 2023:
  - Zoom meeting on BLM IDT on McGee operations report.
  - Nevada Resilience Advisory committee meeting
  - Request for birth certificates for minor children per father for school. She printed copies and gave them to him as the Enrollment Coordinator was out of the office
  - Interviewed with Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Bethany Sam, Bucky Harjo, Michon Eben. She met briefly with Chairman Melendez regarding the lawsuit.
  - Four requests for laptops. There are 35 laptops left.
- July 26, 2023—signed checks, went to US Bank for a cashier's check, went to the post office to mail four laptops. Four laptops were picked up. She responded to emails and phone calls.
- July 30, 2023 to August 8, 2023—attended the pre-service training with CCDF with ITCN. There were three chair people. She sat with Duck Valley. It was a good conference.

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- Signed checks
- Signed purchase orders
- Signed time sheets
- Met with Mr. Simmons to go and exchange trucks
- August 7 to 9, 2023
  - Attended the EPA summer RTOC at the Peppermill in Reno, Nevada
  - Had a phone call with Jessica from Humboldt County about Summit Lake having a polling location on the Reservation. She needs more time to recruit members for poll worker for the SLPT Sparks polling location.
  - Phone call with Mr. Eubanks, BIA Chief of Police, about SLPT having a CFR court and the date the court will take place which is August 22, 2023 per BIA. They will come out every quarter for cases or court items that may come up for SLPT.
- August 8, 2023: Joined the IEC committee with Walker River, Fallon, Duck Vally and the Fallon Navy Airbase. These are quarterly meetings.
- August 14, 2023
  - Attended the Board of Directors meeting for ITCN from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. She was sworn in as the Secretary for the ITCN board. They still have a vacancy for the Treasurer position. Chairman Mason of Duck Valley talked about getting something from the mines. He wants 5%. He said they need to ask for it. He is very passionate about it. They did go through all of the resolutions.
  - She had a brief meeting with Katie regarding the LLGP application. TLC will assist Summit Lake on applying for LLGP. The deadline to submit was on August 18, 2023.
- August 15, 2023—signed checks and timesheets for payroll week. She had a meeting at 10:00 am with Norte Dame University on the proposed project with them for renewable energy. She will be flying out to them on August 29, 2023 to September 1, 2023 for this kick-off meeting.
- She also had a meeting with Andrea Cerrillo and Kaleena ponce on having a SAFE Talk class on September 6, 2023 at 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm for the youth 13 and up for a class up to 30 youths.
- She is continuing to work within the current MOU for SLPT/NUI . They also have a lot of school supplies available for littles if any members are interested in additional school supplies.

#### ICWA

In July there were 11 non-affiliated cases for SLPT.

In August there were a total of six ICWA cases: four were non-affiliated and there was one case with two minors who may be eligible for enrollment. This is an ongoing pending case. So far there has been no requests for membership.

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**CFP:** There are 35 laptops remaining.

In July eleven were requested and picked up in person or sent via mail. In August 17 laptops were requested and picked up in person or sent via mail.

**Council Mail:**

- July 22, 2023: letter from Janet Davis for the Governor fiscal recovery funds. There are two applications to complete to become a State Vendor. SLPT could get \$714,000. This could be used to update the new building.
- July 22, 2023: letter from WRPT about their upcoming pinenut festival in Schurz, Nevada
- July 22, 2023: letter from US Department of the Interior of Trust funds administrative statement of account, received three times
- July 27, 2023: letter from Bureau of Reclamation that the SLPT proposal did not score high enough for the level of available funding.
- July 24, 2023: Save the date post card from Haskell Indian Nations University
- July 31, 2023: letter from BLM, Applegate District
- July 31, 2023: letter for Tribal Cultural Resource, Fiscal Year 2023 project
- August 1, 2023: Bureau of Trust Funds Administration—Tribal Authorization
- August 3, 2023: Bulk package from the BLM Winnemucca District
- August 4, 2023: BLM letter from Washington D.C. on the proposed Onshore Oil and Gas leasing rule
- August 7, 2023: The LMi Link newsletter/post card
- August 7, 2023: Montana Associates-Tribal Historic Preservation Monitor certification training in October
- August 7, 2023: Department of the Navy-Letter regarding 800 Complex paving project.
- August 7, 2023: Department of the Navy-Letter-B-19 Land Mobile Radio Expansion
- August 9, 2023: BLM Winnemucca District-Upcoming project in Orovada, Nevada
- August 9, 2023: Department of the Navy—July 2023 Draft Final Tribal Access MOA
- August 10, 2023: Department of the Navy on Elmar Gravel Pit B-19
- August 10, 2023: US Department of Energy-Seeking Tribal input Letter
- August 11, 2023: Duplicate Laptop Request form
- August 14, 2023: ASU-Letter of Support of ICT

She had a meeting with T-Mobile about hot spots. It seemed promising.

Legal Symposium is in October instead of December.

**Consultation: BLM Applegate—Craig Drake and Jennifer Rovanpera**

Ms. Rovanpera said there were not too many new projects.

**Range and Wild Horse and Burros:**

Board Corral Virtual Fence Project:

There is permitted grazing land south of the Little Sheldon Refuge and northwest of the SLPT Reservation. The lessee is a good one but has strange grazing. Now there is a new technology—virtual fencing. They can now move the cows to where they want and need for better grazing and management. NEPA stages: Propose three stations for collared cattle. This has a small footprint. The largest cost is the tower at \$12,000 with the collars at the rancher’s cost. Barbed-wire approximate one mile or for the same area is \$55,000.

Mr. Simmons is interested in the virtual fencing for keeping cattle off the Reservation. This could be a solution.

The tech is working on “ear” technology. Mr. Drake said he will keep SLPT informed. There is GPS in the collars to help gather cattle.

Lower Lake Water Development recently purchased land to be developed in conjunction with NRCS Water Projects

- Salt Grass Well: This project is to pipe water to troughs for cattle. It proposes to fix one trough and put in a new trough.
- Sand dune archeology eroding out of a sand dune. They will fence-in the area
- Murphy Spring: The land is privately owned. The spring head is on the border with BLM and proposes to pipe water to a trough just on the BLM side of the fence they recently built.
- Indian Trail Well: This is a windmill and a well. The windmill is non-functioning. They will put up solar panels, dig the well deeper and fence it for protection and install a new trough. Mr. Drake explained that the ranch has been neglected for years. The owner wants to put it back into order. There are no new grazing permits.

**Wild Horse and Burro Gathers**

There is a new horse gather in Wall Canyon East-Fox Hog-High Rock-Nut Mountain HMAs in conjunction with the Black Rock area. No new NEPA is required since it is part of the ten-year plan from 2021. This is to get the area down to the appropriate management level. Applegate is authorized 500 head and Black Rock-Winnemucca is authorized 440. They are authorized 940 horses total. It is set to start September 18, 2023.



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Carter Reservoir-Coppersmith-Buckhorn Wild Horse Gather. This is north of Cedarville, Nevada, HMA east of Nevada/California state line. horses with unique DNA which give them unique tiger stripe markings on the legs. There is supposed to be 25 to 35 horses but currently there are 430 horses. There are not enough resources to sustain the animals.

**Fuels and Forestry**

There are a number of smaller projects.

First project is the 49er Juniper Cut for sage grouse: It is located on County Road 8A on the northside of the road. It is authorized by a large EA for ten years. At ten years they need to check for any changes and accumulative impact of cuts to see if the vegetation is good and if it is beneficial for wildlife other than sage grouse.

Mr. Drake is excited to be sure if it is a positive or negative effort on the cutting.

**Lands/Realty**

Hog Ranch Mineral Exploration drilling program which is to be entirely in the Hog Ranch Mine area. Six tribes were invited to field trips to look at it but no one came. They are still willing to do if anyone asks for it. The draft will be available by the end of August 2023 for comment. It covers 200 acres of drill pads and roads in a 5000-acre area.

**Recreation:**

Ms. Rovanpera commented that the Bitner Ranch at the Massacre Rim, Badger Meadows historic ranch AC/EC has nothing changed. This winter progress should be made.

Update: Hog Ranch Mine Collection: During the 1980's they collected bones found and sent them for identification. There were three bones: two human and one possibly human from different sites that are not near to the proposed drill pads.

Update: Alturas Office Remodel: They were supposed to start on May 22, 2023 so they moved out in early May to the Cedarville office. GSA has not even started. They are all stuffed into the Cedarville Office. Estimated finish date is next winter.

Dark Skies: The festival Star Party was August 19, 2023. The weather was not looking good.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked how they determine what tribes should be contacted when a project is proposed: Mr. Drake said they try to be aware of the areas of influence. Ms. Rovanpera said she found it helpful to know the area tribal history and, but they send to all interested tribes. They are reaching out to Pyramid Lake more. Mr. Drake said it is

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easier to reach out to reservation-based tribes. They are reaching out more to tribes like Reno Sparks Indian Colony as it is a little more difficult due the multiple tribes represented.

Nevada has the Nevada State Clearing House for NEPA Projects. It lets everyone know about everything going on in the State.

Mr. Drake said the history of each band or tribe is good to know.

Mr. Simmons asked general questions regarding grazing permits: what recourse do reservations or private landowners have with trespass cattle, are there penalties, is there a timeframe for removal. Mr. Drake said he was not sure about reservations, but on federal lands trespass cattle, especially willful trespass, does affect permit renewals. Fines can be charged. Two willful trespasses revoke the permit. They need to document the trespass daily. They try to deal with the rancher. Sometimes the responses are not quick. Mr. Drake recommended talking to Mr. Eubanks of the BIA police.

Ms. Rovanpera tentatively scheduled to go to the October 21, 2023 General Council meeting at the Summit Lake reservation.

She also mentioned that there will be a Solar Eclipse on October 13, 2023. It will be 100% in Cedarville, California. She gave a heads-up because last year lots people parked on the roads in the area.

Mr. Drake and Ms. Rovanpera left the meeting at 12:09 pm.

Mr. Simmons heard that there was a question asked regarding the audit and an odd remark/question from an auditor. There was a discussion about the process to get ready for the audit and working with the previous Finance Director's files. It was a little concerning.

#### **Council Reports Continued:**

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the EPA Region 9 Summer RTOC in Reno, Nevada at the Peppermill. Mr. Simmons had invited Mr. Schossler on the updating on water rights. She was available for signing. She is looking forward to trainings. She saw a NICWA training in September in Oklahoma. There is one in September online.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the EPA RTOC meeting at the Peppermill Resort Spa Casino in Reno, Nevada. It was smaller the last one. There were many changes they could not talk about because they were not passed yet. It was a good conference. He available to sign checks.

There was a discussion on the next RTOC.

**Council Member Philip Frank** said that he was looking forward to the conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

**Council Member Steven Crane** had nothing to report.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **ARPA Report**

#### **American Rescue Plan Act State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (ARPA)**

- Cleaning Bundle forms posted to the website and Facebook, also printed and left with the person at the front desk. There was a recent influx in applications with ten new ones and the bundles were ordered as they come in.
- Continuing to pick up Pantry Items bi-weekly with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada.
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: Waiting for Finance to complete the 501(c)3 status
- Walmart Food Cards: She received notification from two members who have not received their cards. There was a discussion. They did not keep a list of card numbers. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained that received cards did not seem to have been activated. Mr. Howard did activate them. The user needs to call to activate their card. There really is no way to track them.

#### **Consultation: Michael Warren and Kelly Beaver regarding a Cannabis Program**

Mr. Warren, GrowthProfit Cannabis Consulting, introduced himself as a consultant focusing on the operations side of the business. Mr. Beaver, B & B Consultation, introduced himself and is involved in compliance. He has worked with a California tribe in the past on the compliance side.

They asked the question-why start a cannabis program. It is becoming legal all over the country and it is illegal in only a few states. The industry is expanding and very lucrative and can create job opportunities. People are getting over the stigma and the medical benefits are being more known. It can build the community; becoming successful together.

The workflow in the supply chain has four steps:

- Growers
- Manufacturing
- Retail
- Distribution

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It is suggested that the tribe should grow their own cannabis for success. It is the backbone of the industry. It can be turned into various products. It brings consistency in the product and creates a brand.

When getting started the tribe should hire a consultant, create a good business plan and develop a committee and regulatory body. Then management, manufacturing (processing), marketing ideas, distribution and retail.

They need to create a financial model. The consultant can help put a "map" to a financial model and then how to fund it. Then they determine if it is going to be something realistic.

Mr. Howard asked about licenses/permits. They need to be compliant with state compliance. Neither Mr. Warren or Mr. Beaver have helped any tribes in Nevada. When it comes to banking, Mr. Beaver says there are good banks in Denver, Colorado.

Ms. New Moon said that since cannabis is still federally illegal, there would need to be a separate board. It would be best to do it on the Reservation.

Mr. Warren and Mr. Beaver left the meeting at 1:41pm.

#### ARPA Related: Continued

- Internet Service: They are looking for mobile hot spots. Bearcom could only provide for one area like broadband. Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon met with T-Mobile to provide internet in the homes. They got some good discounts providing routers and tablets (possibly for staff). There was discussion. For 150 people, the Tribe would pay for two years. They want a specified time-line. A poll has been created and will be mailed to all members. In addition to mailing, Ms. New Moon will create an electronic poll for Facebook and the website. She will mention the two-year limit on free internet.

#### Other Duties

- The second Training Monitor training was a success. It was August 14-18, 2023. Seven of seventeen showed up.
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training: Gary Ray Safety Training is scheduled for August 30, 2023 at 12:30 pm until end of day. The total for 15 students is \$775 with \$55 for any additional students. They will be closing the office early on this day. Ms. New Moon will get a notification out on social media and the website. They will post signs as well.
- School Supply Bundles: Ms. New Moon created flyers and mass mailed them to all members. Ms. Pielop took over the project. Ms. New Moon assisted here with buying the supplies. They had a \$400 budget to work with. They were able to

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help 17 minor tribal members with school supplies. They were not able to get everything on the list due to the limited budget. They did receive a request for two non-enrolled minors with a tribal member father. They did not complete those bundles.

- Laptops: Ms. New Moon mass mailed the laptop forms with the School Supply forms to those who have not yet received a laptop. They received a good number of forms back and the Chairwoman has been mailing those out.

#### Paiute Language Class:

The first class began July 14, 2022.

Classes continue twice-a-week on Tuesday and Friday. Classes continue to be recorded and uploaded to the SLPT YouTube Channel.

The main teacher was tentatively going to start attending again on Tuesday, August 22, 2023, but is not able to. Continuing the review classes and beginners' classes until the end of September. Hopefully, by then, she will be able to return.

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

##### **Updates:**

- Still waiting on Finance to provide numbers detail for Emergency Housing Fund 58 and Fund 153 (NIAC HAF) since the numbers on the monthly report are not correct.
- Upcoming Trainings:
  - NAIHC Legal Symposium is coming up October 4-6, 2023 at the Mirage in Los Vegas, Nevada
  - First Annual Tribal Leadership and Management Conference October 4-5 at the Palms in Los Vegas, Nevada. Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon will attend.

The office will be closed October 9, 2023

EPA Annual Conference October 22-27, 2023 The Council as well as Mr. Simmons and Ms. Hutchinson will be attending. They will be flying Southwest with Early bird option.

#### **Housing COVID-19 Emergency Programs**

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF)
  - Total award \$38,353
  - Applications continue to come through
  - Approximately \$11,000 remaining
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
  - Program began February 18, 2023
  - Applications continue to come in
  - Many families have utilized their six months for this calendar year.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for Housing for five minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:43 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:46 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Application for \$465 per Month for Twelve Months. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:48 pm.**

Ms. New Moon passed out a company profile of Christophe Harper, who did the Tribal Heritage Monitor Training. It has his training list and hourly rates.

There has no response to the request of youth art for RTOC. Ms. New Moon will send out the request again.

#### **Enrollment Report—Delgadina Gonzalez**

200 Active members: 128 adults Age 18+ and 72 children aged 0-17

Total members: 288

Ms. Gonzalez discovered some members do not have files. She is still searching, possibly creating files and entering them into the data base.

No new applications have come in.

Eight applications have been requested and sent out. None have been sent back. Five old pending applications. She has reached out to the families again. They are still pending.

#### **Membership Files**

She has been saving Ancestry records from the site to create and complete files. Records include Indian Census and Census records from Nevada, California and Idaho Indian rolls, SLPT, McDermitt, Ft. Bidwell, Cedarville, Altura, Burns, Warm Spring, Yakima, etc. When she enters a name, it will bring up any matching Census and other documents the names appear on. She talked to BIA and might be able to get records that are not online and she can get records from Stewart School.

#### **Local Archive Documents**

There is a lady at TMCC who specializes in Nevada archived records. Ms. Gonzalez

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sent her an email asking if she could meet with her. She is waiting to hear back from her.

#### Enrollment Committee

There is now a full Enrollment Committee.

#### Enrollment cards/Progeny

Six cards were issued for the month. Three teen and three adult cards. The Data Card printer works great some days, and other days not at all.

#### Progeny Update

Progeny 10 Maintenance Agreement is paid and will cover SLPT until June of 2024. They are a few upgrades behind. Ms. Gonzalez will be working with Nate Solis to get these upgrades loaded and transferred over. With the Progeny updates, SLPT will also need to upgrade with compatible equipment

The recommended web camera is \$69.99 on Amazon, bar scanner for easier scanner is \$119.99, the signature pad is \$239.99, and data cards. The Data Card printer may also need to be upgraded. Mr. Solis is checking to see if the SLPT printer can print with the stripes. He will send a price if it must be changed out.

If the current card printer does not have the option to print with the information stripe, then it will have to be upgraded. From the list of compatible printers, it could cost from \$3,500 to \$9,000 or more. The card reader we have will work fine for the child cards that will not have pictures or addresses on the and form staff badges. The youth and adult cards must have pictures and addresses to have the stripe.

#### Enrollment Training

On October 23-27, 2023 Falmouth Institute is presenting a Tribal Enrollment Certificate Program in Las Vegas, Nevada. It is \$1,725. Ms. Gonzalez would like to attend. There was a discussion. Ms. Crane thinks it is good for Ms. Gonzalez to get certified. It was the consensus of the Council to send Ms. Gonzalez to training with funds from CTPG.

#### Certificates of Enrollment (CET)

Twelve students needed their CET's to enroll in the Nevada Indian Education Programs. there were ten 506 Forms for Washoe County and two for Clark County.

#### Washoe County's Indian Education

The Native American culture and Education Program exists to meet the unique academic and cultural needs of American Indians and Alaska Native students in the Washoe County School District by offering supplemental programs and services in compliance with the federally-funded Title VI grant. The Student must have a 506 form documenting their native ancestry on file with the Washoe County School District in

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order to determine the amount of grant funding.

There will be Tribal Youth Advocacy Specialists (TYAS) and Student Graduation Advocates (SGA) assigned at designated high schools and some middle schools to provide additional support for Native students with 506 forms on file in a mentoring capacity.

The WCSD also offers three Paiute Language classes at three different high schools: North Valleys, Reed, and Spanish Springs. Students can complete the first and second year of Paiute Language and receive World Language credit to satisfy graduation requirements. Classes are open to all students. At the end of the year, they host a Paiute Bowl; a friendly competition to showcase what the students have learned over the school year.

Students with 506 forms are eligible for backpacks and school supplies. Books are supplied throughout the summer for K-12<sup>th</sup> graders.

All supplies offered throughout the department are on a first-come, first-serve basis. They send out flyers, emails, texts, on social media as to when they have distributions.

#### Opportunity to Teach Native Children

WCSD is offering interested people to teach courses like beading, sewing, tanning hides, etc. The pay is \$30 an hour.

#### Land Acknowledgement and Indian Education

On July 25, 2023, Washoe County School District took a small step in beginning to acknowledge the Native peoples of whom are the original inhabitants of this land by opening the Board of Trustees meeting with a reading of the Land Acknowledgement. The Acknowledgement, as read that day, will be read before each WCSD Board of Trustees meeting going forward.

#### Clark County Indian Education

Indian Education Opportunities Program is to provide quality educational and cultural programs and to services eligible American Indians and Alaska Native students through preservation of their unique cultures, traditions, customs, and heritages. The program is funded via Title VI and Johnson O'Malley grants and is for eligible Clark County School District (CCSD). The goals are to close the achievement gaps, increase the graduation rates, and student and parent engagement. Ms. Gonzalez discussed the Title VI Program and the Johnson O'Malley Grants and each one's requirements

#### Nevada Tuition Fee Waiver

Ms. Gonzalez had a couple of members ask if they live outside of Nevada, would they be eligible to get the fee waiver at the school they are attending. The answer is no. They



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must have Nevada residency for one year to be eligible for the fee waiver. Some states have opened their Indian Fee Waivers to all enrolled tribal members. It's up to the student to research this. There was a member who lives in California. She would like to go to school and her son too and asked if the tuition fee waiver would work for online courses out of state. Mrs. Lone Eagle suggested having her talk to Daphene Hooper at UNR. She also believes the recent revision of the fee waiver states that the student needs to prove they live in Nevada. Ms. Gonzalez said it sometimes is up to the state.

#### ICWA

She received one duplicate request for this month.

She got a letter from an eastern tribe stating they have a little girl that they must place in an adoptive Native home. They wanted to know if SLPT had any available Native adoptive families willing to take her. There was some discussion.

#### NICWA Training

There is a training at the Sheraton Oklahoma City Downtown Hotel on September 12-14, 2023. The topics covered are Positive Indian Parenting, Understanding ICWA, Cross-Cultural Skills Indian Child Welfare. Cost for the training is \$650. The hotel has a special event rate of \$99 plus tax. Rates are guaranteed until August 21, 2023.

There will also be a Zoom class on Positive Indian Parenting. The virtual class will be in September. Ms. Gonzalez will check the price.

Nevada enacted legislation to protect Native children and families. Bill AB444 was enacted. The law codifies federal ICWA protections and outlines specific requirements of the Nevada Department of Health and Human Services Division of Child and Family Services and the State Court Administrator, including the provisions of trainings necessary for child welfare personnel and the courts to carry out their duties and submission of biennial reports to the Senate and Assembly containing data regarding Indian children in dependency proceedings. It also includes provisions governing tribal customary adoption as an alternative permanency option for Indian children who are wards of the state.

Community Classes: The second part of "Dig in Indigenously!" started June 21, 2023 and will go through the end of September. Classes are every Wednesday evening 5:30-7:30 pm in Lemmon Valley. This is multigenerational hands-on nutrition educational course that teaches gardening and provides cultural experiences. This is just one of many opportunities they will get to partner with local programs and individuals to support their efforts with Food Security for SLPT membership.

#### Powwow Dance Classes

They have had a good turn out every week. The last weekly class will be Tuesday,

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August 21, 2023. The classes will be offered once a month the second Tuesday until and the end of the year.

**Childrens Books for the Library**

Ms. Gonzalez ordered some free Native American themed books and resource material from the IHS and CDC websites.

**Little Library**

SLPT received a small grant that will provide the tribe with a Little Library for members to take a book and leave a book. They will be getting one that is designed for indoors. This will come with an assortment of books to start with in September.

Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to see what is left in the budget for training.

She also stated the new process on ICWA requests. The mail comes to Jenn Pielop. She will give the ICWA to Mrs. Lone Eagle. Mrs. Lone Eagle check them and give them to Ms. Gonzalez. This will avoid duplicate work.

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

**Accomplishments**

- Installation is continuing for the heavy equipment shed. It should be done by the end of September.
- Awarded the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) for the Summit Lake Observation Research and Restoration (S.O.A.R.R) grant/project for \$2,681,599.61 (formerly the Terminal Lakes project).
- Awarded the BIA Climate Adaptation Planning for Ecosystems and Community for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe grant of \$249,458 for Summit Lake.
- Awarded the Department of Energy (DOE) Grid Resilience grant for \$33,730
- Awarded the FY24 Clean Water Act grant of \$131,555.
- Awarded the FY24 General Assistance Program (GAP) grant for \$39,982.
- Hired a new Technician: Sawyer Demarest, who started on July 26, 2023 and a Fish and Wildlife Biologist, Jason Piasecki, who is currently in Oregon, will start on September 18, 2023 and be focused on Sage Grouse. NRD is fully staffed.
- The new fuel tank is operational but has three minor issues/bugs.
- Mr. Simmons did a trade-in of the GMC Sierra for a 2023 Nissan Frontier. NRD now has a flatbed truck, a Titan, two Frontiers, two Tacoma's and a jeep all in operation.

**Discussion Topics**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to accept funds from NFWF for the SOARR

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project and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-22-2023 Acceptance of Funds From National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Agreement #79950 – S.O.A.R.R Project with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-22-2023 enacted at 3:32 pm.**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to accept funds from Department of Energy Grant #DE-GD0000542—Energy Electric Grid Resilience project and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-23-2023 Acceptance of Funds From Department of Energy Grant #DE-GD0000542-Electric Grid Resilience Project with the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-23-2023 enacted at 3:35 pm.**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to accept funds from Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant A23AV00923-Climate Adaptation Planning for Ecosystems and Community and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-24-2023 Acceptance of Funds From Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant A23AV00923-Climate Adaptation Planning for Ecosystems and Community with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-24-2023 enacted at 3:37 pm.**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to accept funds from EPA grant #BG-98T37723 – Clean Water Act and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-26-2023 Acceptance of Funds From EPA grant #BG-98T37723 – FY 2024 Clean Water Act with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-26-2023 enacted at 3:41 pm.**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to accept funds from EPA Grant #GA-

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98T53401—General Assistance Program (GAP) and read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-27-2023 Acceptance of Funds From EPA Grant #GA-98T53401—FY 2024 Indian Environment General Assistance Program (GAP) with the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-27-2023 enacted at 3:43 pm.**

Mr. Simmons presented the resolution to Change Health Insurance Provider to Anthem and read the pertinent parts. There was not enough interest for the provider. Mr. Simons found a new provider with lower rates, bundle health, dental and vision together and can now use all the hospital in the area and see doctors outside Nevada.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-25-2023 Change Health Insurance Provider from Hometown Health to Anthem Update to the Resolution SL-53-2022 with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-25-2023 enacted at 3:54 pm.**

Mr. Simmons asked if it was possible for NRD to possibly use CCPD laptops that are left? After discussion it was answered that no, NRD could not due to the fact that the grant specifies that it was for Tribal members only.

Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that middle school students were using computers in school so it would be appropriate if the six minor members aged 11 and 12 could get laptops.

Mr. Simmons proposed vinyl wrap SLPT logos for all SLPT work vehicles including the suburban. This would cost \$500-\$600. He also asked if they should add "For Official Use Only". It was discussed and felt this was a good idea. It was the consensus of the Council to go forward with the vinyl wrap. Mr. Simmons commented that they can use the magnet signs for visitors.

Mr. Simmons said there was three sets of truck tires that are almost brand new to sell.

Nevada Department of National Heritage Spring and Creek Snail and Mussels Survey: Mr. Simmons thinks the data collected would be useful. Some of these species are likely to be listed on sensitive species list. This would not cost the tribe anything. Their staff would do the work. They might do it by the end of the year (2023). It was the consensus of the Council to allow the survey.

Mr. Simmons asked for an executive session for Personnel.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved for an Executive Session for five minutes for Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABATAINED. Motion carried. Council went into Executive Session at 4:13 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 4:35 pm.

The Chairwoman called a break for 10 minutes at 4:36 pm.

Council returned from break at 4:45 pm.

**Finance Report for Mr. Howard, Finance Director-as of July 31, 2023**

1. BANKING

- a. Bank reconciliations are complete through July 2023 with a bank balance of \$1,422,146.38.
- b. ASAP.gov is now disbursing funds for the EPA grants.
- c. Development of Wire Transfers and Payroll Direct Deposit capabilities will be in place by next month. Amendments to related procedures are ready for management review. He is working with US Bank. Mr. Howard talked about Direct Deposit and the procedures he provided.

2. GRANTS

- a. Financial Reports were submitted for the following contracts:  
A10AV00358-Fisheries Management, A10AV00359-Roads Maintenance, AV10AV360-Range Improvement Project, A19AV 00558 and A22AV00031 Roads Maintenance Projects, A22AV00032 Range Improvement Project, and CPFFN-0310-Coronavirus Capital Project Fund
- b. New contracts were added to ASAP for financial management.

3. CASH RECEIPTS-Total of \$160,000.00

- a. Fund 150 \$10,000.00 Various Projects
- b. Fund 50 \$150,000.00 Infrastructure Investments \$71,381.91
- c. Fund 90 Indirect Cost Pool Bank interest \$206.41

4. Expenditures

- a. Total expenditures for the month of July 2023 were \$586,000
- b. Walmart gift cards were activated, however certain problems arose with distribution.
  - i. Cards were partially activated then fully activated after coordination with Walmart Customer Service
  - ii. The type of cards that were ordered could not be reliably used for online purchases. Walmart had a problem with them because of the

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limitations stated on the front of the cards. Tribal members had no problem with them when used in the store.

- iii. Some of the cards were reportedly lost in the mail. SLPT did not associate card numbers with the members assigned to them. Consequently, Finance does not know which cards to deactivate.

#### 5. CAPITAL PURCHASES

The Tribe traded in the 2002 GMC Sierra for a 2023 Nissan.

It was pointed out that there are still problems with the LATCF expenditures.

The Auditor, Brad, gave Mr. Howard the trial balance. It did not have Ruby there so Mr. Howard deleted it from the budget sheet.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked questions on the Budget report regarding Higher Education and CTGP accounts. Mrs. Lone Eagle was notified that both were awarded, but does not see the awards on the budget sheet. She clarified that Higher Education and CTGP are separate accounts. Mr. Howard said the awards have not been drawn down. Mrs. Lone Eagle to know how much money Higher Education has in order to properly award the student requests.

Mr. Simmons asked about confirming Fisheries, Roads and Range modifications and their amounts. Mr. Howard will print out the award trail for any grant Mr. Simmons wants to see.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that Finance needs to draw the money down. This needs to be consistent. Also, reports need to be done on CTGP and Higher Education. Narratives-- Quarterly and Annual reports, also need to be consistent.

Mr. Simmons got email from Fish and Wildlife officer stating ASAP has a deadline of September 15, 2023 to sign-up on multi-factor authentication. Mr. Howard is aware and authenticated.

Mr. Simmons mentioned big purchase orders, so the funds can be drawn down.

Grant 1340 America the Beautiful – audit report FY2022 due by the end of September. The draft audit should be available by the end of September, but the final is TBD. Ms. Lone Eagle recommends asking for an extension.

US Treasury ERA—Mrs. Eagle said the Treasury requires the grantees to provide tangible personal property reports, SF428B form, and any relevant attachments with information on the status of equipment and supplies purchased with the ERA award. It was done.

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The Finance Clerk Position was posted for Native preference which is now over. They did get six applications from Robert Half. There was only one native. There was a discussion on interview plans.

The next Regular Council meeting will be September 16, 2023 at the Administration Office Suite 401, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am to 5:00 pm via Zoom and in person.

There was a question from a member wondering if they can be reimbursed for school fees. The consensus was no because SLPT no longer has the grant that paid school fees, fees are no longer covered in the budget and payment for fees would be paid to Washoe County School District not the member.

**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 5:39 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the August 19, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting September 16, 2023 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.

Sept 16-2023  
Date

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

