

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, July 15, 2023
Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, July 15, 2023 to order at 8:06 am.

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

STAFF: Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department (NRD) Director; Mr. Daniel Howard, Finance Director and Anne Macko, Contractor.

GUESTS: Melissa Eller, Tribal Member; Thurman Roberts, Nevadaworks; Madeline Ware Van der Voort, Nevada BLM; Samuel Burton, Winnemucca BLM District Manager; Michael Kraus, Winnemucca BLM Archeologist, Shannon Deep, Winnemucca BLM Native American Coordinator; and Roberts Vaughn, BLM Winnemucca Assistant Manager for Minerals.

MINUTES

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, June 17, 2023 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 8:10 am.

Council Reports:

Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that between June 19, 2023 and July 14, 2023 she did the following:

- June 30, 2023- signed for one HAF and one ARPA application.
- E-LOCCS access new application emailed to Catherine of HUD on June 27, 2023. Mr. Howard now has access and Ms. New Moon is recertified.
- Capital Fund Project (CFP) Laptops: There are 62 remaining. One was mailed on July 7, 2023.
- June 19, 2023-Met with Chris at the tribal office to open up for the afternoon Tribal Monitoring Class. She spent the day there.
- June 19-June 23, 2023- Attended Tribal Monitoring Class held at the Summit Lake office in Suite 401. There was a good turnout. There will be another class in August. One person (not SLPT member) commented asking why SLPT did not provide per diem, housing, etc. for this type of class. She was not sure why he was stating this. There was a lot of good feedback. It was a good course. She

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- July 3, 2023- spoke with staff member and wants a Personnel Executive session for 10 minutes.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 8:31 am.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:00 am.

- July 5, 2023-Checked emails from Holiday on July 4, 2023. Followed up and replied to emails as promptly as she could.
- July 6, 2023-Meeting with Jamie from Washoe County Registrar office on upcoming election cycle discussing the next steps and deadlines. She would like to give members the opportunity to work the polling place. There is free training.
 - NRD Team held a meeting in Suite 401 from 12:00 pm-2:30 pm. She talked to Cory Burdette and he felt Mrs. Lone Eagle needed to go on vacation. She will be on vacation August 23-28, 2023. Ms. Crane is on stand-by to handle any necessary issues that might come up.
 - SLPT Meet and Greet with Nevada Urban Indians (NUI) is on hold. Two of the three Partners of Success are no longer there. They are restructuring the department.
 - Therman Roberts: WNC-grant writing course online. Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. New Moon and possibly one other will take this course.
 - Ms. Crane wanted to know what Tribal Minds is doing, if will they set-up to attend Council meetings. They are currently busy but Mrs. Lone Eagle will contact them to see when they are available. She is working with Theresa and Kelly from Notre Dame University to work on a working agreement in a virtual meeting. The are trying to collaborate with SLPT needs and working with their students or interns.
- July 7, 2023- Checked emails, signed agreement for reimbursement. RSVP'd for pre-service training with ITCN CCDF program for July 30-August 4, 2023 at the Peppermill Casino Hotel in Reno, Nevada. They will take care of all of the expenses.
- July 10, 2023-Created Zoom link for regular council meeting set for July 15, 2023. Signed the agenda. Confirmed guests will be BLM Winnemucca office, Nevada BLM, and Thurman Roberts.
- July 10, 2023 Per the tribal council, via text message, consensus was to grant Mr. Carslaw temporary access for the MIP database to work remotely. Informed Mr. Carslaw and Mr. Howard about this decision and for them to follow through on the next steps for Mr. Carslaw to gain this access. Mrs. Lone Eagle have

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Keeping track of the ICWA inquiries that come in via mail, email or per enrollment. Most have been Non-affiliated with SLPT.

Trying to streamline a better process so Enrollment and she are not duplicating work going forward.

June Count: eight non-affiliated ICWA.

July Count: six non-affiliated ICWA.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane was available for check signing.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. He signed checks and was available to answer questions.

Council Member Philip Frank attended the Tribal Monitor Training and it was good. He got to see what it was like in southern Nevada and Arizona and Montana and California; to see how they are monitored.

Council Member Steven Crane had nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

The Council received an Independent Contractor letter from a tribal member of Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe named Jonathon Lowery. Mrs. Lone Eagle reviewed it. She is concerned about the cost. He proposed Safe Talk and Assist, one is two days and the other is a half or a full day. SLPT had tentatively set-up these with Nevada Urban Indians. He is no longer with NUI. He wants to work with SLPT. They questioned where the funding would come from and concerned about the cost of the materials. Council was concerned about the cost. NUI is being restructured. Tribal Minds and possibly another department could also do the training. NUI would provide the materials and just utilize the SLPT space. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not like the cost and supplies. Ms. Crane felt he was asking too much. She said there are other non-profit agencies that do the same thing. The contract is too costly so she is not in agreement. Mr. Mace, Mr. Frank and Mr. Crane all felt it was too much.

STAFF REPORTS

Natural Resources Department Report presented by James Simmons, NRD Director

Accomplishments

- The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 86°F to a low of 29°F. The USGS SnoTel station (located

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Mr. Burton wanted to talk about how SLPT has not seen Winnemucca BLM for a while. There is new management. They are making an effort to heal some of the relationships. SLPT can expect to see them more often. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that what would be appreciated and a start. For SLPT, the Winnemucca BLM office does not have a good name out there with working with the tribes. It is good that there is a team of people that are engaged and involved in bringing the things of interest to the tribes. This is key to communication and collaboration with the tribes. She then addressed the data sharing agreement. The last signed agreement was in 2012-2013. They will need to do another, updated agreement since the Tribal Council has changed. Ms. Deep was glad to hear this.

They assumed there would not be a lot of feedback at the meeting. If there are any questions or concerns, they should reach out to Ms. Deep or Mr. Kraus. There will also be a comment period starting July 21, 2023.

Mr. Simmons showed the parcels closest to the Reservation on a map explaining the size and locations. Mr. Mace asked how far they were from the Reservation. Mr. Simmons said he would have to map it out as the crow flies. The estimate was about 40 to 50 miles. Mr. Simmons asked, generally, what kind of environmental impacts are expected. Mr. Vaughn said as far as this goes, it is only for authority to lease the property with a possibility of casual work. Any other work would require another NEPA and further permitting. In the long range there is the possibility that the Geothermal company might want to develop the parcel.

Mr. Simmons asked about access. There are roads out there so access should not be a problem. Mr. Burton said they might do fly over thermal imagery with planes as well as the usual resource mapping and exploration. He explained the process through to the endgame. It is possible that the number of parcels may expand. Mr. Simmons asked if the EA covers the surface and underground resources. The answer was that at this time they are only covering surface rights.

It was also asked what other tribes might be interested in a consultation. Mrs. Lone Eagle said Pyramid Lake, Ft. McDermitt, Cedarville and Ft. Bidwell.

Mr. Simmons asked for an approximate timeline for the project to get to a fully operational project. Mr. Vaughn said about 10 to 12 years. Mr. Burton said the date of the lease is November 13, 2023. Renewable energy is getting a push now so new companies are looking at the land. Geothermal pulls water out and puts it back in so there is near zero loss of water.

Ms. Deep said that she would check about being able to share hydrology data with SLPT if interested. Mr. Simmons would be interested in that.

They identify skills and training systems.

They pay for instructors, subsidize training for people 18 years old and older. They use on-the-job training and get people certified and ready for a job.

They work with partners in Education, Healthcare, Manufacturing, Logistics and Technology.

They provide wrap-around services.

Mr. Roberts knows what is out there. Ms. New Moon asked about getting more Native applicants for jobs.

There is training to get higher education, resume writing and interview skills with the aim to get certified and employed.

Training to use computers and Microsoft Office.

He is looking for guidance from the Tribes.

Ms. New Moon asked if they had a list of available workers so that if they needed someone, could they call and have someone to send over. There is a system, DETER, in the Reno, Nevada office but he is not sure about Tribes as employers, but they do have people. Ms. New Moon said that SLPT has a position opening up and they have a Native preference period. Maybe by mutually helping each, both can get used to the system.

One of his goals is to have the participants feel their own worth.

Ms. Crane asked about the grant regarding a student who wants to go to school but has child care issues. She asked what he could do for her. Mr. Thurman replied they connect with Community based organizations and other type of facilities. They will connect the student and the organizational resources to pay that. Their grant has no income restrictions on the grant. Right now, he can only connect with resources.

He also works with other underserved communities like blacks and Hispanics so spread the word.

Mr. Roberts left the meeting at 11:20 am.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle called a ten-minute break at 11:21 am.

Consultation: Nevada BLM—Madeline Ware Van der Voort regarding Transmission Line Project

The project is on NV Energy property. The transmission line project goes Greenleaf West to help with power. There will be a NEPA for a 30-year right-of-way EIS.

They are reaching out to all the tribes in the area for input.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if there were any jobs for the closer tribes. The reply she was not sure about jobs for the construction but there was a tribal request for tribal monitors. If the lines go on tribal land, there is a process for right-of-way that will need to be completed.

A Notice of Intent was filed May 2022. It is now in Public Review from May to August, 2023.

Compliance needs to be completed. It crosses the following counties for the project: Clark, Nye, Esmeralda, Mineral, Lyon, Storey and Washoe Counties NV Energy proposed a 200-foot permanent right-of-way. The temporary construction area would be larger. It will cover 358 miles of 525 KV lines and 114 miles of 345 KV lines and 42 miles of smaller distribution lines. Multiple types of towers will be built. It depends on the size of the lines. There will be a lot of additional infrastructure including an expansion of substations, improving and potentially creating new roads, maintenance road, fiber optic cables and radio transmission facilities to add capability of communications default and back-up communication capability on the lines. There are multiple different alternatives for this project.

The draft EIS is in public comment. There will be additional meetings for feedback for the public and comments August 8 through August 23, 2023.

They invited many tribes to comment.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked to have information forwarded to her.

Ms. Van der Voort left the meeting at 1:25 pm.

Housing Report by Austin New Moon

Updates:

- Waiting on Finance to provide numbers detail for Emergency Housing and Fund 153 (NIAC HAF) since the numbers on the monthly report are not correct. Both grants, Fund 153 and Fund 58, have been closed-out.

- There have been a few members wanting to apply but without the required COVID-19 Impact which has caused some issues.
- Awaiting numbers for Fund 157 so she has an estimate of how much ARPA assistance is left since cleaning bundles are being paid for by ARPA.

ARPA Report

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

- Cleaning Bundle forms posted to the website and Facebook also printed in person at the front desk. Mass mailing went out in the SLPT NRD Newsletter. Ordering continues, resolved the issues with ordered items that were never delivered. Refunds were issued and new items ordered for delivery. Ordered is based on first come, first served. They are date stamped as they arrive. All requested bundle forms have been filled.
- Continuing to pick up Pantry Items bi-weekly with Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. Meat is scarce.
- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: Waiting for Finance to complete the 501(c)3 status
- Food Nutrition Cards: Finance Department now handling this.
- Training Monitor training was a success. There is another one scheduled for August 14-18, 2023
- CPR/First Aid/AED Training: Gary Ray Safety: minimum of 15 people at \$55 would be \$825 and any additional would be \$55 per person for a four-to-five-hour training
 - Anthem/Red Cross are able to provide training materials and provide the training itself for free; the downside is that no one would be certified at the end of the course. They recommended providing the training and then having one of our staff go and get certified in the licensing and then providing it to our staff for certification which would be a lot of work.
- Ants and spiders—SLPT has an infestation in Suites 401 and 402. They have received quotes from a few companies for 401, 401 and 201 as well. All companies are recommending a quarterly spray for all units. Mr. Simmons proposes ant traps as a non-spray, less cost option. Also, they should take out trash on Friday.
- Scanner/Monitor: One of the scanner's monitors is old and outdated and has loose connection ports. The screen blacks out while she is working, and she sometimes has to hold the cord in place with one hand and scan with the other hand. Ms. New Moon believes a new one needs to be ordered.

There was a discussion on the audit and reconciliation. The audit will be the following week of July 17, 2023. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned that she does not expect a clean audit. The records do not match. There was further discussion.

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- b. Fund 168 is a new grant to restore the sagebrush habitat with an award of \$166,476. The project period is August 1, 2023 through July 31, 2025.
- 3. CASH RECEIPTS-Total of \$125,656.27
 - a. Fund 159 Native Language Grant Revenues \$30,829.75
 - b. Fund 165 Infrastructure Investments \$71,381.91
 - c. Fund 140 Property Tax Refund \$23.24
 - d. Fund 132 Great Basin Invoice \$22,616.22
 - e. Fund 140 Reimbursement from Imperial Parking to replace Suburban key fob \$551.99
 - f. Fund 90 Indirect Cost Pool Bank interest \$253.16
- 4. Expenditures
 - a. Total expenditures for the month of June 2023 were \$761,975.56
 - b. The total Tribal distribution from the ARPA was \$508,000.
 - c. The corporate account necessary for the Membership gift cards is in progress.
 - i. The last communication received from the Walmart Customer Center was July 13, 2023 and the application was under final review.
 - ii. Finance called the Center on Friday, July 14, 2023 and no progress was made. They are expecting a call from them next week. Once the account has been approved they can order the food cards. This will be paid by cashier's check.
- 5. CAPITAL PURCHASES
The Tribe purchased an additional unit in the Wildcreek Business Park at 2155 Green Vista Dr. Suite 201 for \$400,000+. It has internet, electricity and insurance have been achieved.

ERC has credit. Mr. Howard is researching whether, if they accept the ERC for COVID wages, they will need to redo all the other reports. It is a big question.

Mr. Howard will help to recreate a 501(c)3 non-profit for SLPT to apply to the Northern Nevada Food Bank. It will need a mission statement, a board, register for a state EIN and applying to the IRS. They need to decide if they want to be a non-profit Corporation or LLC. Mr. Howard feels they need a meeting to determine things. Then they can go through the application process. The Council would like more information on what to do for this.

Mr. Howard wants to meet with Ms. New Moon to get the numbers straight with the two funds.

Mrs. Lone Eagle had a question about US Bank asking for a fee from her to cash a SLPT check although it seems others have the fees waived. She was told that it was set up that people had to pay a fee. She can get it waived but she has to show all kinds of

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CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the July 15, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting August 19, 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.

8/19/2023
Date

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