

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Thursday, September 29, 2022
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 10:44 am.

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

STAFF: Austin New Moon, Housing Manager

The meeting will start with an agenda change to do New Business—NRD Resolution SL-43-2022 first. The resolution is for the purchase of a new side-by-side vehicle. It is funded under the budget modification for Fund 102. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not have the resolution in front of her so the Council cannot see it. This will be tabled until October 15, 2022 meeting.

HUD with Ms. New Moon

IHBG FY 2023 Activities: This is where they discuss and determine the activities for the coming year under IHBG. Ms. New Moon presented each current program.

- Down Payment and Closing Cost Program: It is set to help two households. None were served due to inability to obtain a loan or ineligibility. Council wishes to continue it as it is.
- Tenant Base Rental Assistance: Rental assistance for seven households up to \$500 per month for a total of \$6,000 a year on a yearly basis. Budget of \$42,000. The Council agreed with Ms. New Moon's recommendation to increase this to ten households and an increased budget of \$60,000.
- Housing Management Services: to pay for services and assistance, usually given by Ms. New Moon, to assist the various applicants in using the various programs including the Housing library. Its intended use is for all households of the members of the tribe. Budgeted for \$70,000. The Council accepted the recommendation of Ms. New Moon to leave it the same as for 2022.
- Mr. Mace asked about having a program for the homeless. They must be able to secure an apartment on their own. This is the hard part. SLPT does not become as a co-signer or second, but have first dips on the home if it forecloses. Then they could decide to leave the people in the home and work something out with them or rent it or sell it to another tribal member. Mr. Mace says the homeless do not have an address and makes it hard. Mrs. Lone Eagle saw these tiny homes in a small lot, Hope Springs. She also mentioned that when talking to Ms. Cortez-Masto's staff member Carol in Washington DC, it was mentioned that there was \$500 million Home Means Nevada initiative. If SLPT where to purchase homes in a certain area, these homes can be put in trust for the tribe.

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Ms. New Moon looked up the tiny home community. It is basically sheds which are sleeping rooms with communal facilities for everything else. They found a place called Nevada Hopes. They deal with many low-income and homeless people with medical and many other ancillary services. This is a possible place to recommend to the homeless. Ms. New Moon will look into this.

- Job Training participant Certification based program. There is no set amount per participant as trainings vary greatly in costs. The program is planned to assist 20 members with a budget of \$20,000. They have not served close to that. It was recommended to decrease the program by half to serve 10 members with a budget of \$10,000. Council agreed with the recommendation.
- Security and First Month Rental Assistance Program: \$1,500 security and up to \$1,500 for first month's rent per participant for a total of \$3,000 to get them into a unit for five households per year. The budget is \$20,000. They helped four families this year. Ms. New Moon recommends keeping it the same. Mr. Mace felt that the costs for housing is rising especially for a larger family. It will be increased to \$2,000 security and up-to \$2,000 first month's rent for a total of up-to \$4,000 total per family. The budget remains \$20,000

Mrs. Lone Eagle found more tiny houses-Sierra Tiny Homes for \$68,540. They have two styles.

- Sports Registration Fees and Equipment Program. This is for Tribal member minors between the ages of 4 and 17 providing up-to \$500 in assistance. This is for sports registration fees and equipment needed to participate in the sport. This can be requested twice in one year for a total of up-to \$1,000 per minor. There have been participants utilizing the twice a year option but not near the \$1,000. It was planned on 30 households which is realistically \$15,000 and \$15,000 if they apply twice a year. They are pretty close to that. The number of households will be increased to 40 households. The budget would be \$40,000.

• They watched a video on the Sierra Tiny Homes. They looked nice. \$79,000. They are mobile so they can be moved. The bungalow and cottage are \$68,069

Ms. New Moon gave a list of other eligible activities. When thinking of building/purchasing a tribal rental community, they need to think if they are confident that members can live close to other members. SLPT must provide a decent, safe and peaceful environment. This can be put into the rental agreement. Maybe they can think of rental homes in various areas and then put the homes in trust. They need to think of locations near transportation, shopping, and medical facilities especially for seniors. NRD would like to have a storage facility for their equipment not at the Reservation.

Mr. Mace asked if there was anything that would help with moving. Ms. New Moon does know of any funding eligible for this. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not think so. Ms. New Moon

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will check. If they can and want to add this to the plan, this can be added before the October 18, 2022 deadline.

SLPT is no longer considered a small, needy tribe. Ms. New Moon disagrees with this. Since SLPT is small and so it is minimally funded. SLPT needs it more than the bigger tribes. SLPT members do not get the same benefits as other tribes. Mr. Mace said maybe they can find a way to make income. She has email from non-members wanting to fish on the Reservation. It is concerning about the amount of possible trespass. They need to help the local people as well. It is difficult because no one lives on the Reservation.

They could possibly add back the Rehabilitation program and broadened the details and set a cap and have a certified contractor do the work. Make the policy for ADA and also open the program. The Council would like to see it back with a broadened scope. It will be set for five households at a cap of \$15,000.

Development of emergency shelters to help the homeless or domestic violence. They would need to find land and put in tiny homes. This would be on a short-term basis. They would help them with other programs to get them into their own rental. The policy can be developed a policy that will provide six months of housing, but during those six months the participant must find a job or job training in two months, then can help them find a rental. The program will promote self-sufficiency. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it would be nice to have a safe house for domestic violence cases and have resources to help them or some funding. Ms. New Moon will look for already established domestic violence shelters and organization and see if SLPT can refer their members and help support the shelter. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned a class called Advance Directive on how to prepare documentation (wills, DNRs, medical information, etc.) for emergencies. Then they can have a list of references.

Ms. New Moon will make the updates and bring it to the General meeting on October 15, 2022 for Council to review and then submit it by the deadline.

In addition to the six programs that are already in place, they are looking to add the Rehabilitation program policy back for \$15,000; possibly add a program on emergency assistance for the homeless and domestic violence. She will also check into the Advance Directive information.

They discussed the Boys and Girls after school programs and possibly providing assistance to register the children at \$40 per week per child. Children's Cabinet also has a program. Ms. New Moon will see if this can be added to the Sports program or whether it would require a different program.

Mrs. Lone Eagle informed the Council that the early voting for their designated polling place will start October 22, 2022 through November 4, 2022 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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They still need poll workers. Election day, November 8, 2022 the polling will be open 7:00am to 7:00 pm. The workers will be expected to arrive one hour early and stay 40 minutes after closing each night. She gave the Council the information to contact the state for training as a poll watcher and other information.

Self-Monitoring. Ms. New Moon gave the Council the self-monitoring sheets to take home and fill out and then return to Ms. New Moon before the October 15, 2022 meeting. It is to make sure they are operating properly.

Crystal Mennett is asking if there is anything SLPT would like to submit to her October newsletter. She is the Tribal Coordinator Nevada Department of Health and Human Services. RSIC submitted some news. Ms. New Moon suggested putting in a burb on the SLPT Native American Day Event and Mrs. Lone Eagle said to put in information on SLPT being a designated polling place with the address and hours and that poll workers are needed and the workers hours and the contact being Shannon and her contact information.

Cleaning supplies update from Ms. New Moon: She is planning on 15 bundles so far. Members need to apply and meet qualifications. She will not give them out until the bundles are complete. A bundle includes glove, paper towels, Clorox, all purpose spray, Hepa filter, air purifier, mops, clothes, wipes, Lysol spray and bacterial soap. For out-of-state members she can have the items shipped directly from the store-Walmart.

MEETINGS

Saturday, October 15, 2022, General Council Meeting at 10:00 am at Administrative Building, Field Office, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Reservation, Summit Lake, Nevada Meet at Sparks, Nevada Administrative Building at 5:30 am. Pot luck lunch.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Vice- Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 4 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 12:28 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the September 29, 2022 Special Council Meeting were approved with corrections by the Council during a duly held meeting October 15, 2022 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

Date

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