

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Regular Council Meeting
Saturday, April 20, 2024
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, April 20, 2024 to order at 8:07 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, Director Natural Resources Department; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; Larry Curly, Grant Writer; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Christina Lomaintewa, Election Committee; Celina Gonzalez. Tribal Member

Election Committee presentation of Resolutions: Ms. Lomaintewa

Ms. Lomaintewa requested an Executive Session.

MOTION: Vice-Chairman Nedra Crane moved to for an Executive Session for 30 minutes for the Election Committee. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council in Executive Session at 8:11 am.

Council returned from Executive Session at 9:11 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change to have Ms. Celina Gonzalez to be the next item on the agenda. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST; 0 ABSTAINED. Agenda Change approved at 9:15 am.

Ms. C. Gonzalez had some questions and submitted a request to be on the agenda. She attended the Election Committee meeting as requested with Claudia as support. She described what occurred at the meeting where there was a reading of a resolution for her disbarment. Claudia accompanied her as she worked on the Election Committee on a previous Election Committee.

Mrs. Lone Eagle went through the history of the referenced resolutions.

Ms. Gonzalez refuted the use of the prior resolutions for the proposed resolutions. Even though she was disenrolled, she contended that there was no deception and it was noted so in the prior resolution. After the change in enrollment requirements, she is

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properly eligible and enrolled properly and is now a Tribal Member. As a Tribal Member she wants the right to vote and feels entitled to the right. She continued to present her interpretation of the situation. She felt the Election Committee was confrontational.

She discussed how she viewed the situation. She was disenrolled not disbarred. The Election Committee told her that the committee and Council wanted disbarment.

The Chairwoman told her that the committee did not previously discuss this with the Council.

Ms. C. Gonzalez said that the committee would not look at any documentation including her new enrollment.

Mrs. Lone Eagle read the Ordinances discussing that Ms. Gonzalez was disenrolled but eligible for future enrollment. Ms. Gonzalez stated there were timeline differences. Various documentations were referenced.

The current Election Committee wants disbarment and wants it retroactive to the original resolution. Ms. Gonzalez stated that she feels this is illegal per a BIA statement.

Ms. Crane stated that as of 2020 Ms. Gonzalez was eligible for enrollment.

Ms. C. Gonzalez said that for this election cycle, she will not be a candidate, but as she was not disbarred and properly enrolled in 2020, she would like to vote.

She asked if the Council asked for her to be disbarred. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that the Council did not ask for a resolution. They just answered a few questions asked by the committee.

Ms. C. Gonzalez does not feel it is right to disbar her. She would like her due process. She wants to know what the resolution states.

Mrs. Lone Eagle read the Election Committee's resolution.

This was an error of the past Council. Ms. Gonzalez would like to vote.

Ms. C. Gonzalez left the meeting.

On April 29, 2024 there will be a Special Council meeting from 1:00-5:00 pm for NRD. The Council will ask the Election Committee to be there to clear up this situation. The Election Committee will be asked to appear at 4:00 pm.

Mrs. Lone Eagle summarized the situation. Mr. Crane said it is too important to think

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about it now. Ms. New Moon questioned when due process was given. It is given with enrollment not with the election. Ms. D. Gonzalez asked why go back, go forward. Mrs. Lone Eagle requested that Ms. D. Gonzalez to stay out of it. Usually, the Election Committee is on their own and the Council stays out of it.

Council would like to stay out of it. Maybe they can give it to a lawyer or other third-party grievance panel/committee in house.

On a different matter regarding the Election Committee, Ms. D. Gonzalez stated that the Committee should have contact information so they could answer Tribal Members' questions about the election.

Committee terms are two-year, except Election Committee which is every three years. An email account can be established for the Committee. This would be direct contact and take less time away from the staff. No personal telephone numbers are ever given out.

It was the consensus of the Council to table the two Election Committee resolutions until the Special Council meeting on April 29, 2024.

MINUTES

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, March 16, 2024 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 11:21 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Wednesday, March 27, 2024 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 11:22 am.

Council Reports

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle reported that she received a letter from Janet Davis stating that SLPT had a successful application for the State ARPA money. 15% of the funds will be sent first. It has not been received as yet.

Two candidates for the Pantry positions were selected. Both are ready to start.

On April 8, 2024 Larry Curley started as the Grant Writer.

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Report from March 17, 2024 to April 19, 2024

- March 18-22, 2024—Attended the enrollment conference with Montana Associates LLC in Hawaii. They all got certificates.
- March 25, 2024—She was in the office. She handled emails and replies throughout the day.
- March 26, 2024—Attended the meeting with Tribal Leaders and Senator Jacky Rosen on their issues or concerns for Nevada Tribes.
- March 27, 2024—Attended the special meeting for the Housing Department
- March 28, 2024—Intergovernmental Indian Affairs weekly meeting via Zoom
- March 29, 2024—Attended the Zoom meeting for ITCN Board meeting. Available by email and phone on this day. Had an emergency out of town. The Election Committee had their meeting.
- April 1, 2024—THPO meeting via Zoom. SLPT needs to apply for their allocated amount of \$99,623. She has submitted the form for NPS as of April 17, 2024. Received a call from Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) Machan Eben who offered to assist in applying for the funding since the deadline is May 20, 2024. Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to hire someone to take over as THPO.
- April 1, 2024—She let Mr. Curley know about ANA grants for language and let him know he could work with Katie and Larry
- April 2, 2024—NAS Fallon Cultural Resource survey reorganization meeting via Zoom. She had a meeting with Mr. Melendez on something with 201.
- April 3, 2024—Attended the DHCFP Tribal Consultation meeting. Attended the NCAI Executive Board Meeting. Attended the ITEP's Tribal Clean Transportation meeting.
- April 4, 2024—Emails and follow-up. Attended the DOJ/COPS meeting with Senator Rosen staff via teams.
- April 5, 2024—9:30 am meeting with Lucia about how important it is for the tribal vote and having a polling location with Nevada Purple Politics. Two interviews were conducted with the Council at 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm.
- April 8-April 12, 2024—Attended the 42nd Annual NICWA Conference. Also attended the Understanding ICWA on April 10-12, 2024 in Seattle, Washington.
- April 15, 2024—Signed checks, purchase orders for Natural Resources Department (NRD) , EAN form for NRD. Followed-up on emails and replies. Spoke with Vice-Chairwoman Crane. Received a letter for NIC regarding our State ARPA allocation.
- April 16, 2024—Emails, Letters for new hires for the Food Pantry position. Along with letters for non-hire for positions posted. ICWA letters drafted and mailed.
- April 17, 2024—Emails. Nevada FLAP Applicants Webinar from 12:00 pm-2:00 pm. Submitted quarterly report for ICWA. One HAF application and two SLPT ARPA applications.
- April 18, 2024—Emails and interview with NRD staff.

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April 19, 2024—Interviews with NRD staff.

Council Mail:

- March 18, 2024—Notice of Agreements with US Department of Justice.
- March 19, 2024—Letter from Captain Tanner-Naval Air Station Fallon Modernization Inventory Reorganization.
- March 19, 2024—Letter from the Department of Navy for Fence Repair and Replacement Project.
- March 20, 2024—Letter received from BLM Winnemucca office on the competitive geothermal lease sale.
- March 20, 2024—Letter from BLM Winnemucca office of an inventory added to the federal registry of items illegally taken from Winnemucca Lake area. PLPT made claims to reclaim the remains.
- March 21, 2024—Letter received from BLM Winnemucca office on the Plan of Development and installation and operation of six MET Towers.
- March 21, 2024—Letter from US Department of Interior-Section 106 of the NHPA for Berry Brook Mesic Area and Connectivity Enhancement for Sagebrush Steppe Wildlife Project.
- March 22, 2024—Letter from Valoree Althoff on her services that she may be able to assist with.
- March 25, 2024—two postcards from Indian Land Tenure Foundation
- March 26, 2024—Letter from California State University on initiating consultation on cultural affiliation and identification of potential cultural items removed from the vicinity of Black Rock Desert.
- April 1, 2024—Department of Navy-2023 Tribal Access MOA.
- April 1, 2024—Election and Government Mail Services official kit for 2024, post card from Rite Track.
- April 4, 2024—Letter from BLM Winnemucca office on newly appointed Tribal Liaison for their office is now Mr. Garin Greyeyes.
- April 5—RISC Camp news, Smithsonian Institution letter for Vacancy on the Repatriation Review Committee, letter from BLM California State Office about upcoming public meetings and comment period for the 2024 Greater Sage Grouse Draft Resource Management plan amendment and draft EIS.
- April 6, 2024—ACES postcard on upcoming games and events, Unity packet on upcoming conference during June 29-July 3, 2024. Letter from BLM Applegate office on their proposed decision for the Northeast Drift Fence EA. Memo for ITCA on funding that would be available.
- April 9, 2024—Letter from BLM Applegate Vale Office in Oregon Development of the IIPM EA.
- April 10, 2024—Postcard from Native Advisory on their services available to tribes, letter on invitation to participate in the Native American Direct Loan Program with the Department of Veterans' Affairs.

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CFP:

Four laptops remaining for this project.

State ARPA Application:

On Monday, April 8, 2024 received an email from Ms. Montooth that our application had not been processed and she was going to have a meeting the next day with the state fiscal. However, by Wednesday that week, the meeting did not happen as it was cancelled per her email. She also mentioned there was an issue on the state side, not SLPT. Still waiting for our funding to bring on our two new hires for the pantry. Received a letter on April 15, 2024 that 15% of our allocation would be released ASAP. Then we would get the remaining amount in June 2024.

ICWA

For the month of April, we received a total of six non-affiliated with Summit Lake or eligible for enrollment.

ICWA 1st Quarter report submitted to BIA on April 17, 2024

Higher Education

No Higher Education packets received for the months of March and April of 2024

Mrs. Lone Eagle applied to ASAP.com for funding enrollment for the THPO funds.

She received certifications at NICWA and the Res conferences.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane was available for check signing.

She attended the March 27, 2024 Special Meeting and the interviews for the Pantry positions.

She attended a meeting via phone on April 19, 2024 with BLM Winnemucca and Burns Tribe. They discussed three projects: connecting the Ruby pipeline, and the Gerlach and Lovelock geothermal plants.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. attended the March 27, 2024 Special Council meeting and interviews.

He attended the Mining Conference at UNR at RSIC. Machon Eben was there. He went to the Mineral Extraction breakout. 100 million tons of lithium is extracted out of the ground. They need people with tech knowledge. This has been compared to the Gold Rush with companies wanting to be the biggest battery makers.

John Hatter is doing a watch on the Great Basin. There is gold, silver, and lithium

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mines. Mr. Hatter is watching over them all. He wants to talk to SLPT and make a presentation.

He signed checks.

Council Member Philip Frank. attended the Housing Special Council meeting March 27, 2024.

Council Member Steven Crane attended the HUD Special Council meeting March 27, 2024.

Mr. Simmons was on a virtual conference. Someone brought up solar power. They are trying to put up solar plants everywhere. SLPT should keep their eye on it.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle called lunch at 11:52 am to return at 1:00 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, April 20, 2024 back to order at 12:56 pm.

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, Director Natural Resources Department; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Howard, Finance Director; Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; Larry Curly, Grant Writer; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Alicia Reban, Executive Director, Nevada Land Trust; Sam Burton, District Manager, Shannon Deep, Archeologist, and Garin Greyeyes, Tribal Liaison, BLM Winnemucca, Nevada

Mr. Simmons gave an introduction. The current Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) fund 107 has funds to purchase the BTAZ land on the western shore of the lake. The Nevada Land Trust (NLT) is formulating a plan to purchase this land.

Ms. Reban talked through where they are in approaching BTAZ. Sometimes it is best to let them settle before approaching BTAZ. Now the son and daughter are in charge. NLT is trying to get information on how the business is doing and how it operates. BTAZ is in the top twenty land acreage in the US. NLT also looked at the BTAZ grazing leases.

Ms. Reban just attended the Land Trust Conference in Washington D.C. and learned

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there is funding available.

NLT has done water rights research in the Summit Lake watershed.

They proposed phone calls and a letter to Mr. Barta to introduce NLT, who they are and who they represent: "on behalf of Nevada Land Trust in partnership with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe". NLT looked at different approaches with the thought of what can be done to make BTAZ interested. One suggestion was a land exchange with BLM and BTAZ, however, the Council did not approve that approach in the meeting.

Senator Rosen has a new land bill. It is only in Washoe County, not the northern part of Nevada, mostly larger urban tribes.

Ms. Reban said that maybe the BLM might be in favor. The goal is to do outreach to establish a relationship with the aims of 1) SLPT gets their land back, and 2) Barta willing to cooperate. They would introduce NLT and hope to make solutions. They hope for a nibble from BTAZ.

Mr. Simmons brought up another opportunity stating there are two parcels of BTAZ land; one on the western shore and one in the Slide Spring termination area. Maybe BTAZ would consider both parcels. These are the last parcels of land needed to complete the Reservation lands.

The plan is to reach out. The preliminary schedule is to start contact the next week. Council said to proceed. Now they have some ideas of what to do and options available.

She mentioned new funding for water resources was announced by Ms. Holland from the Department of the Interior.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an agenda change for Mr. Curley to go first with his Grant Writer report. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Agenda changed at 1:24 pm.

STAFF REPORTS

Grant Writer Report—Larry Curley

Mr. Curley introduced himself. He was a member of the Navajo Nation. He summarized his experience. He is well rounded in Tribal areas.

He stated that he had been looking around at the grants coming out. He asked for an organizational chart to work in unified direction. Ask for information on salary scales-

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generalized. He is working on the Indirect rate.

Mr. Curley mentioned that new grants are announced this time of year. There are many funding sources. He has a handle on available resources and seeing what is being handled where.

There was a grant needing to be re-applied for. He once worked with Machon Eben so they can work together on this upcoming grant.

He wants to creatively coordinate and devote to programs, not only in NRD but affect the people the Tribe serves.

Ms. Crane welcomed him aboard.

They asked if he wanted an SLPT email. Yes, he does not want to use his personal email. It would be more official with SLPT email. The email that will be assigned as Larry.Curley@summitlaketribe.org

He wants to coordinate meetings on Mondays. He would like to incorporate staff directors so everyone is all on board. This would be weekly.

He will be working remotely.

Enrollment Report—Delgadina Gonzalez

Enrollment

No new applications

Two applications pending

Total 205 active enrolled members

Base Roll count to date is 322

- 129 Adults 18+
- 76 children 0-17

She is still researching another 24 names that have come up in the old paperwork.

Enrollment Cards

Zero adult enrollment cards were made.

Employee Badges

Three badges were printed then the data card printer kept glitching. There were internet problems. It was a possible server issue.

Progeny

Ms. Gonzalez was having issues with the data card printer which kept going offline.

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That week the data printer was not holding an internet connection. She could not print cards or documents or enter much when it did that. Mr. Howard sent out an email about the server needing upgrading for data storage and they would continue to have issues until it is corrected. She was hopeful the issues will clear up once the server issue is fixed.

Membership Files/Historical Records

Membership files and contact information are updated when members call, email, or come in. She is still researching and collecting historical documents to re-create and complete our membership files.

She has been working on updating the Base Roll, She has added the names back on to the Base Roll and has been able to add the names to the unused Progeny numbers. She is still going through probate documents and files to collect information on any members that may have been removed or left off the rolls over the years.

Ancestry.com has been awesome.

Enrollment Training

Enrollment Chairwoman Trejo, Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Gonzalez attended the Annual Enrollment Seminar put on by Montana and Associates in Honolulu, Hawaii March 19-21, 2024. The discussion regarding lineal descendancies and membership increase seemed to have only SLPT interested. Others thought differently. DNA testing was discussed.

It was very informative. It was interesting to hear what other tribes are dealing with and how they are moving forward.

Money and benefit distributions was the biggest issue. With too many members, people feel they are not getting enough or short-changed. With too few members, funding lowers and is limited so the members feel they are not benefiting or getting needed services.

Tribes are dealing with conflicts about blood quantum, closing enrollment, descendancy, rules for enrollment. Some are looking into DNA testing which is not very accurate. Records are missing or incomplete, incorrect, not secured. Their Councils and committees not fully understanding the tribes' articles, constitutions, the enrollment process or their roles. Issues with non-compliance, and high staff turnover.

Discussion topics were lineal descent vs blood quantum. ICWA rights and tribes' involvement, risk management, the importance of Councils avoiding the appearance of impropriety, basic civil rights, Indian Civil Rights Act, following the constitutions or articles of association, sovereignty, when does it apply, public law and jurisdiction,

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working for the tribe while on Council—its pros and cons. What is the bureau's role, can they step in and when?

Understanding the Indian Civil Rights Act ensures equal protection and due process for everyone. Changes to and new enrollment laws cannot be applied retroactively. They can only apply to members seeking enrollment from the date the law was enacted.

They must follow what is documented in the constitution or articles. All wording should match and be clearly defined. They should be mindful of language, perception and interpretation. How you say things and how things are written can have major consequences. They need to know Liability, the question of who is liable. The proper use of terms according to their meaning should be gone over with a tribal attorney or Indian law entity.

Federal definition of being a member of an Indian Tribe vs and Enrolled Member: anyone can be a member of a tribe based on self-determination, ancestry, lineage, residency, tribal customs, and community affiliation. An enrolled member has a Role number with the tribe, Both are important and are used to determine what services and benefits one receives.

Based on their discussion and group activities the instructor told them they were on the right track and could reach out when needed.

The host recognized them for showing up, being present, and actively participating. He kept track of the attendees each day and called out individuals for being late, leaving early, or not showing up. He told them they were wasting funds, accepted no excuses, said he would be notifying tribal officials of their actions.

Enrollment Committee

The next meet has not been scheduled.

ICWA

There were no new inquiries this month.

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA)Training

Ms. Gonzalez received a scholarship from the Nebraska Indian Child Welfare Coalition to take the Fatherhood is Sacred and Motherhood is Sacred Online Course every Tuesday evening from 5:30—7:30 pm. This course started on January 16, 2024 and ran through April 4, 2024. She received her certificate for completing the course.

National Indian Child Welfare Association (NICWA) Convention

Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Gonzalez attended the 42nd Annual NICWA Together We

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Stand: Preserving the Spirt of ICWA convention April 7-10, 2024 and the ICWA 101 training April 10, 2024 to 12, 2024 in Seattle, Washington.

Keeping focus on why ICWA was enacted and the importance of keeping our families together. Getting our children back, importance of connecting and belonging, culture, traditions and customs. Information on providing needed services to the families, medical and mental health, parenting skills, early prevention, community action, generational trauma, outreach, partnerships with tribal, local, and state agencies, funding sources, wellness, self-care, home visits, adoptions, foster care, kinship care.

ICWA training went over history of ICWA and the current need for it. What is the natural helping system of tribes. Federal policies on Native families, children and tribes. Historical and intergenerational trauma and the impacts it has on Native people.

ICWA:

When does ICWA apply? Who does it apply to? Jurisdictions: who gets the case? Identifying and contacting the tribes, verifying tribal affiliation and enrollment status. What is an Indian child? Who decides if a child is native American? How is it determined? What happens when a child is removed from the home?

ICWA is concerned with emergency removal, notice requirements, transfer to tribal court or working with state courts, parental rights, family rights, voluntary placement, involuntary placement, foster care, tribal home, termination of parental rights, placement preference, adoptions.

When does the tribe intervene regarding Tribal involvement, understanding how much is needed or can be offered, funding, holding courts accountable, utilizing their funding sources for the children and families, reunification, active efforts, keeping the children in the home, timelines, safety plans, follow up and follow through?

Ms. Gonzalez posed a question on Surrogacy—if the surrogate mother is native, if she wants to keep the child; does ICWA apply.

She thanked the Council for letting her go to the convention.

ARPA Report presented by Austin New Moon

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

- Food Bank of Northern Nevada: continuing to wait for the State ARPA funds to be deposited so they can quickly add the wall in Suite 201. The use of the ITCN 501c3 non-profit status is ready to start.
- Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada: Continuing to pick-up pantry items bi-weekly and also shopping for items not received during the pantry pick-up.

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- Food Grant Opportunity came up with USDA. Currently only two tribes, Walker River and Pyramid Lake, receive this money. It allows the tribe to continue to purchase food items and commodities. The application is due May 12, 2024. She will work with Mr. Curley on this.
- Amazon: Mr. Howard and Ms. New Moon had a phone call with the tribe's Amazon.com representative. She notified them about a cool food program that they have, that may be a solution to assisting our members that are not able to utilize the food pantry. Ms. New Moon really wishes this program was in place before they purchased the food gift cards. There was discussion on the program. They could allocate money per month. This is food for thought for out-of-town members.
- T-Mobile: All the new routers were mailed out directly by T-Mobile to the members who already have one of the refurbished ones. The other routers which have not been assigned yet, were sent to the office so she could mail them as people sign-up. Still receiving new applications for assistance. There is still a need to follow directions to activate the router.

Other Duties

Naming Suites 201 and 401: Tabled for next meeting.

Paiute Language Class:

Classes continue twice a week. They have a few new people interested in the class. They have informed the students that classes will end soon but they are looking into other funding. They have sent out the handouts to the few new students. They are utilizing the YouTube Channel to learn. They discussed uploading the workbook and handouts. The financial statements are still showing classes will end about the end of May.

They are looking at the ANA grants for further funding. TLC is helping with another grant proposal.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 5 minutes for Housing. 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 2:16 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:21 pm.

There was a discussion on whether a Tribal employee could also serve on the Council, yes or no. They will need to check the ordinances and policies, the personnel manual.

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Sam Burton of the BLM Winnemucca, Nevada arrived at 2:35 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Deny Application for Security Deposit and First Months Rent. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 2:36 pm.

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 65°F to a low of 15°F. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 13.2 inches of SWE (snow water equivalent).
- Good snowpack!
- Meghan Munn attended the NAFWS herpetology field training April 16-18, 2024.
- Field season opened the week of March 25, 2024. Field operations began April 1, 2024
- Lake sampling captured 151 LCT over two weeks.
- The fish trap opened on April 15, 2024.
- Sage Grouse: ten hens collared, 50 males in one Lek with over 100 males seen overall.
- Great Institute Basin workers are working out well. They are experienced.

Discission Topics:

1. **Approval for Contract with Progressive Pest Management-SL-16-2024.**
Great Basin Institute was cheaper but have not completed the work for the last two years. Progressive Pest Management put together a chemical treatment plan for treating the Field Station, Mahogany Creek and roadsides primarily, plus a few other areas. They will target cheatgrass, tarmarisk, and other invasives that have been targeted in the past. The treatment plan has two phases om 2024 and will cost approximately for \$95,000 to \$125,000 from funds 152 and 1502. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent areas of Resolution SL-16-2024.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-16-2024 Approval for Contract with Progressive Pest Management for Invasive Plant Treatment 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-16-2024 enacted at 2:52 pm.

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Shannon Deep and Garin Greyeyes of the BLM Winnemucca, Nevada arrived at 2:51 pm.

- 2. SL-17-2024: Approval of Contract with L & I Fence:** Approval of a contract with L & I Fence for the Summit Lake Spring(s) into Action-II project fencing. They did the fencing on other springs and will now fence Upper Tule, Slide, Lakeview and Toll House springs under Grant F24AC00674. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of SL-17-2024.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-17-2024 Approval for L & I Fence Construction, Inc. to Construct the Fence for the Summit Lake Springs into Action II (F24AC00674) 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-17-2024 enacted at 2:56 pm.

NRD Report to be continued.

BLM Winnemucca -Sam Burton, Shannon Deep, and Garin Greyeyes

Mr. Burton started by saying he is trying to better at communication with the Tribes. The office has added a Tribal Liaison.

Ms. Deep said that she did double duty as cultural Archeologist and Native American Coordinator.

Garin Greyeyes introduced himself. He is Navajo Nation. He formerly worked for the BIA. He is now the Tribal Liaison for the BLM Winnemucca District. He wants to engage and work with the Tribal members.

Mr. Burton wants more Tribal knowledge, more communication, and more engagement. They are monitoring funding, Now there is a big push on Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funds. They want to use them for restoration. He is interested in co-stewardship, ideas to work together. Wants more cultural input and wants to know how to incorporate Tribal knowledge.

There are MOUs and MOAs. Mr. Burton prefers to have MOAs. They want to have Memorial of Agreements (MOA) so they can get granting together. Ms. Deep said it is a good way to do projects together. There is a contracting benefit and can do any kinds of projects to restore the land.

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Mr. Crane suggested they can do educational projects. Mr. Burton said that actually Youth projects are an earmark. Mr. Crane also mentioned recreational projects such as camping and washrooms.

Chairwoman Lone Eagle introduced the Council members to Mr. Greyeyes.

Mrs. Lone Eagle has heard good and bad things regarding MOAs. A good example is early engagement with the Tribe. Oregon is good with youth projects.

They need to start to talking about using the youth projects.

Ms. Deep defined MOAs. They are an agreement to state goals and project types, no funding, but a vehicle to get funding. It would be developed between BLM and a Tribe. The template is only a suggestion.

Mr. Simmons clarified whether funds can be used on the Reservation. Ms. Deep thinks so but she will check to be sure.

Mr. Simmons asked what commitments do the tribes need to make. The answer was a meeting once a year to discuss projects and the agreement.

Mr. Crane mentioned the roads. Ms. Deep likes the idea.

Mr. Mace mentioned boundary signs to define the Reservation. Mr. Simmons said the signs are purchased and they will be installed this field season.

They talked about the Ruby Pipeline connector. It will be twelve miles of pipe to connect to a plant using coal that wants to switch to the cleaner natural gas of the pipeline.

Mr. Burton discussed the NEPA process. There are a lot of changes for Nevada EA process. They are trying to be more transparent. Lithium is also being looked at in Oregon touching on Nevada north of Fort McDermitt.

Mr. Mace said that regarding contracts, there is an emergency airstrip on the reservation needing help, Internship programs for Native Youth and summer projects.

Mr. Burton talked about Ancestral Lands, SW Conservation Corp. recruiting Natives to work on federal land, wildfire fighting, trail construction, etcetera.

His preference is to meet in person on a regular basis.

Mrs. Lone Eagle told them the May General Meeting and Elections were on the Reservation. Applegate BLM is on the agenda at 1:00 pm. She invited them to also

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attend. She also mentioned the June 14-16, 2024 Reservation Event on the Reservation and Regular Council meeting on June 15, 2024. There is BBQ camp over and different activities.

The Chairwoman said it would be good to rebuild the relationship.

The BLM people left the meeting at 3:28 pm.

Returned to the NRD Report.

NRD report continued:

3. **SL-18-2024: Approval of MOA with UNR.** This can be tabled. Daphne Hooper was scheduled to be at the meeting, but could not make it to present the MOA. She drafted it. Ms. Crane suggested bringing her to the April Special meeting. Resolution SL-18-2024 was tabled until the April 29, 2024 Special meeting or when Daphne Hooper was available.
4. **LCT Harvest Limits for May Council Meeting.** At last year's event the harvest was set to one fish per adult and one per child. Depending on the number of members at the election, it should stay the same limit for the day. There will be staff there to monitor it. The members should fish for it, if there is none in the trap. It is preferred for them to take fish from the fish trap. Mr. Simmons stated that it would be better to have the option to get fish from the trap as NRD staff will catch all the data. If they decide to use a net, they should bring the fish to the field station so NRD can get the data. It is the Consensus of the Council.
5. **Approval for USGS/USFWS LCT Recovery Habitat Survey.** LCT are threatened. The USFWS established an interagency LCT recovery team that works toward delisting the species. Within this team, there is a sub-team focused on habitat analyses. The habitat requested approval to do habitat surveys on Mahogany Creek and Snow Creek. This will take three to four days. NRD would get the data. The plan is to do it this summer.

They will need a Confidential Data Sharing Agreement. Mr. Simmons will follow-up on this. He would like to review the data before publishing it publicly. It will be used internally for recovery agencies.

One area they want to explore is on Allotment 850. Ms. Lone Eagle stated that there are multiple people for the allotment. Each person needs to be contacted for permission.

6. **USGS DSM Elevation Data:** They are seeking approval to publish publicly.

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They first did LiDAR-digital mapping which only shows the ground. DSM or Digital Surface Model data includes the vegetation. Mr. Simmons asked if the Council wants to blackout the Reservation as they did with the LiDAR survey. The Consensus of the Council is to block out the Reservation on the DSM survey.

Mr. Simmons left the meeting at 4:05 pm.

Finance Report for Mr. Howard, Finance Director-

1. Banking
 - a. Bank reconciliations are complete through March 2024. The reconciled bank balance is \$503,377.48
2. Grants
 - a. Financial Reports were submitted for the following contracts:
 - i. Indian Housing Block Grant (Fund 5)
 - ii. Contract No. A22AV00031 (Fund 162-Road Maintenance)
 - iii. Contract No. A22AV00032 (Fund 163-Road Maintenance)
 - iv. Contract No. A22AV00034 (Fund 164-Road Maintenance)
 - b. Application for State ARPA Pass-through Funds was submitted. As of April 20, 2024 no deposit has been made to the SLPT bank account.
3. Cash Receipts-There were no drawdowns during the month of March 2024. Mr. Howard will do draw downs in April.
 - a. Fund 90 Indirect Cost Pool Bank Interest \$37.38 (\$148.36 YTD)
4. Expenditures
 - a. Total expenditures for the month of March 2024 were \$167,077.29.
 - b. No capital purchases during 2024 to date.
 - c. Estimated State Local Fiscal Recovery (SLFRF) funds available \$1,478,892
 - d. The ARPA total on the Budget does not reflect the T-Mobile disbursements or Grant Writer
 - e. State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI)

The first virtual meeting of the SSBCI Working Group was April 16, 2024. Mendi Elliot and Christine Guerri, two of our consultants, were present. All attendees shared our views and anticipated the problems already showing up. The Treasury was well represented. Sandra Newport, our Treasury person, was also present. They got acquainted with each other and the workgroup determined it would meet monthly to discuss the program. Mr. Howard also talked to Steve Trollope, Collateral Support.

 - i. The official designation of the program is The Summit lake Paiute Small Business Growth Fund.
 - ii. To participate in this program, a borrower must submit a loan application (lending package) to Plumas Bank. When the completed loan application is submitted, the loan is reviewed and underwritten by a Plumas Bank Loan Analyst.
 - iii. When the loan application and required document meet Plumas

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- Bank Loan policy the request is presented to the bank's Credit Administration for the final credit decision. (Expected loan amounts for this program would not require a loan committee for decision.)
- iv. If the applicant needs funds to put up as collateral for the loan, the applicant is referred to the Tribe. The Tribe's SSBCI team will then review the applicant's tribal membership, financial history, credit standing, and any other qualifications deemed necessary for approval.
 - v. If approved, the Tribe will then deposit funds into Plumas Bank and loan activity will be monitored by the Tribe's SSBCI Team. The Team will be the SLPT Finance Director, Mr. Steve Trollope and Ms. Christine Guerri.
 - vi. Team Roles are as follows:
 - 1. SLPT Finance Director will develop and maintain records for the program; prepare and deliver status reports to the Tribal Council and monitor the performance of the program.
 - 2. Mr. Trollope will ensure compliance with the requirements and assist in developing the infrastructure necessary to administer the program.
 - 3. Ms. Guerri will provide legal assistance including developing documents required to legally protect the Tribe from financial exposure.
 - vii. As the loans are paid, Plumas Bank will release collateral as the risk to it is reduced. Released funds will be reinvested into the program.
 - viii. The Tribe can retain up to 3% of the pledged funds as program income used to pay the contractors.
 - ix. At the end of the program (ten years) the Tribe retains the original funding, program income and investment income realized.

Mr. Howard had a question: what happens if the loaning person defaults? What happens? There was discussion. The Tribe provides portion of the collateral, not the loan.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they need a meeting, the sooner the better. Mr. Howard will set it up and inform the Chairwoman.

Ms. New Moon read the minutes of December 5, 2021 regarding the SSCBI program.

The Council reviewed the Budget statement.

There is a need to go through the detailed account of the Capital Project Fund 166 (Laptops) funds to see why it is over expended since it is only the laptops, tax and postage.

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- Special Council Meeting March 27, 2024 for NRD.
- Special Council Meeting: Nevada Land Trust for proposal for BTAZ May 6, 2024 at 10:00 am, Sparks, Nevada
- May 18, 2024 General Meeting and the Election: The Council, staff and Committee will travel the day before, May 17, 2024, and stay in Winnemucca, Nevada overnight. Friday will be a half-day work day for staff. The Election will open at 8:30 am Saturday, May 18, 2024 on the Reservation.
- Special Meeting May 20, 2024 for the Installation and Seating-In of the new Council 2:00 pm in Suite 402, Sparks, Nevada
- Election Committee Meeting-March 29, 2024.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Steven Crane. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the April 20 2024 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting May 18, 2024 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.

05/18/2024
Date

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Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council