

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, February 20, 2016  
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Council Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, February 20, 2016 to order at 8:11 am.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez called the roll: Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present via phone; Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton, present; Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez, present.

**STAFF:** Department of Natural Resource Director, William Cowan and Finance Director, Frances Winn (present in the building)

Council Member Jerry Barr asked for an agenda change to allow the staff reports to come before the Council reports. The consensus was affirmative.

## **REPORTS**

### **Staff Reports**

The Natural Resource Department report was given by William Cowan.

1. Fishing Limits: Mr. Cowan reported that the department recommends using the same limits as last year or 5 for adults and 2 for children. Mr. Cowan asked for a vote for fishing limits of 5 per adult and 2 per child. The vote was 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 Abstained,

2. LCT: Recovery for Summit Lake

There were meeting Jan 20, 2016 – Jan. 22, 2016 with Fish and Wildlife on recovery plans. There are no changes to the plan. They will be highlighted the conservation of Sage Grouse. Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Natural Resource will craft a recovery plan for LC trout. This is an opportunity to come up with a Stewardship plans for the whole basin.

3. Received a Boat Purchase Quote

4. Mobile Pit Tag Reader

The Department needs to purchase a mobile pit tag reader (\$7000). The funds are from NFWF. There is a need for \$11,000 for additional tags and \$3000 for a hand held reader. The Department has worked with UNR from the inflow of Mahogany Creek to the confluence. Council gave their consent.

5. Watershed Monitor Job Announcements

Mr. Cowan would like to be able to hire monitors as needed to herd horses off the reservation for two to four months of employment. Funding is there. Council consent given. Vice-Chairman Page Linton requested a heads up when Mr. Cowan posts the job(s).

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6. Elk Management Plan Comments

Rachel met with the NDOW. They asked for comments on the Elk Management Plan. They wanted a response that day for a meeting on Saturday, February 20, 2016. There was no time to thoroughly review the plan but emailed them that there were concerns and questions. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe retains their sovereignty and would ask for reparations if elk were to be introduced near the reservation.

7. NDOW Data Sharing Agreement

Rachel met with NDOW. They shared ARC data in the past. This data is treated as confidential. There is no sharing. It is useful for concentration of sage grouse.

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to have an Executive Session regarding consultants, personnel and other items. Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Vice-Chairman Page Linton called the vote: 3 FOR 0, AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Executive session began at 8:32 am.**

Executive session ended at 9:13 am.

The Finance Department report was given by Frances Winn.

Ms. Winn said she had a personal concern with gossip and rumor. Everyone listens gossip. She has checked and there is gossip and rumor in the Tribe which is overflowing into the workplace. Gossip creates bad karma.

To be titled a Gossiper is:

To lose trust.

To have the intent to hurt someone.

To tarnish your integrity.

Frances will not be party to gossip. She does not talk personal things, only business at work for the good of the Tribe and taking care of the seven million dollars. That a lot of money. Ms. Winn will not condone gossip. It already in the Tribe. Council has the negotiation powers via the Article of Incorporation. Ms. Winn only does finance duties. Financial concerns:

1. Budgets have been emailed.
2. Same old same old financials. She is working on a computer for Celina.
3. BIA has funds for a Financial Clerk, new monies were approved. She will request a posting from Chairwoman Randi DeSoto.
4. HUD trainings—Indian Housing Plan/Annual Performance Report  
Chairwoman DeSoto will share an article on HUD which mentions the Tribe.  
Council Member Barr commented that the Council needs to start planning to use the HUD funding. Ms. Winn also said that need to start planning.  
Since she was no longer needed, Frances Winn was excused.



## **Council Reports**

**Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto** reported she comes in to sign documents and checks, takes care of the day to day email, texts and calls. She is trying to talk more. The Council does not have the time and funds to do this full time.

Seven letters have been received and put in the Chairwoman's clear folder—one from Christine Harjo is on the agenda. The BIA was sent a letter from a person. The BIA replied that they reviewed the letter and told them to talk to the Council.

No information has been received from the EPA. BIA will do Enrollment training.

The Chairwoman's phone had trouble but it is working now.

Chairwoman DeSoto commented that the Council needs to rethink your responsibilities and ability to perform your job. We can move forward within the Policy and Procedures. She feels like she is playing phone tag. She urges the Council to speak-up.

Chairwoman DeSoto has keys to the office for Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez. There is still a finance key missing. The Chairwoman will give the owner a key to the Enrollment room.

She came into the office last night. She noticed someone hanging out across the street and had the police patrol the area.

Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez said that in regards to the letters, letters need to be sent in reply saying that the Council has made decisions. Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez said she felt that Chairwoman DeSoto should write replies as if from the Council.

**Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton** reported that she handled two not-affiliated letters and one request for land assignment. She will send out the necessary paperwork. She has started an enrollment worksheet, but it is taking time.

Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez commented, in regards to her own enrollment, that she tried to talk to a person and he walked away.

The Vice-Chairwoman asked if Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez and Council Member Gonzalez could understand where the Tribal Members are coming from, can they see the other side, why they are upset.

The Secretary/Treasurer said that she would not care. Celina says she wants to learn and has asked for help.

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The Vice-Chairwoman says she does not believe it.

Chairwoman DeSoto says the start was when Enrollment was questioned. They are only using part of the written Articles and Procedures. If you would look at it as just Tribal Members, how would you feel?

Vice-Chairwoman Linton still asked for disenrollment. Council Member Gonzalez said she did not know enough and would not do anything. Chairwoman DeSoto commented that the Council needs to move forward; not everybody is perfect.

Council Member Barr said that we sit here to do the best we can; to do the right thing. We need to fix mistakes and then move forward. We have to prove something right or fix the problem.

Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez felt the Council should never have given her a position on the Council if they thought there was a problem with her membership.

**Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez** reported she had no calls and talked to Frances Winn about a computer and minutes.

**Council Member Jerry Barr** reported he was working revised funding for a Higher Education applicant--\$1810 for tuition and books. He signed checks and continued with the regular things.

**Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez** reported she still has no key. She received a call from a member asking for archival or cultural pictures of the reservation, membership from long ago, including maps and milestones. This would be accessible to the membership. It would be a lot of work and a volunteer would be needed.

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an agenda change to move the approval of minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion passed.**

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the January 16, 2016 Regular Council meeting minutes with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion passed.**

Vice-Chairwoman Linton brought up the request for land assignment. Council Member Barr says the request and its paperwork need to be reviewed at the May or October meeting. Land assignments must be checked for usages. Maps need to be checked. The maps are in the big binder. He recommends sending a copy of the related Articles of



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Incorporation and the land usage plan with the application.

**MOTION:** Council Member Jerry Barr moved to go into Executive session for 30 minutes for Higher Education. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Linton called the vote: 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 2 ABSTAINED. Motion carried and the Council went into Executive Session at 10:34 am.

The Executive Session ended at 10:45 am.

Council Member Jerry Barr requested that Celina Gonzalez let the Council know when any educational changes happen.

Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called a lunch break. Everyone should return at 1:00 pm.

Lunch Break began at 10:52 am.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the Council meeting back to order at 1:06 pm.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez called the roll: Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present; Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton, present; Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez, present.

**Staff**

William Cowan Director of the Natural Resource Department, Anne Macko, Frances Winn Financial Director is in the Building

**Guests**

Mark B. Hall and Tanner Whetstone of the Winnemucca BLM

**Government to Government Consultation**

Mark B. Hall reported that things in the BLM are slowing down because of the highlight on Sage Grouse. They are still working on implementation.

William Mack is now the Black Rock Field Manager. Mark Hall is now Manager. The office has Ken Cullum as District Manager and they have hired Jeff Jones as a new ecologist working with fish. They have hired a new manager for Humboldt River.

**Business Follow-ups:**

The Ruby Pipeline Monitoring Report for 2015 is on disk. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year as

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per plan. BLM and Fish and Wildlife are meeting to discuss Ruby's revegetation.

Data Sharing: Mr. Hall gave disks to Chairwoman DeSoto and William Cowan.

Hycroft: The BLM is creating a treatment plan. For the next couple months they would like comments and questions. They can arrange a site visit.

Fencing Contract: Ideally the contract should close in January. It does need inspection. Jerry M. needs to be reminded that the contract needs to be closed out.

There will be more discussions to come. Yesterday they received a Burning Man Proposal. Last year it was capped at 70,000. The new proposal asks for a population of 150,000 for ten years. The BLM is asking for an environmental study. There will be letters sent to the Tribe and other interested parties soon with the scope of the new proposal.

Council Member Barr asked about the geothermal project. Mr. Hall reported that the project is still out there. The Skipper butterfly survey is done.

William Cowan mentioned the Soldier Mountain grazing allotment. Mark commented the US Forest Enterprise team is doing a vegetation report including 30-40 years of data. When this is done then they get into the EA.

LCT—Fish and Wildlife: They want to put fish in Donnelly. A definitive proposal is needed to evaluate under NEPA.

In July or August there is talk of teaming up for Desert Day Stays. The program would be part to clean-up the camp area. There is a possible clean-up of the water with Fish and Wildlife. This is at Soldier Meadows.

Mr. Hall and Mr. Tanner left the meeting at 1:28 pm.

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an agenda change for William Cowan for a five minute Executive Session regarding Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Chairwoman DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried.**

Executive Session began at 1:30 pm. Executive Session ended at 1:35 pm.

It was decided by Council to send a letter stating that Summit Lake Paiute Tribe currently has no funds for K-12.

It was decided that a letter should be sent out advising people about the recent vandalism



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on the Reservation.

Chairwoman DeSoto stated that a newsletter needs to be done and another request for Higher Education Committee member needs to be sent out.

The letter mentioned earlier from members are all basically the same. The Council needs to listen to them and make a decision.

Additional Guest arrived at 2:05 pm.  
Jerilyn Barlese, Warner Barlese, and Christine Harjo

Christine Harjo said she sent a letter to the Council and to the BIA. She wants answers to her questions regarding the gross misconduct of Delgadina Gonzalez.

Chairwoman DeSoto replied that Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez was removed from Council in September 2015. She was brought back in Oct. and was suspended. That was reviewed in a meeting with the BIA and found that "suspension" is not included in the Articles so the Council Member was brought back.

Member Harjo asked what the process for removal is. It has been done in the past. She told the Chairwoman that she is condoning Council Member Gonzalez's behavior.

Chairwoman DeSoto stated that she did not condone Delgadina Gonzalez's behavior.

Ms. Harjo expressed her opinion that the Chairwoman did condone the behavior since Council Member Gonzalez was still on the Council.

Chairwoman DeSoto explained that in September Delgadina Gonzalez admitted she had made a mistake. To fix it, Ms. Gonzalez is no longer doing what she did before. The Council minus the Chairwoman was involved with the documents in question.

Ms. Harjo stated that Ms. Gonzalez never admitted to the mistake and that was the problem.

Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez stated that she tried, but that Ms. Harjo did not want to hear it.

Ms. Harjo stated that she was not talking to her; that, of course, Ms. Gonzalez would defend her mother. She was talking to the Chairwoman not Ms. Gonzalez. Ms. Harjo asked what the corrective method can be used to resolve this issue. It has not been resolved.

Warner Barlese said that it appeared to him that the Chairwoman stated the Council had

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conducted gross misconduct; all of them except for herself.

Council Member Jerry Barr said no, what she said was there was a mistake, not gross misconduct. Don't put words in the Chairwoman's mouth. If you are going to paraphrase her do it the right way. She did not say "misconduct", she said the Council made a mistake.

Mr. Barlese stated Chairwoman said the Council made a mistake, and that is gross misconduct. That is terms for removal. He stated the Council Member Barr could say what he wanted, but Mr. Barlese does not believe Mr. Barr anymore.

Jerilyn Barlese told Mr. Barr that you have to listen to your members. She would like to know what the Council is going to do about this problem.

Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton said she personally tried to speak on this, but she is only one and she can't change it.

Council Member Barr said he tried to resolve it but it was the wrong way, that the BIA said it was the wrong way.

Ms. Harjo said that the BIA does not govern what the Tribe does.

Mr. Barr stated that the BIA does oversee things and when you ask for help they tell you.

Jerilyn Barlese said that the BIA does not interfere with internal affairs within the tribe.

Vice-Chairwoman Linton said they could look to them for advice, and the Council did. They said that if it is not in your Constitution you cannot do it.

Ms. Harjo said there is an ordinance that governs misconduct.

Vice-Chairwoman Linton said that the BIA could not find it anywhere so they had to bring the Gonzalez's back.

Chairwoman DeSoto also commented that it is up to the Council to decide what gross misconduct is and the Council puts that out to the membership. She hears their issues and concerns across the board. Everyone here has the same thing they want to say; they want to know. She feels the membership should be aware of what started here in September. The Council has been trying to fix this internally but it still turned into a snowball effect because there are no answers as to how they could do it. You come to the table and are on attack of what is going to happen next. If the Council says anything you don't listen. The Council is trying to listen to you and give you that respect back. But that is not what the Council is getting from anybody at this table. Ultimately what the Council



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decided what to do with Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez. They did it. They said they were going to fix it, correct it. Ms. Gonzalez is no longer doing what she did before. This has never happened before. Ms. Gonzalez decided to remain sitting here.

Warner Barlese stated it is not up to her.

Jerilyn Barlese stated the members do not want Ms. Gonzalez on Council because of what she did.

Mr. Barlese stated that it has happened before, maybe not within the Council. People have been removed. If the Council does not address it, they are neglecting their jobs.

Ms. Barlese said you are neglecting your members.

Ms. Harjo asked how many members have complained about this and what has the Council done to correct it.

Chairwoman DeSoto said that in the last month there were seven and it just came to her attention just last week.

Mr. Barlese said the Council had five months of trying to deal with something and questioned that you have not been able to do anything.

Chairwoman DeSoto replied that if she had removed everybody in September, this Tribe would be closed. There would be no Council. She went to the BIA for guidance and she could not operate the Council by herself. Then it would be up to the membership. She asked if those present would like to be on Council and sit in her position.

Mr. Cowan stated that going back to the people would be the corrective action and shut down.

If she had done that in September, they would be shut down and she does not think that would make them happy either.

Ms. Harjo said she did not see anything coming out of the Council but misconduct and lying. She saw no progression. She only sees lies. Members should be first.

Vice-Chairman Linton commented that the Council has been busy dealing with EPA and Enrollment problems left to them from past Councils.

Ms. Harjo asked what about the people. She says she keeps hearing that but what is being done.

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The Vice-Chairwoman replied that you cannot hurry that process.

Ms. Harjo said membership should be the first priority.

Mr. Barlese commented that with the way the Council handled the elections, you have a big problem with your Council. Nobody trusts them. When the people hear about what you have been hiding for five months.

Chairwoman DeSoto denied hiding anything. She stated that she is trying to fix it. She has done research and inquired of other tribes with what they would do in this type of scenario.

An elevated discussion occurred with everyone talking at once.

Ms. Harjo commented that they needed to get back to the point.

Vice-Chairwoman Linton said that they did not know what a terrible condition enrollment was in.

Ms. Harjo said she did.

Mr. Barlese said that Enrollment was not committing a crime.

Vice-Chairman Linton said it was membership. When this happened, the Council advertised for Council positions only four people applied, two were barred from sitting on Council and one felt she lived too far.

Ms. Harjo commented that this is not the point under discussion. The point right now is to address the gross misconduct of Delgadina Gonzalez. What are you going to do?

Vice-Chairwoman Linton said she tried to talk to them and have the Gonzalez's step down from the Council, but they did not want to. Council Member Barr believes in the same lines as the Vice-Chairwoman, but they are only two.

Mr. Cowan stated that there was a vote to suspended Delgadina Gonzalez. He recognized that they consulted the BIA. It is an issue of fraud and dishonestly. He asked how the Council can condone leaving her on the board. This puts the character of the rest of the Council members on the line. Go to the Administrative Policy and Procedures for the definitions and what to do. He feels this shows neglect of duty being done by the Council.

Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez stated that the action was not fraud. The papers in question never went out the door.



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A discussion highlighted what happened and that the members felt Ms. Delgadina's actions, whether or not the paperwork left the building, were still fraud and dishonesty especially in signing another's name without their knowledge. Mr. Cowan called for the presence of Ms. Winn who found the paperwork in the first place.

Mr. Cowan feels the Council should be honest impartial members of the Tribe. They are deal in with pettiness and neglect of duty. He is disappointed; that the Council is making excuses.

There was a discussion about a possible conflict of interest. The member involved did not consider their actions as such.

William Cowan commented that he felt the Council was being petty and immature and not doing their jobs.

Ms. Harjo stated that the problem is compounding and getting worse. It puts doubt in the minds of the members.

Ms. Barlese asked what the Council was going to do about it.

Vice-Chairwoman Linton stated there is still the problem that no one wants to be part of the Council. People want to complain but do not want to get involved.

Ms. Harjo commented that there is no communication.

William Cowan said that agendas need to be posted properly and timely. He does not feel that resolutions are being treated properly. He feels his requests and questions have been ignored. He has little respect or trust for the Council. He is disappointed. He feels the Council is not following or protecting the Articles. He wonders what they have done to earn their compensation. They are all arguing over petty things. Do the right thing and remove Delgadina Gonzalez for fraud and misconduct and move on.

Vice-Chairman Linton said they tried but they did not do it right.  
Warner Barlese said to just go ahead and do it right.

The Secretary/Treasurer explained what she remembered and the explanations.

Frances Winn was brought in to the meeting to explain the finding of the paperwork in question. She contacted the Chairwoman and after research, they had a meeting with Ms. Gonzalez. She said she found fraudulent odometer readings. She explained that Ms. Gonzalez admitted writing them and signing Lonnie Jackson's name. She wanted to see what was going on.

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Delgadina Gonzalez said some of the documents were missing and Ms. Winn said her packet was complete.

Chairwoman DeSoto explained what she remembered of it, that the Council members had been compensated a year before.

Jerilyn Barlese commented the Ms. Gonzalez still signed for someone else. Members are waiting for the Council to take action.

Mr. Cowan said was present when they suspended Ms. Gonzalez and yet she was there the next meeting. Nothing appeared to have been done. He also had a problem with Celina Gonzalez's enrollment.

Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez stated that they gave her the opportunity and she took it. She wants to learn about the Tribe.

Jerilyn Barlese asked how Ms. Gonzalez could be a member if she did not meet the blood quota and should not be on the Council. They, as members are protesting her membership. It is up to the Council to fix it.

The members feel Celina Gonzalez knows it is wrong and both Gonzalez's have their heads in the sand and should step down.

Vice-Council Linton when she brought it to the Ms. Gonzalez's attention after she went back and reviewed the application, that Ms. Gonzalez does not meet the blood quantum and asked her not to be mad if she is removed and says it was a waste of time.

Ms. Celina Gonzalez said she was not comfortable yet, but has not had the opportunity to do anything.

Ms. Winn said asked to be dismissed with a final comment. She is still offended over the writing of odometer readings and signing someone else's name.

Jerilyn Barlese asked what the Council was going to do about it. How did it happen?

Chairwoman DeSoto explained the sequence of events regarding Celina Gonzalez ending up on Council. When her Enrollment was first considered, a resolution was voted on by the Council members: Page Linton, Elizabeth DeLaLuz and Jerry Barr voted in favor of the membership. Delgadina Gonzalez abstained and Randi DeSoto did not vote. Months later, prior to Ms. Gonzalez being sworn on Council, Ms. Linton reviewed the membership application and discovered the blood quantum error. Ms. Celina

Gonzalez said that she does meet the blood quantum. That is where it is right now.



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Ms. Barlese said the Council should have known Ms. Gonzalez did not meet the blood quantum.

Chairwoman DeSoto said that the Council did review Ms. Gonzalez's application.

Mr. Cowan stated that goes back to the problem of not following the ordinances.

Ms. Harjo feels both Delgadina and Celina Gonzalez admitted their wrong-doing. The Council is paying her Tribal funds to sit on the Council.

Mr. Barlese stated it was also Federal funds. When the government finds out the Council is giving stipends to a non-member, the Council will be in real big trouble.

Ms. Harjo said not only that, but Ms. Gonzalez is signing tribal documents as Secretary/Treasurer, resolutions, checks, whatever and you know she does not meet blood quantum to be a member. That is in the ordinance.

Ms. Barlese said Ms. Gonzalez does not meet the blood quantum. The members want her out. She feels the Council is not following the Articles and Ordinance. She feels the Council is refusing to listen to their members. Deal with it. The Council is refusing to follow the Ordinances.

Warner Barlese said it is the Council's job and they are not doing it.

Ms. Harjo considers that neglect of duties. What is the Council's thought process? You are not just representing yourself, but also the Tribe.

Ms. Barlese asked what is the Council going to do to deal with the Gonzalez's issues.

Mr. Cowan said he saw Ms. Harjo's letter to the Bureau. It took a lot of thought and was professionally written. What he understands is that the Bureau threw it back says it was an internal tribal matter. And it is back out and hearing from some of us who know the problem here.

Ms. Barlese said we are bringing the problems up to you and you refuse to deal with it. And Delgadina Gonzalez is still sitting here.

Mr. Cowan stated that to know a non-tribal member is being compensated is an issue for him.

Ms. Barlese said it was like having someone from another tribe sitting there.

Ms. Harjo said to stop it now before it before it snowballs. It can be rectified. It will take

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leadership. Where is the leadership?

Delgadina Gonzalez stated, so regardless of what the Council decides and is discussed, whatever conclusions the Council has made and decided; if it is not what the present members want then they will just keep going around and around.

Mr. Cowan said he saw Ms. Gonzalez removed twice.

Ms. Gonzalez said the decisions have already been made.

Ms. Barlese said that now the membership is involved, now they know and want to know what is going to be done and why it was not taken care of the first time.

Ms. D. Gonzalez explained how she felt Ms. Winn selected some of the documentation going through Ms. Gonzalez's folder to start this and that there was no intention of misconduct on Ms. Gonzalez's part.

Ms. Barlese said that Ms. Gonzalez did sign someone's name. When is the Council going to have a meeting about it? Ms. Barlese has not heard of any. What is the result? Another issue is why is C. Gonzalez on the Council when she is not a member? Why is the Council allowing this? The Council is not watching out for their people.

Chairwoman DeSoto asked how the members would resolve it.

Ms. Harjo said that the Council should remove both Gonzalez's from the Council with a resolution. Take vote and dismiss her and go on.

Ms. D. Gonzalez said there is no gross misconduct.

The members present said that Ms. Gonzalez should take it to a lawyer and court; that they have the documentation as proof.

William Cowan says that what Delgadina Gonzalez did was criminal in signing an employee's name, that as a Council member she should be better. Now he wonders if her time in Enrollment has not contributed to the mess it is in, that if she was trustworthy with the highly confidential information. He feels that she is dishonest. He feels she should be disbarred and never be involved in the Tribe's business again.

Council Member Jerry Barr said he is still trying to do something, but he wants to do it right. He has tried twice already. Sorry it is not on the time frame of the members present.



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Mr. Cowan said he did not, upon listening to the tape of minutes with the BIA, hear anyone reinstate Delgadina Gonzalez. He does not feel that they hear out the advice of the BIA.

There was a discussion of "suspension". The Council, having researched the Articles after listening to the BIA found no "suspension" in the Articles or Ordinances. It was Warner Barlese that suggested "suspension". In researching the Articles, it only has two options: a "removal" and they "resign". What do the members present want the Council to do?

Ms. Harjo said to remove Ms. Gonzalez by resolution. Take action through resolution. She has actions she can do to file charges of fraud civilly which she does not want to do.

Warner Barlese said that takes money.

Ms. Harjo said that would harm the reputation of the Tribe.

Mr. Cowan felt that over the five months in question, over \$7000 was spent on compensations.

Jerilyn Barlese said to remove Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez by taking proper action.

Mr. Cowan also feels that Celina Gonzalez is fraudulently taking Higher Education funds. He considered that fraud.

Ms. C. Gonzalez said she did not commit fraud. She did not falsify her application and it was accepted so she is a member.

The Members present and Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez discussed her rights to receive higher education funds.

Warner Barlese said Ms. C. Gonzalez cannot talk as a member while she is on Council.

Celina Gonzalez stated that prior to the meeting she told Chairwoman DeSoto that she would speak as a member and defend herself.

Chairwoman DeSoto called a ten minute break.

Council returned from break.

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to introduce Resolution SL042016: Removal of Delgadina Gonzalez from the Summit Lake Council and From Engaging in the Business of the Summit Lake Tribe. Vice-Chairman Page Linton seconded the motion.**

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**2 FOR 0 AGAINST 2 ABSTAINED. The resolution was enacted at 3:55 pm.**

The Chairwoman gave Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez the paperwork of items to be returned and have her sign it.

Ms. Gonzalez requested information on an appeal. A hearing can be requested in writing. A hearing would be at the next meeting. The Council will send a notification of the decision in 20 days following the meeting. Council Member Barr read the section of the Admin procedures.

Mr. Barlese asks that Delgadina Gonzalez be asked to leave the meeting.

Mr. Cowan said as per the resolution states that she cannot attend meetings.

Mr. Barlese said let us just deal with the resolution and continue with the meeting. She should put a request in writing. You need to go through the process.

Ms. Harjo said Ms. D. Gonzalez should be dismissed. The Council can talk to her later and let her know when the hearing is scheduled. This issue is done.

Chairwoman DeSoto 2013 minutes are not posted.

In November Mr. Barlese asked for copies of the minutes for 2013, 2014 and agendas to be sent to him. He says he never received them.

Chairwoman DeSoto asked for what is next on the agenda.

Ms. Harjo said there is a Council member who is not eligible because of blood quantum.

Council Member Barr asked why Delgadina Gonzalez was still sitting there after she was asked to leave. She replied she had to wait for Celina Gonzalez for a ride.

Ms. Harjo said Celina Gonzalez was not eligible to be on Council because of blood quantum ineligibility.

Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez said that she was made a member and she was approved as a Council member.

Ms. Harjo considered her statement as an admission of knowledge of ineligibility. The Council needs to correct that. She is all for youth learning the tribal process but they need to be members.

Chairwoman DeSoto says the Council approved her membership. They decided to enroll her.



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Ms. Harjo asked the Chairwoman how she could allow that knowing her own bloodline.

The Chairwoman said that she did not know Ms. Gonzalez's bloodline, but she does know her own.

William feels that the Council members are not doing their jobs.

Mr. Cowan and Ms. Gonzalez discussed their opposing opinions on his acceptance/non-acceptance of her sitting on the Council.

Ms. Harjo asked the Chairwoman to control the meeting.

William Cowan asked Ms. Gonzalez how she can call herself a Council Member.

Ms. Harjo and Ms. Gonzalez discussed respect. Ms. Gonzalez said she would resign and Ms. Harjo said to go ahead and resign.

Chairwoman DeSoto said everyone should be removed and shut the tribe down.

William Cowan went to get Vice-Chairman Linton.

Vice-Chairman Linton asked what had been going on.

Mr. Cowan replied slander and name calling.

Ms. Harjo said that it was the ineligibility of Celina Gonzalez.

Delgadina and Celina Gonzalez left the meeting.

Vice-Chairman Linton said if you look at enrollment, we do not have any grounds for disenrollment of Ms. Gonzalez and read the pertaining section on Enrollment.

Mr. Cowan asked about person obtaining membership rights, by fraud, deceit or misrepresentation

Vice-Chairman Linton stated that Ms. Gonzalez did not do that.

Chairwoman DeSoto said that is what she has been trying to say.

Ms. Harjo said looking at what is there; Ms. Gonzalez did not do that but you guys made the decision.

Chairwoman DeSoto said the Council made the decision and she thinks that is where she

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is getting frustrated about this whole thing, because the Council made that decision and the members present do not like that decision. Council should stand by their decision.

Ms. Harjo said she is questioning her eligibility, which Ms. Gonzalez is not.

Mr. Cowan comment to the Chairwoman that she has the misconception that she is above and beyond everybody and untouchable.

Chairwoman DeSoto said she is not.

Mr. Cowan continued that the Chairwoman that there are these rules and regulations.

Chairwoman DeSoto said she is not.

Mr. Cowan said you just stated the Council cannot follow your policies and the Articles of Association.

Chairwoman DeSoto said that they read it. They had it in front of them when they made that decision to enroll Ms. Gonzalez and four other people. They had that in front of them. They made that decision.

Chairwoman left the meeting saying that she was resigning.

Mr. Cowan called after her tell her to put it in writing, please.

Chairwoman DeSoto replied she would not.

Mr. Cowan said then it is only words.

Ms. Harjo tried to continue discussing Ms. Celina Gonzalez eligibility.

Council Member Barr asked that the recorder be turned off because there no longer was a quorum.

Meeting ended at 4:29 pm.



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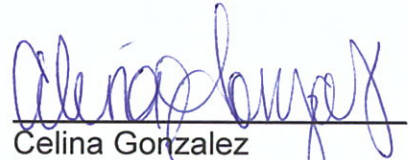
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**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Celina Gonzalez**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the February 20, 2016, Council Meeting were approved as corrected by the Council during a duly held meeting on March 19, 2016 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

**\_3\_ - FOR \_0\_ - AGAINST \_0\_ -ABSTAINING**, Acting Chairperson Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

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Date

  
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Celina Gonzalez  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Tribal Council