

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
General Council Meeting
Saturday, June 18, 2016
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

SWEARING OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER: Eugene Mace Sr. was sworn in as Council Member.

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, June 18, 2016 to order at 9:01 am.

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

STAFF: William Cowan, Director of Natural Resources Department; Linda Quinn, Financial Director; and Anne Macko, Contractor

Guests: None present

REPORTS

Council Reports

Chairwoman Page Linton welcomed the new Council Member, Eugene Mace Sr.

Ms. Linton reported she received a lot of email and mail. The office will try to scan and email time sensitive mail to the appropriate council members.

Great Basin Water sent an reimbursement check.

On 6/14/2016 approval of a grant was received.

Approval was given to replace the transmission for Tribal vehicle in the estimated cost of \$1589.

Shalone Jimmie, Temporary Finance Clerk resigned.

Rob Scanland presented two Summit Lake land appraisal reports.

Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto reported that she has been signing checks. She will be available to sign things before work or after work. Please text her if it is necessary. She attended the Enrollment Committee meeting on 6/4/2016 and another meeting. She forwarded some things onto Chairwoman Linton as they were addressed to "Chairwoman". Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto met with Linda Quinn, the new Finance Director.

Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez said she answered texts and phone calls. She

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reported that her computer is messing up and she cannot get her emails. Page will have Victor look at it.

Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto mentioned that Ms. Gonzalez needed to be made an alternate signer on checks. Chairwomen Linton said that they will need to set up a date with the bank. Everyone needs to go to the bank together.

Council Member Jerry Barr reported that he has signed checks. He answered emails and texts. He informed the Council that he would be on vacation (out of state) from July 1st to the 11th. An alternate signer will be required.

Council Member Eugene Mace Sr.: Mr. Mace was just sworn in so he has no report.

Chairwoman Linton explained that Council Member Barr handles Higher Education; Ms. Linton handles ICWA and Enrollment. She asked Mr. Mace to help with Enrollment. She will get a key to the Enrollment office. Mr. Barr will show Mr. Mace the office after the meeting. The Council members will help him the first few times. Council Member Mace announced that he does not work Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Staff Reports:

Finance Director Linda Quinn: Ms. Linda Quinn was hired on May 24, 2016. She prepared a list of things she is working on.

- Insurance is due for renewal on August 1st. She needs to compile a list of personnel and inventory so the brokerage company can find Insurance for Fire, Property, Liability, Workers Comp, etc.
- BIA has money for a new contract number for Trout for \$26,700. Mr. Cowan will present a resolution.
- BIA also sent the paperwork for Mod #4 for Road Construction Planning.
- HUD --- APR was posted as required. They are happy. They sent a packet of documents with information.
- HUD Calculation — the calculation used to determine funds is Enrollment X 106. TRSAIP is at 133. If these calculations are okay, then we are fine. If the calculations are not good, we can dispute it. It needs to be reviewed.
- There was a Nevada Unemployment Division scare regarding the audit for Council members. The Council members are currently set up as employees for tax purposes, but are not employees. A W-9 form would set them up as independent contractors, they would receive 1099's. An employee costs the Tribe for not only Social Security/Medicare taxes but also Workers comp. As a contractor they can have their regular full-time jobs take extra taxes out of those paychecks. Currently only Federal taxes are being removed. Mr. Barr suggests they use the W-9s to save the Tribe money. The consensus of the Council is to be contractors and use the W-9 tax form.

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- Cabela's now has their own credit card system and no longer take purchase orders. Is it okay to apply for credit card? Chairwoman Linton explained the procedure to have Director contact her. The Chairwoman will talk to the Council.
- The use of purchase orders is almost obsolete. Council Member Barr suggests the Council talk to their bank for a Tribal credit card. The problem has been the requirement of personal identification disclosure. Chairwoman Linton offered to use hers.
- Health Plan of Nevada – They want to know if the Tribe wants to use the Nevada Health plans. Currently full-time employees are eligible for health plan reimbursement. The Tribe is exempt from the requirement to provide employee health plans (fewer than 50 employees). Ms. Quinn will file the information.
- Ms. Quinn received permission to use ASAP and SAMS.
- GSA – Ms. Jimmie was working on it. Ms. Quinn now has access. This year has not been paid. We are 7 months in arrears.

Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto arrived in the office at 9:45 am.

- Ms. Quinn began reconciling the accounts starting with March going forward. This is why the budget is not updated.
- There was an inquiry from Go Daddy. They will give us a reduction in costs if we pay for the rest of the year. Ms. Quinn asks if she has the authority to do this.
- When it comes to day-to-day or month-to-month things, she has permission to decide. She can get software to get the accounts straighten out.
- Mr. Cowan pointed out that Ms. Quinn has limit of \$1000 to use. From \$1000 to \$5000 she will need to get Council approval. Anything \$5000 or more needs a resolution.
- Ms. Quinn checked and it is \$225 an hour for online training for the Abila accounting system. She says the system is complex and antiquated. It takes a lot of time to do tasks. One on one training was requested.
- Mr. Cowan believes that the current software was for a much larger Tribe. He felt that they should get feedback from the Tribe's consultant, Charles Carslaw. Transfer of data is a major concern.
- An office assistant/temporary finance clerk is needed for the July 25th audit. BIA money is still available. Council will discuss it later in the meeting.
- NFWF – The Program Assistant position needs to be filled as well.
- Budgets – Ms. Quinn needs to post the data. Once she is up-to-date, the budget reports will be accurate. She will present them at the next Council meeting.

Ms. Quinn asked for any questions. There were none.

Director of Natural Resources William Cowan: Mr. Cowan asked if there was any questions on his report as previously sent to the Council.

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Chairwoman Linton commented that where it said the meeting was cancelled at the Lake, she wished it had given the reason which was inclement weather.

Request to purchase tracker and mowing equipment: Funds are available in Range Improvement Fund 1041 to mow vegetation by roads and pay staff to work on fire abatement. There is \$89,000 budgeted for purchase of a tractor and mower. The estimated costs for a used boom style mower with tractor which mows up to 20 feet from the road edge are from \$10,113 to \$100,500. There is an option of using the skidsteer to mow vegetation. Currently, there is a high risk fire danger so this is urgent. The quoted equipment is not available until August. Mr. Cowan feels he could get a funding modification of a new boom and tractor is desired (priced at approximately \$120,000). A skidsteer mower attachment would be about \$11,000 and it is in stock for immediate purchase. The skidsteer mower is better suited for mowing near fences and confined spaces. Mr. Cowan would like support to move forward with a modification to purchase both the tractor boom mower and skidsteer mower and find a way to streamline the procedure

In order for Mr. Cowan to receive Council approval, Chairwoman Linton suggests he email all the council members with attached estimates. The Council should reply in one day. Ms. Linton will be sure to get the information to Mr. Mace.

The Council is in favor of the modification and pursuing the skidster mower purchase.

The Fire Resilience Collaborative meeting in Lakeview was attended. The Tribe made a good impression on the Department of Interior. 2017 and 2018 proposals were presented to continue maintenance of fire breaks. There is definitely support from the Fire Resilience Collaborative for this activity.

Livestock Water Facility: \$54,000 in funds has been awarded. This is a proposal to retrofit a livestock water facility at a well north of Summit Lake to store up to 5000 gallons into 2 tanks. Fire pumpers can draft water from the water facility instead of the lake. Boss Tanks initially installed this livestock water facility so it is desired to use them as a sole source to retrofit the facility. We need to show progress in fire resilience. The Council agrees to the sole source vender.

Acquisition of Vehicle: The Tahoe for field work was stolen. Mr. Cowan is not sure if the claim has been settled yet. He would like to sell the Sequoia to help replace it. He was told to hold off. Natural Resources have been using the Suburban, but it still has episodes. A six passenger SUV would be \$15,000 to \$20,000. The Council told him to shop. The transmission on the Dodge pick-up needs to be replaced.

Invertebrates Sub-Contract: There is \$8000-\$9000 left to close it out a Tribal Wildlife Grant. Mr. Cowan asked if they can hire a contractor to identify aquatic invertebrates. He

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would also like to hire the same consultant who provided benthic macroinvertebrate training several years ago to collect new samples and train technicians on the process. He asked if he can sole source. The Council agreed to sole sourcing the contract.

Mr. Cowan explained that SF424 form was submitted on the Endangered Species Grant. The BIA is now requesting a Resolution of Support for the Grant. He explained the grant funds \$26,700 to continue monitoring the movement of trout and the ensuing data collection. This is Resolution #SL-05-2016.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve Resolution SL-05-2016 authorizing the Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant #A16AB00661 Endangered Species Program Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Monitor Project for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe with a waiving of the reading. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-05-2016 enacted at 10:43 am.

Mr. Cowan asked for an executive session for personnel.

MOTION: Chairwoman Page Linton moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes for personnel. Council Member Jerry Barr seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Executive Session began at 10:45 am.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:00 am.

Mr. Cowan stated that upon return from Lunch, he will be attending as a Tribal Member.

Chairwoman Linton called for Lunch at 11:15 am, returning at 1 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, June 18, 2016 to back to order at 1:02 pm.

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

STAFF: Anne Macko, Contractor

Guests: Christine Harjo, Tribal Member; and Lorenda Sanchez of CIMC

CIMC Presentation, Lorenda Sanchez

Ms. Sanchez was in attendance to provide information and answer questions regarding the proposed alliance with CIMC. She is a Northern Paiute and has worked with the Intertribal Council in Nevada for a while.

She has been with CIMC for 49 years. CIMC is a different type of organization working in workforce development program funding. They provide services to 140 California tribes and tribes in Illinois and Iowa. There was a discussion the organization of the company. Ms. Sanchez passed out copies of the Annual Report detailing what they do and their projects, especially highlighting economic development.

CIMC founding company is Cornerstone Consultants of Green Bay, WI, Chicago, IL and California. They deal with business ventures and program initiatives. California tribes seem more interested in fund raising through gaming. They are looking for a tribe to help Cornerstone with 8A contracting. They would get Summit Lake 8A status and help build a workforce. CIMC has a commitment with Cornerstone.

It is up to the Tribe to determine what they want to do. There is no up-front cost to the Tribe. The first goal is to move to Certification then an 8A contract with CIMC to work with Cornerstone. A resolution is required.

Chairwoman Linton asked for any questions. She believes that it is a good opportunity. She will put out a survey to the Tribe. Ms. Harjo asked about the old land management plan.

Ms. Sanchez commented that Vince of Cornerstone will be traveling this way in July if we would like to talk to him.

The Council thanked Ms. Sanchez for her presentation.

Delgadina Gonzalez and Nino Gonzalez entered the room.

Hearing of Delgadina Gonzalez at 1:48 pm

Ms. Gonzalez wrote a letter regarding the resolution to remove her with the following highlights:

- That she falsified the signatures of Council and Tribal members was not true.
- That she felt that the resolution procedure was not correctly done.
- That Higher Education was never brought up to her.

She contended that it is not factual. She wants Resolution SL-04-2016 to be rescinded. She feels that the resolution had things added to it and there was too much influence

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outside of the Council.

Chairwoman Linton asked how Ms. Gonzalez would like it to be revised and to put it in writing.

Delgadina and NinoGonzalez left the meeting at 2:01 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an agenda change to move to Open Forum. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED

Open Forum

Finance Clerk—It was discussed that the Council will review and discuss the applications already received to help choose a new Finance Clerk. Then Ms. Quinn will review the four applicants. Council will make a recommendation to Ms. Quinn.

Mr. Cowan would like to understand why Delgadina Gonzalez is still being heard. He feels she had multiple opportunities to be heard. The Chairwoman replied she wanted to be fair. Mr. Cowan feels the removal of Ms. Gonzalez should be final and that is taking too much time.

Council Member Eugene feels, as an impartial observer, that this issue should be done

Vice-Chairman DeSoto said that they should move on. Delgadina Gonzalez will send a letter explaining what she believes to be untrue. The Council will consider it and send their response to her. She is not on any future agenda.

Christine Harjo feels that the Council should show the courtesy of notifying people when an Executive Session has ended.

Ms. Harjo stated that she feels that a member of Council is not truly a Tribal member by blood quantum.

Chairwoman Linton said the member qualifies as per their application. Council Member Barr has read the same rules differently than the Chairwoman.

The affected member feels that they do meet the blood quantum.

The Council was asked to provide the member's records and vote on whether to remove them and when was the Council going to rectify the situation. Chairwoman Linton said that is done and the person is a member. Ms. Harjo believes it is never a done deal.

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Council Member Mace recommended looking over the article and look at the application again.

Council Member Barr said that if they do it, they should do it right. The issue should be put on the July agenda and give everyone a chance to review everything. Then there should be a conclusion in July and it will be done.

Enrollment Tribal Member Status:

Chairwoman Linton discussed the basic roles of the Enrollment Committee goals. Ms. Harjo requested a "mail box" for the Enrollment Committee materials, letters etc.

The disrepair of the flags was noted. They both need to be replaced. It is disrespectful.

Old Business

Letter regarding deceased Tribal Member's Land Assignment:

Mr. Cowan asked if the Tribal Land Ordinance has been reviewed.

The Chairwoman called for a 10 minute break at 2:45 pm.

Mr. Cowan's question prior to break was addressed.

The Ordinance for Land Assignment Chapter 1.02:010 Appendix A (Application for Assignment of Land) states the applicant must name a receiver of the land if eligible. To be eligible the inheritor must be a Tribal Member.

Mr. Cowan is satisfied with the answer.

The question pertains to land where the applicant is deceased. His wife wrote a letter enquiring about the electric service. In checking the application, the applicant did not designate anyone to pass the land onto and his wife is not a Tribal member. Chairwoman Linton will send the widow a letter informing her that she does not own the land and that it goes back to the Tribe. A copy of the ordinance will be attached. The letter will clarify that she owns the personal property (if decided so by probate), but not the land. A possible deadline for removal of the property will be stated in the letter.

Ms. Harjo asked that since there is now five Council Members, will there be re-assignments of position? Chairwoman Linton announced the following Council assignments: Chairwoman—Page Linton, Vice-Chairwoman—Randi DeSoto, Secretary/Treasurer—Celina Gonzalez, Council Member—Jerry Barr, and Council

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Member—Eugene Mace, Sr.

New Business

Chairwoman Linton received a letter from the Enrollment Committee asking for clarification. The letter was sent to the Council for review and asking for responses. It was discovered that the wrong email without the proper attachment was sent to the Council. Following are the answer to the items in the letter.

- Item 1. The Administrative Manual shows no nepotism or conflict of interest and the fourth member is an alternate. Council Member Barr says that is fine. Vice-Chairwoman DeSoto is okay with it and that the alternate should be kept apprised of the business of the Committee. Council Member Mace is okay with the alternate. The Chairwoman says that the Committee can refer to the Administrative Manual.
- Item 2. This is okay.
- Item 3. The Resolution will be addressed today.
- Item 4. The Committee will file W-9s for their stipends like the Council.
- Item 5. The allotment schedule will need to be found. They will probably need to send a letter of request to the BIA Realty Department. The letter should be sent to Mr. Eben and copied to Susan Claypool. The Council will try to get it ASAP.
- Item 6. Great Basin Water—Mr. Cowan checked with them to see if they have any info on land allotments as they had someone checking into that, but they do not have any info.
- Item 7. The Committee would like to compare manual files to the Prodigy computer files. They went through the files folders, but some were missing and there were duplicates of others. Maybe down the road the committee might want training on Prodigy. There is an updated manual online.
- Item 8. The Committee requested access to enrollment resolutions. Access is given to what is there.
- Item 9. Is there a clearer copy of the 1940 Census to determine acronyms?
Chairwoman says she only has copies. A Certified copy has been requested but has not been received. The Chairman gave them permission to also send a letter requesting assistance with the Census.

The Resolution is being tabled to the next meeting so it can be properly reviewed.

Ms. Harjo left the meeting.

Minutes:

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe meeting minutes of May 21, 2016 with waiving of reading. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion.

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**Chairwoman Linton called the vote. 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED
Motion carried at 4:13 pm.**

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to go into Executive Session for 30 minutes for personnel. Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried. Executive Session began at 4:14 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 4:44 pm.

Jennifer Rovanpera from Applegate BLM called with possible dates for Tule Day. The Council can recommend August 20th, 21st, 27th or 28th. It will be at the Modock National Wildlife Refuge. The Council consensus is to hold it on Saturday, August 27th.

Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez announced she will not be able to attend the August 20th Council Meeting.

Winnemucca BLM informed the Chairwoman that they have no new issues and they do not wish to tour the Mycroft Mine.

Shalone Jimmie resigned on Tuesday, June 13, 2016 for personal reasons.

The Council okayed reimbursement to Ms. Linton for the rental vehicle for the May meeting as it was prepaid and non-refundable.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced Resolution SL-06-2016 New Elected Enrollment Committee Members with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Eugene Mace Sr. seconded. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 1 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution enacted at 4:55 pm.

Council Member Barr recommended that the Enrollment Committee be told to hold off on meetings as there are only six meeting budgeted for the year.

Chairwoman Linton showed the Council letters requesting relinquishment of membership. The Council accepts them as per their date. There will be two resolutions required.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced Resolution SL-07-2016 Relinquishment of Tribal Membership of Marsala Jean Townsend with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Eugene Mace Sr. seconded.

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Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution enacted at 5:32 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced Resolution SL-07-2016 Relinquishment of Tribal Membership of Reggie Townsend Jr. with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Eugene Mace Sr. seconded. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution enacted at 5:33 pm.

Council Member Mace was given a copy of the Policy and Procedures.
Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez also needs a copy.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 For 0 Against 0 Abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Celina Gonzalez, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the June 16, 2016, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting on July 16, 2016 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

3 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING, Chairperson Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

7/16/16
Date

Celina Gonzalez
Celina Gonzalez
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council