

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, December 18, 2024  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, December 18, 2024 to order at 8:12 am.

**ROLL CALL:** Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman, Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank., present; Council Member Cherice Trejo, present; and Council Member, Scott Cory Burdette, present.

**STAFF:** James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator; Naveed Frank, Finance Director; Larry Curley, Grant Writer; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**Guests:** Timothy Caldwell, Applied River Sciences; Suson Martenson, Stephen Cook, and Carol Beahan; Wildscape Engineering

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of November 6, 2024 with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:27 am

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of November 13, 2024 with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:28 am

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of November 22, 2024 with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:28 am

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle stated that she was trying to catch up from October until then. She came into the office when she could, mostly afternoons.

**Chairwoman Report November 14, 2024-December 17, 2024**

- November 14, 2024- Joined two Zoom meetings. Also attended the turkey dinner with SLPT members and staff.

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- November 15, 2024-Emails and follow up responses.
- November 18, 2024-Daily emails and replies throughout the day.
- November 19, 2024- Daily emails and phone calls throughout the day that she replied to.
- November 20, 2024- NTIA TBCP Debrief via teams with Mr. Kramer on Summit Lake's application regarding the Broadband. Three areas needed more information for budget and sustainability. It was explained what was lacking which they were not informed of. They will amend the proposal and resubmit.
- November 21, 2024- IHS Phoenix, Arizona gave updates via Zoom meeting. A lot of federal agencies are at a standstill until after the government changeover.
- November 22, 2024- Special Council meeting with Ms. Gemma Han on Summit Lake's annual audit for 2023.
- November 25, 2024- In the office following up on emails and replies.
- November 26, 2024- signed contract applications for Fisheries, Roads, Range for BIA. Drafted a letter for ICWA.
- November 27, 2024- In and out of the office. Available via phone and email.
- November 28-November 29, 2024-Office closed for Thanksgiving Holiday.
- December 2, 2024-Signed timesheets and emails throughout the day were addressed.
- December 3, 2024- Daily emails and follow up replies. Received a phone call about our upcoming market for December 14, 2024.A table and chairs will be \$30.
- December 4, 2024-Special Council Meeting. Emails and follow up phone calls.
- December 5, 2024-Emails and purchase orders signed. Briefly met with PacStates on the ongoing computers to be set up and handed her laptop in to make some updates. Approved ACH payment for the gift cards for the tribal members. Signed SF-425s for EPA, Signed Worker's Comp paperwork for finance. Signed agreement for our enrollment database system.
- December 6, 2024-Met with DEA personnel on their role and networking together.
- December 9, 2024- Joined the IHS full funding tribal advisory group meeting. briefly joined the SSBCI meeting.
- December 10, 2024-Joined the IEC Meeting with Navy and surrounding tribes. Captain Turner likes SLPT even though they are there just in support of the other tribes. Held their last pow wow club with Tribal minds. Mrs. Melendez could not continue the classes due to a family situation.
- December 11, 2024- Available via phone and email.
- December 12, 2024- Attended the Monthly NCAI Executive Council meeting for most of the day. The Executive meeting for NCAI will be in Washington D.C. February 9-13, 2025 part of the ECWS. Emails and replies were sent or addressed after this meeting.

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- December 13, 2024- Joined Vice-Chairwoman Crane and Council member Cherice Trejo to sign checks.
- December 16, 2024- Picked up Toys for Tots in Pahrump, Nevada for SLPT members. Also, brought back Stewart Colony's pick up as well. Available via email or phone. Calendars arrived
- December 17, 2024- Drafted her monthly report. Presented a copy of their youth list for gifts from Mrs. Lomaintewa. Requested a drawdown from ASAP.
- December 18, 2024-Regular Council Meeting.

Someone has been syphoning gas by cutting the fuel line at the gas tank from the Jeep and Frontier trucks. There is video from the security camera but they removed their license plates. They know what they were doing. A police report was filed.

There are 75 youth members from 0 to 15 years old.

Mrs. Lone Eagle drew down funds from ASAP:

Bureau of Reclamation--\$500,000

Department of the Interior--\$905 (CTGP) This needs to be checked.

Ms. Pielop sees the \$500,00 but not the Pantry. They are still waiting on the State of Nevada for the funds. Ms. Davis said Mr. John McCauley has sent no word yet. It was discussed that they might have to tell the Pantry staff to stop work as there are no funds to pay them. They have not received any funds but the initial 15%. SLPT is not the only tribe experiencing this.

**Council Mail:**

- November 18, 2024- Letter received from BLM Winnemucca, Nevada office to request their assistance on the Wilder fire emergency stabilization, rehabilitation and fuels reduction project. Received a packet/letter from the National Indian Health Board.
- November 22, 2024- ICWA Inquiry received on November 22, 2024. Letter drafted on December 17, 2024.
- December 2, 2024- Hog Ranch Mineral Inc is wanting to update and offer to meet in person. Received a letter from US Geological Survey on two upcoming consultation sessions for January 16 or 17, 2025. Letter and flash drive received by BLM Winnemucca office. RSIC-Camp newsletter received.
- December 9, 2024-Two Christmas cards received from the White House. Received a Thank you card from Black Rock City-Burning Man. Received a packet from Bureau of Reclamation on Notice of Funding Opportunity Announcement No.R25AS00016-TA to tribes FY2025.

**Enrollment:**

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Three requests for tribal ID cards are needed. Received the contact information for each member. She stated they will be taken care of once the system is set up again and the tribe is able to print ID cards.

No update from BIA on funding for CTPG and ICWA at this time.

**Laptop Project:** three laptops are available in my office.

**ICWA:** Four non-affiliated with SLPT. Letters drafted and mailed out.

Mrs. Lone Eagle signed Range Improvement \$400,046.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner on November 14, 2024.

She attended the Special Council meetings on November 6, 2024, for ARPA; and on November 22, 2024 for the audit.

She signed checks on December 13, 2024.

From December 9-12, 2024, she attended the NAIHC Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada with Mrs. New Moon and Ms. Trejo. They did open registration. Then a listen session with staff about advocacy, membership benefits, training and technical assistance programs.

Day 2: She went to various sessions and breakouts including Build America, Buy American, Land Act, Self-determination, recovering sacred sites, water rights, housing energy. She won a pair of earrings in a drawing.

**Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank** went to the November 14, 2024 Membership Thanksgiving dinner. He also attended the November 22, 2024 ARPA meeting.

**Council Member Cherice Trejo** attended the December 9-12, 2024 NAIHC Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada with Ms. Crane and Mrs. Trejo. She learned the acronyms and codes for Low Income Housing. They went over court hearings, especially employee and member suits. There were also talks on power banks and solar panels.

A tiny homes program with Ideal Institute, does tiny homes construction. Mrs. New Moon wants to have a consultation in January 2025. They also do training in the trades. Ms. Crane found it interesting that the trainings help to build the tiny homes. 70% of their students are women.

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National Native American Human Resources Association. They went over what to do to hire someone.

December 13, 2024 she signed checks.

December 15, 2024 was the Craft Fair. She thought it was successful.

She traveled to Pahrump, Nevada to Toys for Tots. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she was told there were 18 pallets of dolls left and to come back after the New Year. The application for next year is due in April.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said there were 41 local tribal youth members and if they have siblings who are not members, they can be included. They will have Cookies and Coco on Sunday December 22, 2024 for the youth. They will show the Elf movie. It will be from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

December 24, 2024 is the Staff Christmas Brunch. The office will be open from 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. There will be Secret Santa for those interested.

**Council Member Scott Cory Burdette** attended the three Council meetings on November 6, 2024 for ARPA, the Regular meeting on November 18, 2024, and the Audit meeting on November 22, 2024.

He delivered pantry food to Winnemucca, Nevada families. They were happy to hear that they can get food weekly.

Summit Lake: He worked on the Field Station trailers as well as the Well House space heater. During the winter it is running 24/7. The receptacle was arcing. He was also working on discovering critical issues. They had some heavy winds which blew the dock over. It is heavy so it was left in place. There is an issue with the Tacomas. He is looking into resources for equipment.

They could get a Surplus License and go through FEMA , army bases, and other government agencies and pick-up surplus equipment. He explained how it worked. He will get a Tribal License application. It takes six to eight weeks.

Pine Forest Range is interested in grazing. It could be an opportunity for money. SLPT has prime grass in four fields. The areas are in a "need to be cut back" area. There are fences there. They would just need water troughs.

Mr. Burdette has a question on the cameras installed on the Reservation. He wants to know who has access to these cameras, especially the one close to where he stays. He does not have access. It faces East but he thinks facing North would be better.

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Mr. Simmons said that right now it is a pilot network to see how it performs over Winter. They will get Council's approval for the full network and access. They will be making a presentation in January or February. It is not intended to access the whole Reservation, but the roads, Field Station and some game watch.

Mr. Simmons asked how Mr. Burdette found out about the Surplus License.

Mr. Burdette said a former Maintenance Forman used one in 2002.

He said he found the rats were eating into seed bags.

The Chairwoman called a break a 15-minute break at 9:53 am.

Council returned from break at 10:03 am.

**Review Presentation by Applied River Sciences and Wildscape Engineering at 10:10 am.**

Mr. Simmons introduced the presentation. It is an update for the project with NFWF America the Beautiful grant. He summarized the planning project to find solutions to connectivity issues between Mahogany Creek and Summit Lake since 1950's or 1960's. There is also an issue with reed canary grass in Mahogany Creek which may be channelizing the stream in the flood plain. The focus of the planning grant to research and analyze to get solutions. They are there to give a final review of the plan. The grant is closing on time in January.

Ms. Martenson started by saying they were glad to work with the Tribe to work on Mahogany Creek.

The presentation will go over:

- Goals and objectives to determine how the ecological function of Mahogany Creek can support the resilience of LCT.
- Watershed Assessment including historical land use, climate, geomorphology, hydrology, hydraulics and biological resources.
- Recommended Projects: General themes, restoration and conceptual designs.
- Next Steps: advance designs for permitting and construction

Goal: Determine how the ecological function of Mahogany Creek can support the resilience with a focus on longitudinal and lateral connectivity.

Objectives:

1. Evaluate connectivity, geomorphology, riparian vegetation, and LCT spawning habitat quality.

2. Select channel segments where enhancement or restoration will benefit ecosystem resilience and connectivity for LCT spawning and juvenile outmigration.
3. Formulate conceptual design plans and draft designs for key segments of Mahogany Creek.

#### Historical Land Use

- Circa 1890 irrigation system constructed to irrigate 400 acres for hay.
- In 1937 irrigation diversions and turn-outs improved.
- USFWS (1968), "About two miles upstream from Summit Lake, an irrigation structure was found diverting about 50% of the flow"...

#### Hydrologic Analysis:

- Hydrology defined by 20-year data set
- Results:
- 2- to 100-year events range from 12 cfs to 115 cfs

#### Existing conditions model runs:

- 15-, 25-,50-,and 100- cfs
- Provides insight into channel/floodplain connectivity

#### Longitudinal Connectivity

Increase flow to Mahogany Creek to enhance longitudinal connectivity and improve riparian habitat.

1. Plug and eliminate artificial irrigation channels
2. Remove berms/diversions
3. Prevent road capture
4. Ensure channel connection to overflow channels and depression.

#### Lateral Connectivity

Increase overbanking where flows are fully contained within the channel to enhance lateral connectivity.

1. Targeted reed canary grass removal
2. In combination with flood plain creation and/or minimal channel raising.
3. Maintain positive drainage back to the main channel to prevent fish stranding

#### Restoration Conceptual Designs

##### River Mile 3.7:

- Irrigation Infrastructure
  - Former irrigation ditches convey water away from channel
  - Major contribution to road capture
- Recommendation
  - Plug ditches to retain water in the riparian zone

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- Revegetate with willows, Wood's rose, golden currant

River Mile 3.4-3.6:

- Irrigation Infrastructure
  - Former irrigation ditches convey water away from channel
- Recommendation
  - Plug ditches, lower berm to retain water in the riparian zone
  - Create a secondary, return flow channel to direct flows back to Mahogany Creek

River Mile 2.9-3.1

- Irrigation Infrastructure
  - Former diversion structure removed in 2023
  - Higher flows expected to fill lower ditch sections that remain
- Recommendation
  - Fill ditch entirely
  - Modify or decommission adjacent road

River Mile 1.8 – 2.9

- Diversion and Berm
  - Abandoned diversion structure
  - SLPT and Wildscape evaluation costs for diversion removal
- Floodplain Connection
  - Potential formation of oxbows and side channels
  - Construct return flow channels
  - Prioritize Reed Canary Grass control at confluences
- Existing Dirt Road
  - Observed road flooding in 2023 and 2024
  - Road captures flow and mobilizes sediment
  - Decommission or raise the road segment

Next Steps

- Receive input during the meeting and through written comments
- More intensive survey in heavily vegetated areas to refine hydraulic model of proposed conditions
- Further develop designs for permitting and construction

Ms. Martenson asked if there were any questions.

Mr. Burdette said he had lots of questions.

He posed a hydrology question. Consider a ranch 15 miles away to the North. If there is a quadrupled usage of water, that would seem to be robbing streams of water and lowering the aquifer. Is this a cause for concern. Ms. Beahan said it depends on the



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connectivity of the system.

Mr. Caldwell said that Phase II includes a substantial ground water study to study that. Ms. Beahan said that is what water rights are for. Mr. Simmons said that Desert Resource Institute did a study of the watershed and the Lake which is generally fed by surface water sources like snow melt, but not the aquifer at this time.

Mr. Burdette talked about LCT health and water flow wondering if it would be better if during a dry (low water) year there would be less resources for the fish so the strong survive and get healthier. It could mean that fewer or smaller fish can be expected. It can preferable over no fish. Mr. Simmons expressed that it is likely better to have continuous production of fish.

Mr. Simmons said that previous to Mr. Burdette and Ms. Trejo joining the Council, there was a mid-point review of this identifying the options and to get feedback so everyone was on the same page.

In the previous thought of possibly allowing the waters to create a North channel, Ms. Beahan said it depends on energies and velocity of consistency to see if it was even possible.

Mr. Caldwell said that it was a great point, but in the near term but as the water neared the Lake it needs enough energy and stream power to maintain connectivity. Also, there is the issue of reed canary grass really likes a lot of water.

Mr. Burdette had another question. He referenced the lower 80 bordering riparian area. Mr. Burdette asked if grazing can bring grass down and keeping water in channels. Grass would not be asking for more water. Ms. Martenson says it should not impact the stream that much. She did caution him about grazing. Ms. Beahan talked about replacing reed canary grass with native grasses and rushes.

Mr. Caldwell thanked the Tribe for letting them to work in such a beautiful area.

Mahogany Creek Fish Passage Design Phase 1 Project Wrap-up.  
Mr. Caldwell listed the people on his team.

He then gave the presentation outline.

- Project overview, goals, design objectives and considerations
- Present and review restoration strategies
- Present initial design ideas
- Review design selected to move to 65%
- Next steps in Phase 2

#### Problem Statement and Project Objectives

- Problem: Disconnection has occurred in the recent past creating a migration barrier for LCT.
  - Increased drought frequency and intensity, resulting in lower lake levels and lower stream flows
  - Increased Mahogany Creek sedimentation (delta aggradation) facilitated by invading reed canary grass
- Objective: Use a collaborative, interdisciplinary approach to develop restoration strategies and designs for drought resilient fish passage between Summit Lake and Mahogany Creek.

#### Spatial Overview identified the following on the map:

- Gages
- Flow split to North Channel
- North Channel
- South Channel or Mainstem
- Delta
- Historic South Channel
- Areas of Concern
  - Historic grazing and irrigation
  - Old Diversion Ditches-Flow Loss
  - Reed Canary Grass Choking Channel

#### Design Considerations

- Mahogany Creek's south channel has been the primary habitat for LCT migration and spawning
- Observations of redds and juvenile LCT and in the North Channel suggest it may be important habitat in wetter years
- Abundant mussel groups exist in the main channel and may need to be managed
- Address reed canary grass invasion as it pertains to fish passage objective

#### Restoration Strategies to Support Fish Passage

Following site visits, field work and analysis of hydraulics, three primary restoration strategies have been identified that show the greatest promise for meeting project objectives.

- Reed Canary Grass Treatment
  - Moisture Control
  - Mechanical Removal
- Channel or Flow Relocation and Modification
  - Channel Simplification
  - Utilize supplemental or new channels

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- Channel Perturbations
  - Boulder and Log Jams
  - Vegetated Berms

#### Conceptual Designs

Four concept designs are proposed, each are shown in the following slides, some include combinations of restoration concepts.

- Concept 0: No Action
- Concept 1: South Channel Rehabilitation
- Concept 2: Occupy Both North Channel and South Channel plus Reed Canary Grass Treatment
- Concept 3: Occupy Historic South Channel

#### Expectations:

1. RCG would continue to expand its footprint
2. The South Channel may continue to aggrade and naturally slip to the north channel
3. Intermittent disconnections between channel and lake likely to continue
4. Manual excavation at delta required during drought

#### Concept 1: South Channel Rehabilitation

1. Create new, alignment for segment of existing south channel to effectively increase slope and encourage/maintain connection to the lake.
2. Use hydraulic and sediment transport analysis to evaluate most effective channel length and meander wavelength.
3. Combine perturbation elements (such as PALS) to maintain connection with the lake. Add a series of open "V" structures along channel to focus flows.
4. Treat areas disturbed by construction with layered mulch and dense native plantings to control RCG. Systematically remove and treat RCG patches from downstream to upstream.

#### Expectations:

- a. As lake levels and active delta change over time, additional PALS or boulder clusters would be added to maintain connectivity
- b. RCG will be an ongoing battle—continue aggressive approach until RCG has been treated past marsh connecting north and south channels.
- c. Annual RCG treatment will be needed.

Even with all the above, they were not confident that the necessary velocities and depths for connectivity could be maintained.

#### Concept 2: Occupy North Channel And Aggressively Treat RCG in South Channels

1. Put majority of flow into the north channel.

2. Construct a defined channel connection between the south channel and north channel through the marsh.
3. Treat new channel to minimize RCG establishment.
4. Construct a weir to control the flow split into the abandoned south channel.
5. Aggressively remove and treat RCG upstream of new channel.
6. Consider surface screen to keep RCG fragments out of north channel
7. Once upstream source of RCG have been removed (between new north channel and fish station), remove RCG in downstream segment of south channel.

Expectations:

- a. RCG will be an ongoing battle
- b. Annual RCG treatment will be needed
- c. With effort and time south channel will continue to heal.
- d. Evaluation of north channel's ability to keep open connection to the lake will be required. Perturbation elements may be needed to be added to delta.

### Concept 3: Cut New Channel from South Channel to Historic Southern Channel

1. Reoccupy downstream segment of historic south channel to bypass existing south channel outlet to Summit Lake.
2. Not necessarily year-round or permanent, could be temporarily/seasonally turned off/on.
3. Observe effectiveness at keeping open connection o lake in new channel. May require perturbations.
4. A flow weir will be needed at the marsh connection to the north channel to maintain most of the flow into the south channel and eventually into the historic southern channel
5. Aggressively remove and treat RCG upstream of new channel.
6. Consider surface screen to keep RCG fragments out of north channel
7. Begin wholesale removal of RCG downstream of junction and flow barrier
8. Benefit is there is currently no RCG in historic channel so a matter of management instead of removal

Expectations:

- a. RCG will be an ongoing battle.
- b. Annual RCG retreatment will be needed.
- c. With effort and time south channel will continue to heal and be available to be a primary channel
- d. Evaluation of historic channel to remain open to lake will be require. Perturbations may be needed at delta.

The biggest concern is this is a new entry point for the fish.

### Conceptual Design Discussion

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There was a brief discussion of the pros and cons of the three concepts.

- Rationales for a 4<sup>th</sup> Concept
- All initial design concepts had tradeoffs.
- Not enough stream power to utilize meanders or boulders in the current channel/delta.
- Want to avoid negatively impacting conditions in north channel, and preference to keep the main stem/south channel
- Reoccupying historic south channel is risky-will fish utilize it? Impacts to vegetation communities?

Back to the Drawing Board-Concept 4

- Develop new 'bypass' channel which routes mainstem flow around marsh area
  - Reduce moisture in march to support reed canary grass (RCG) removal
  - Clean slate in by pass channel which reduces the probability of infestation
  - Maintains existing lake/stream connection
  - Provides stream power to maintain the connection between lake and stream
  - Provides opportunity to improve spawning and rearing habitat in new bypass channel
  - Option to reoccupy existing channel after RCG mitigation is completed
- Outcome: Move forward with concept 4 with 30% and 65% design

Concept 4—Bypass Channel

- Flow Control at inlet to bypass channel
- Reduced flow in section of existing main stem
- Bypass channel will emulate characteristics of Mahogany Creek.
- Native sedge and rush in planting area
- RCG removal and treatment in the main by channel upstream and downstream of the bypass channel

Other Concerns and Uncertainties

- Will less moisture in march area be consequential for other species?
- Are there less intrusive ways to maintain water in existing channel?
- Will RCG removal in main channel improve stream power enough to maintain stream/lake connection
- How does groundwater movement impact connectivity?

Next Steps—ATB Phase 2

- America the Beautiful Grant Phase 2 is funded
- Next steps in Phase 2

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- Address uncertainties from the 65% design
- Collect updated topography along marsh
- Collaborative ground water study with Wildscape
- Restoration review panel

There is funding for a workshop with LCT experts for additional thoughts.

Mr. Simmons is applying for a grant to determine redd success rates in Mahogany Creek and the north channel.

Mr. Burdette said it seems to him that nature is pushing north. He is concerned about going against nature. He is concerned about whether opening a southern channel would increase flow.

Mr. Caldwell said they were continuing research, but it is a concern. Mr. Simmons said it's moving

Ms. Beahan asked Mr. Burdette to share his photos taken when the North channel passage was much wider and deeper. Mr. Simmons said that was when there was a lot of water in the system.

Mr. Simmons applied for an implementation grant from America the Beautiful focusing on the upper half of the creek. They got funds for another three years. They can start looking for future funding from ATB for on-the-ground solutions and focusing on the delta area.

The guests from Applied River Sciences and Wildscape Engineering left the meeting at 1:44 pm

#### **Finance Report-Naveed Frank**

Mr. N. Frank stated that he was still working with MIP to put the report in columns and remove inactive grants/funds.

Mr. Simmons will meet with Mr. N. Frank to go over the grants which have closed in 2024. He is also helping Mr. N. Frank by giving him all the budgets from the NRD grants so there can be line items in the individual grant reports.

Mrs. Lone Eagle wants all the program directors/managers to know the status of their own budgets-grants. They should not leave it only to Finance.

#### **Report Review**

1. Report from January 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024. They discussed the report.

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2. Report from October 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024. The Council discussed this report.
3. Indirect Costs (IDC) recorded at \$170,181.72. This figure should be correct.
4. Workers Comp insurance changed from Liberty Mutual to NCCI with annual premium costs \$9,477.00. It has the same coverage and cost. He needs to supply a Liberty Mutual audit.
5. Fixed assets recording in MIP and list for assets seeking.
6. Entering active funds budget in MIP, for example funds 2001 and 237.
7. Fixing the MIP reports is in progress.
8. MIP accounting software renewal
9. SSBCI Update from Mendy Elliot at 2:00 pm this day.
10. 132 ARPA checks for \$1,650 and \$500.00 Walmart Gift Cards mailed.
11. PacState Update: Mr. Simmons suggested that there be a SLPT point person for the IT transition for DTS to PacState. He suggested Keane Flynn from NRD. The PacState point person is Pete. There was discussion. Some people are not happy with the service. They are still in transition with DTC. Then the subject of a point person was brought up by Mr. Simmons. When the staff emails a ticket for service, they should "carbon copy" Mr. Flynn. It was the consensus of the Council to make Mr. Flynn the IT point person.

The topic of Ms. Pielop accumulating and using comp time was brought up. Mr. N. Frank is trying to get her to exhaust her comp time. He asked her to take her lunch hour and count that as comp time. Mr. Simmons is helping. It was asked about using comp time earned in one department when working in another department. She is working 8 am to Noon. There was a discussion on the rules of comp time.

Janet Davis said \$42,000 of Pantry funds were process (the 2<sup>nd</sup> request). They are working on the third request.

SLPT received \$180 revenue from the Craft fair.

Mendy Elliott will be coming in to talk about the SSBCI.

**Grant Writer Report by Larry Curley presented by Mrs. Lone Eagle**

This report covers activities since the last Tribal Council meeting on November 132024. The activities include a review of existing foundations, federal funding opportunities and charitable organizations. This report is also intended to provide a comprehensive ongoing status updates on grants submitted or planned to be submitted by the Grant Writer to ensure that Tribal Council is aware of the status of these efforts.

Items 1-8 are updates of the status of the grant process of each grant.

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1. **ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA).** Language Preservation Grant.(Jointly developed with The Language Conservation)
  - A. Successfully submitted.
  - B. NOT FUNDED.
2. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.** Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Language, Culture, History Preservation.
  - A. Successfully Submitted
  - B. FUNDED. \$ 99,623.00
3. **FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUE.** Language, Culture and Future Leaders Mentoring.
  - A. Successfully Submitted
  - B. FUNDED. \$60,000.
4. **PAUL NEWMAN FOUNDATION.** Food Sovereignty, Traditional Foods
  - A. Successfully Submitted
  - B. NOT FUNDED.
5. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.** Capacity Building. OSHA Training to Tribal Members
  - A. Successfully Submitted
  - B. NOT FUNDED
6. **SANTA FE TOBACCO FOUNDATION.** Arts and Culture, Youth Focused
  - A. Submitted
  - B. Action Pending
7. **STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLGOP)**
  - A. Successfully submitted
  - B. Action Pending
8. **NCAI MINI-GRANTS**

These are small grants from the NCAI FOUNDATION. Grants to participate in the elections which were held. Request for application submitted and response was not received
9. **INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM & LIBRARY SERVICES.\*\***

This is a two-year grant for the preservation of historical information and documents. Project envisions the creation of a tribal repository that will secure documents and artifacts of significance to Summit Lake Tribe. When funded, project begins July 1, 2025. **Amount Requested: \$250,000**

  - A. Successfully Submitted
  - B. Action Pending
10. **TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANTS (HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND)**

Grant is for a two-year period and currently drafting proposal based on program requirements. **DUE DATE:** February 27, 2025 **AMOUNT:** \$150,000
11. **NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

Program will fund Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections. Program has three



funding levels for Planning, Implementation I, and Implementation II. Total funding combined is \$500,000 for a two-year period. Grant writer reviewing requirements and will submit proposal by due date. Project when funded will begin October 1, 2025.

**DUE DATE: January 10, 2025**

**12. Repatriation Grants.** Grant Writer reviewed grant requirements and currently developing conceptual framework for the proposal. **DUE DATE: May 5, 2025.**

**13. WELLS FARGO TRIBAL INITIATIVE GRANTS**

Contacted WELLS FARGO GRANTS program for indigenous population. The initiative will reopen for receipt of applications in February 2025. Grant Writer will be submitting a proposal on behalf of the tribe that include Capacity Building. Amount to be requested: **\$400,000.**

**FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**14. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).**

This grant is to develop tribally-oriented suicide and substance prevention programs. Program requirements have not been posted. **DUE DATE: March 6, 2025.**

This report covers his plans for the next few months.

On December 11, 2024, Senator Washburn of Tennessee introduced legislation in Senate Bill 5483 which includes a 5% rescission across all non-security discretionary programs. This may affect some of the grants he is looking at.

Some of the grants require a letter on Tribal letterhead. Mrs. Lone Eagle will send it to him.

Mr. Curley thanked Mr. N. Frank for his work.

Mr. Curley feels every grant should include IDC (Indirect Costs).

Council and staff should communicate.

This ended the Grant Writer's Report.

There was a discussion regarding the request for funds for a business license.

Mr. Burdette asked if SSBCI was in addition to the loans from Housing. Mrs. New Moon explained that she did not have any loans, that she had grants. She also has a grant for trades training with a certificate which she wanted to recommend to someone requesting Higher Education funds for getting a license to start a construction company. There was some confusion about giving them funds. It was decided to give money for

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books and license fees only. They should talk to her about the SSBCI loans. There was discussion.

Mrs. Lone Eagle will contact her and explain things and the Council Chairwoman.

**Consultation: SSBCI Update by Mendy Elliot at 2:05 pm.**

Ms. Elliot helped the Tribe to write the application for SSBCI grant of \$700,000. It is part of the CARES Act-the State Small Business Credit Initiative 2.0-Collateral Support Program. Any native tribal member could go to the chosen bank (Plumas Bank). The Plumas Bank would implement the loan. This gives 50% of a loan collateral for a loan. There is a lot of compliance requirements for a grant.

Ms. Elliot explained how the SSBCI Collateral Support Program works.

If a tribe wanted to change from collateral support. Paperwork is required. Ms. Elliot summarized the different types of programs. Plumas Bank is waiting for an agreement. 5% off the first trunch, 3% for the second and third trunches.

Out of state members can apply on line through Plumas Bank.

Mr. Burdette asked if the Tribe wants to build a multiplex for employees to use with a lease paid by NRD, could they do that. There are compliance requirements.

If no change wanted, just have Christine (a contractor) write-up an agreement with Plumas Bank and start the program. They are presently in compliance.

The three types of programs:  
Venture Capital  
Loan Guarantee Program

Ms. Elliot left the meeting at 2:56 pm.

The Chairwoman called lunch at 2:57 pm. Council returned from lunch at 3:57 pm.

**Numu Namagah Nobe—Pantry Report by Christinna Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator**

Within the previous four weeks the pantry served 69 families and handed out 28 turkey baskets totaling 97 families.

They picked up donations from Catholic Charities on November 14 & 27, 2024 and December 12, 2024. On November 14, 2024 they received 15 turkeys and eight turkey

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breasts from Catholic Charities. She also purchased two additional turkeys for the membership.

On Saturday, November 23, 2024 Mr. Burdette delivered five baskets and five additional food bundles to the SLPT tribal members in Winnemucca, Nevada. She thanked Mr. Burdette for helping the pantry staff. They appreciated it.

The Dutch-door was installed. Mark Lomaintewa installed and stained the door. It looks great. He worked on it for two days.

November 26, 2024, a guy named Blake Whitloc came in from Pacific Office Automation. He works with printers, cyber security cameras and such. She informed him that SLPT has a company already, but he keeps coming back.

On December 15, 2024 she traveled to Pahrump, Nevada driving the pantry van to pick-up Christmas gifts for the children. They left at 6:00 am and returned around 11:30 pm.

During the period of November 14, 2024 to December 10, 2024, they shopped at the following stores:

- Smith's
- Food Max
- Walmart
- Dollar Tree
- Save Mart
- Raleys
- Grocery Outlet

The remaining balance from ARPA is \$3,822.79. As of December 17, 2024, they have not received any funding from the state, so she will use the remaining balance for what they absolutely need for the pantry. It is her understanding of the hold-up in the funding is there was no notification relayed to Jon, that the old pantry workers were gone, and she and Ms. DeBord were new employees, then weeks later there was no proof that the sales tax was paid on the building they are in.

They are doing all daily and necessary duties to keep the pantry running in a professional manner.

Ms. Lomaintewa asked if they could get a credit card. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the responsibilities and requirement the bank had for a tribal credit card. Ms. Lomaintewa does not want the responsibility. She should talk to Mr. N. Frank to use a Council card. Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed the funding.

Catholic Charities are closed Christmas Week.

Northern Nevada Food Bank: Mrs. New Moon said there is an online shopping list that where they can request whatever and however many items they want and even buy eggs and meat.

### **Housing/ARPA Report by Austin New Moon**

- Staff Christmas Party is set of December 24, 2024. They will be doing Secret. Santa Mrs. New Moon asked if any Council member was interested in participating.
- Fund 110-UITCN Fire Tablets for minor tribal members: She has yet to prepare the flyer for this program. She will work on this and mail only to the eligible families who have not received a tablet for the minor tribal member.
- Fund 155 (HAF): Budget modification was accepted. She completed the quarterly and annual reports that were due November 15, 2024. She did email the Treasury regarding the final close out report and that it is not allowing me to open the report to complete it. It remains an outstanding issue with the Treasury. She has received emails being forwarded to other departments withing Treasury to fix the issue. She will continue to follow up until they can get this resolved and submitted.
- ARPA resolutions :
  - SL-74-2024 Final Economic Relief Assistance Payment of ARPA Funds of \$1650 per adult member. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-74-2024 Final Economic Relief Assistance Payment of American Rescue Plan Act Funds with the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-74-2024 enacted at 4:18 pm.**

- SL-75-2024 Approval of Final Food Nutritional Assistance in \$500 cards. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-75-2024 Approval of Final Food Nutritional Assistance with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-75-2024 enacted at 4:19 pm.**

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- SL-76-2024 Approval of New Vehicle Purchase-225 SR5 Tundra with 4-wheel drive and the additional heavy-duty tires and cover for \$55,969. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-76-2024 Approval of New Vehicle Purchase with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-76-2024 enacted at 4:26 pm.**

- SL-77-2024 Amendment to SL-36-2023 SLPT Internet Assistance to extend assistance to December 31, 2026. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent portions of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-77-2024 Amendment to SL-36-2023 SLPT Internet Assistance to extend assistance to December 31, 2026 with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-77-2024 enacted at 4:27 pm.**

- ARPA Obligation is due December 31, 2024—with the resolutions approved, Mr. N. Frank and Mrs. New Moon can prepare the report for the obligations through the Treasury to meet that deadline. That will be her number one priority until it is submitted.
- SLPT American Resue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
  - Program began February 18, 2023
  - Continuing to get applications in for assistance
  - Working with Finance on the \$220,000 that was allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning Bundles
    - Remaining: \$43,159.07 as of December 5, 2024
- Rehabilitation Update: Awaiting a shopping list from the general contractor to purchase the needed items to complete the rehabilitation on the unit. If the general contractor purchases the items, they charge an additional fee. They will prepare the scope of work without the additional fee which includes the items to purchase. BABA will not apply to this project which is a relief and will allow us to maximize the dollar amount for this project. 1-4 small unit.

Training:

She attended the NAIHC Legal Symposium December 9, 2024 through December 12, 2024 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Some sessions did not apply to SLPT but they wert interesting. The HR presentation was beneficial. She went to the Comedy Show with Ms. Trejo. There was a lot of walking and it was cold. There was more knowledge and

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networking. Pyramid is building Town Houses. Low-income Housing is okay for larger tribes.

Mrs. New Moon asked for an Executive Session for 20 minutes:

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 20 minutes for Housing. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 4:39 pm.**

Council came out of Executive Session at 5:00 pm.

### **Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) by James Simmons**

#### **Accomplishments**

- Received the next NFWF ATB program-\$2.5 million over three years for Phase 2 on Mahogany Creek
- Fund 122-LCT PVA and NFWF ATB -Phase 1 on Mahogany Creek completing on time in January 2025.
- NFWF SOARR observation pilot.

#### **Discussion Topics: Resolutions**

1. Resolution SL-67-2024: US Fish and Wildlife Service grant Landowner Agreement in regard to the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for a fuel management award-maintaining fuel breaks. To complete the acceptance of the grant the agreement is required. He read the pertinent parts.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-67-2024 to Accept the Award and Sign the Landowner Agreement with USFWS Partnership with Fish and Wildlife Program Project with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-67-2024 enacted at 5:09 pm.**

2. Resolution SL-68-2024: USFWS Landowner Agreement TABLED
3. Resolution SL-69-2024: Full Coverage Health Insurance NRD-This is a proposal to pay full health benefits to current or new Natural Resources Department employees until the end of September of 2025 from a current Bureau of Reclamation grant. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-69-2024 Approval to Update Cost Coverage of Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance for NRD Employees with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-69-2024 enacted at 5:15 pm.**

4. Resolution SL-70-2024: Apply for FY25 BIA Endangered Species A Grant for LCT-to study Redds TABLED
5. Resolution SL-71-2024: Apply for USFWS Regional Fish Passage Grant there is a spot that crosses and even becomes the creek near Summer Camp Creek which is a fish passage and evasive plant issue. This is to put in a road crossing over the creek. It is due the end of December 2024. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-71-2024 Approval to Apply for US Fish and Wildlife Service National Fish Passage Program Grant with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-71-2024 enacted at 5:23 pm.**

6. Resolution SL-72-2024: Apply for WNTI Grant-TABLED
7. Resolution SL-73-2024: Great Basin Institute MOA for Fisheries Techs. They will hire 2 short-term fisheries people.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-74-2024 Approval to Contract with Great Basin Institute for Research Associates Fill Staff to Capacity for the 2025 Field Season with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-74-2024 enacted at 5:28 pm.**

8. Heads-up to returning funds or under spent funds for Fund 88 which is expired. Trying to close this old grant. Funds can only be used for planning. There is still money in the grant. They did not spend it all. \$40,000-\$50,000 to be returned.
9. Review of NRD comp time balances and policy. There are three people with time to be used by the end of the year. They need to get prior approval and encouraged to use the time so it does not build up. There is one person who is affected. This was discussed. Though comp time was earned, it does not transfer to a different department. She does still work part-time for NRD. She can be paid

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for her comp time. Her hours will need to be checked. The goal for next year is to complete review and amend policies.

SLPT needs a position description for a THPO manager. They need to fill this position so they can use the THPO program.

There is also a need for a Youth Program part-time position to run the new grant program for youth.

There was a question about whether the Tribe had to abide by federal or state employment rules. Mr. Simmons will talk to Tom Schossler to see if the state employment rules apply to the Tribe.

10. Mr. Simmons is checking pantry room status-potential use. He would like to put in a few chairs and a small table so it can be used as a small conference area. Mrs. Lone Eagle suggested checking with Mrs. New Moon.
11. Expenditure ideas (vehicles/housing) from SOARR fund. There is \$500,000 to \$600,000 that may be left. Mr. Simmons would like to get two new trucks to replace the two Tacomas. They have costly repair issues. He would like a portion of the money to get two to three new vehicles to carry them into the next decade for both transportation and housing. If there is enough money to get new mobile homes/trailers for staff housing. He is looking into new trailers. The grant is closing in June 2025. They would need to be delivered before June. They also discussed tiny home, hunter/shelter and homes on Amazon. They might be able to sell the old trailers. TABLED

Ms. Trejo left the meeting at 6:15 pm.

12. Fossil horse head prep-UNR talked to someone at the Nevada State Museum who would like to clean it and put it in glass for free. It would be an educational opportunity for a student to prep it. It is a native ancient horse. Council said to move forward.
13. SLPT logo on Nevada Native Seed Partnership Website: SLPT is treating areas where cheat grass has been removed with native seed. They have been talking to the Partnership. They do native seed collection, identification of the seeds. The partnership would like to put the SLPT logo on their website home page. The Council agrees to allow it.

An idea from the NRD team—seed collection program and sell the seeds. There are premium seeds on the Reservation. It would be eco-friendly. They would need to do it smart. It might be possible to establish a seed business. Mr. Burdette talked about involving the youth to harvest the seeds especially small sage brush.



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They talked about ordering logo shirts and heavier duty jackets.

14. Old photos of members for Multi Species Conservation Program plan. There is a section which would like permission to use old photos in the plan documents. Mr. Burdette said to show them the photos and identify the people and ask their families for permission to use them.
15. NRCS applications heads-up: In January the NRD will probably apply to the Natural Resources Conservation Service for the Equip Program: to do habitat improvement in northern Reservation to trim the area down. NRCS works on reimbursement. There would be approximately \$50,000 up front for the project. The application is due in February.. Mr. Burdette wondered if they can make pellets from the brush. He saw a lot of it was dead. Mr. Simmons said the work will be done by different methods: manually and/or mechanical or by hand. They will ask if it can be done on allotments for members. NRD would need Finance input and Council approval.

**OLD BUSINESS--None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Mrs. Lone Eagle would like permission to attend the ECWS with NCAI Winter session- February 9- 13, 2025 in Washington D.C.

Tribal Leaders meeting in January at UNR.

There has

Mr. Simmons does not want the BIA to confuse the annual budget with the three-year budget for the three-year contracts.

Under NFWF SOARR is a paleo climatology-project with UNR. UNR requested an amendment to the contract to do additional work. They want to do pollen analysis, which will add \$40,000 to the project. It would just be moving money from one project to another. Mr. Simmons is not asking for money. He would like approval to amend the UNR Contract for this work. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of the Resolution SL-78-2024.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve SL-78-2024 to Amend the UNR Contract for the Paleo Project under SOARRs National Fish and Wildlife Agreement with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution-78-2024 enacted at 6:58 pm.**

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Mr. Simmons asked if NRD could move the security cameras to get a better view of the vehicles in light of the recent problem. He would like to add lighting and cameras to get better views to see movement between the cars. He would like to work on a plan and costs that would be under NRD because the equipment would be to protect NRD vehicles. He would have a proposal for the next meeting.

Paleo Project which will be done next year. There is a side-project which SLPT does not pay for. A DNA researcher is looking at the DNA from cores in the main project. She is having difficulties getting what she is looking for so she wants to change her approach. She would like some direction if they find any human DNA. It will be just DNA not any physical tissue or bone. Mr. Simmons suggested a data sharing agreement where she cannot talk about it without asking the Tribe and all data would be shared. It will be tabled so Council can think about it.

#### MEETINGS

Regular Council Meeting on January 15, 2025 at the Council Chambers Building, Sparks, Nevada Office. 1:00 pm Consultation on the Election. December Tabled Resolutions

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 pm.**

#### CERTIFICATION

I, Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the December 18, 2024 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting January 15, 2024 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

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

1-15-25  
Date

Philip Frank  
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Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Tribal Council