

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Council Chairwoman Page Linton called the meeting of Saturday, March 19, 2016 to order at 8:08 am.

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

**STAFF:** Frances Winn, Financial Director (present in the building), Contractor Anne Macko

## REPORTS

### Council Reports

**Acting Chairwoman Page Linton** reported that she has been busy with emails and letters regarding Council. There is a Prodigy ES training April 26-27, 2016 regarding enrollment. Page was approved to attend. The cost is \$685 per person. Council Member Jerry Barr will check if he can attend. The training is budget approved. The new point of contact is Rachel.

Acting Chairwoman Linton was contacted about the Nevada Nations Land Act which promotes land belonging to the tribe. There was a request to send a letter to Judges and Senators in support. The Acting Chairwoman has sent a letter of support. She also received an enrollment question inquiring if the Blood Quantum was lowered and informed the person that it was not lowered. There was a Tribal ID requested. The photo was taken previously but the computer system was not working so the ID could not be made. There were two non-affiliated ICWA cases.

After a discussion with the Council, the Acting Chairwoman has set April 2, 2016 as the meeting date for the Oath of Office and election of Council officers. She also said that she would be available by phone in the afternoon. Council Member Randi DeSoto said that the Council should let people know that the Council vacancy has been filled and the Council is waiting to administer the Oath soon.

**Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez** reported that she called the office to determine when she will be able to pick-up a computer. She has been responding to texts and emails regarding Council business and looked over the Land Bill paperwork. Council Member Jerry Barr explained which land adjacent to Summit Lake was involved in the Land Bill.

**Council Member Jerry Barr** reported that he had one person waiting for a Higher Education resolution he hoped to present today. There were no other requests. Acting Chairwoman Linton asked him to check on K-12. There is very little money in the budget

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for K-12 at this time. It was directed to work on a letter to send out stating that the Council was hoping to do something before the next school year starts. It could possibly only backpacks and school supplies.

The Council discussed having Jessica work on a list of Action Items for the Council.

**Council Member Randi DeSoto** reported that she just got her email back. Applegate BLM called confirming that the Tribe was still active and where the meeting would be held. A person called asking about enrollment confirmation. She heard from two people asking why the council is not informing the Members. She stated that the vehicle purchase of a Jeep has already been approved.

William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director, entered the Board Room.

### **Staff Reports**

#### **Finance Department Report**

Finance Director, Frances Winn stated that she was upset and disappointed at the disrespect of someone telling people that the Tribe was shut down. EPA, BLM and Fish and Wildlife as well as other tribes called the office to check if this was true. Someone called the agencies telling them that William and Frances were running the office without a Council. A letter was sent out stating that it was just a smear campaign and she was discussed by the lie. The letter stated that the Council was still open; that the Tribe was still open. Council saw it on the Website or called Frances Winn. William Cowan had calls saying it was on Facebook. Ms. Winn heard from the BIA that there was no Chair. Frances told them there were four sitting Council Members.

#### **Financial Agenda Items:**

1. Ms. Winn is working on reformatting the Budget.
2. A new Program Office Assistant, Jessica Quartz was hired on 3/14/16.
3. Fiscal Year 2015. FY means from the beginning of the fiscal year to the end of the fiscal year. Fiscal stands for the period set in contracts. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe fiscal year is the calendar year—January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>. CY stands for calendar year. The Narrative Report is an annual report. Jessica is working on a reporting schedule. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez looked at the schedule. The Narrative is the responsibility of the Secretary/Treasurer.
4. There are BIA funds to hire a Financial Clerk. This is new monies which will be available the first part of April (CTDP).
5. Ms. Winn is doing orientations with the new Program Office Assistant. Ms. Quartz has experience working with other tribes. Ms. Winn is a numbers person. This will be revamped. They will be working on processes for the next meeting. Ms. Winn is big on processes.

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Council Member DeSoto asked about K-12 and whether the Council would be able to pull funds and put them into K-12. Ms. Winn feels that this is important. The students must be Tribal Members. This information needs to go out to the Tribal Members.

The Council would like to go forward with Action Items.

**Natural Resources Department Report:**

William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director asked if everyone got a copy of the Natural Resources report and if anyone had any questions. There were no questions. Acting Chairwoman Linton stated that the report was thorough.

**Discussion Topics**

1. Route 1000: There was a resolution asking the BIA to handle the engineering design of Route 1000, to handle everything. Summit Lake needed to use the funds or lose them. There are not enough funds to complete the project. The Council passed a resolution to do the work in phases. An engineer was hired. A letter was written stating the decisions were made by the Council, but the day-to-day representation would be handled by William Cowan and the Natural Resources Department. There was a March meeting on Tribal share at Summit Lake. Funding is split into \$1700 a year for planning and \$70,000 to \$75,000 to re-route and improve Route 1000. The engineer estimates the feasibility of \$1.5 million for the construction. There is a need for a source of rock.

There is a land survey planned. Mr. Cowan felt there should be a site visit. There was disagreement. Mr. Cowan saw David Smith in March and asked how it was going. Things have stalled. There is a new project manager. There is a need to talk regarding NEPA compliance. The importance had been lower on the list, but now is a high priority.

The private land issue could be settled by the Land Bill. There will be a meeting on April 20, 2016 at the Western Nevada Agency. Mr. Cowan has a dental appointment that morning, but will try to attend. The new hire of the Natural Resource Department, Rene, will attend. Great Basin Land and Water will also attend. The meeting will be at 12 noon on April 20, 2016. Mr. Cowan invited the Council. Council Member Jerry Barr will check if he can attend.

Mr. Cowan was asked for his comments. He does not consider this to be a deal breaker. They want to move the road out a mile with a gate. Soldier Meadows will be given a key. What is of concern is the sage grouse west of the lake which is BIA land and Tribal allotments. The BLM is mandated to conserve sage grouse. The Tribal is now maintaining the current road nearest the lake. The BIA road system will be public. Most tribal roads are not part of the BIA system. The Hells Canyon fence delineates wild land and grouse land. The largest sage grouse let was discovered just beyond it. But it is

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not a deal breaker. This may be a good time to try and purchase private land. Mr. Cowan asked for further comments/questions at the next meeting, possibly writing letters.

2. Hunting and Fishing: On May 17, 2014 the Council addressed the passage of hunting and fishing regulations after review and comments at the General meeting at Summit Lake. Mr. Cowan was not present at the meeting at the time, but upon return to the meeting was told the regulations had passed. For the past two years the Council voted that there would be no sage grouse hunting. He would like clarification and to continue the moratorium on sage grouse and keep it closed for tagging. The regulations set limits on deer and long horn. The fishing limits reduced and voted on last year. Council Members Barr and DeSoto agree with closing the hunting on sage grouse and the current fishing limits of five per adult and two per child. There has not been talk about deer and long horn. Acting Chairwoman Linton agreed with Mr. Cowan that fishing limits should be revisited annually. Council Member Barr also suggested closing fishing in the fall. Mr. Cowan asked for a vote so Natural Resources can put a notice in their newsletter.

**Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called for a vote to stop sage grouse hunting and fishing in the fall on the reservation for this year. The vote is 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Vote enacted at 9:27 am.**

3. Vehicles: Mr. Cowan thanked the Council for the approval to close a deal for a jeep and asked who should sign the paperwork. The title says Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. The DMV considers this a business. A letter would be written authorizing a person to sign for the vehicle. The DMV needs to have a list of the Council members and name the Chairwoman. Acting Chairwoman Linton will go and sign the paperwork this afternoon. The DMV will need their form in 30 days. They are trading in the Santa Fe for \$15,000.

Mr. Cowan would still like another vehicle and has \$33,000 budgeted from Fish-1028 funds. With the savings of the jeep purchase he would like a three row Tahoe. He did look at one, but is still pursuing it. Acting Chairwoman Linton asked if he had the used vehicles checked by a mechanic. Mr. Cowan said it would cost approximately \$100 at his preferred shop, Auto Clinic.

4. Tribal Event: Natural Resources Department is having an event on Sunday, May 15, 2016 at the Discovery Museum. This was discussed with UNR. There will be guest speaker Zeb Hogan. There will be a Natural Resources presentation to present the importance of the Fish and conservation. There will be admittance fee for the Museum. There are funds for 20 free people. After the presentation they will be able to go through the Museum. A conference room has been reserved. Fish and Wildlife has offered film the presentation. The relationships with UNR, Fish and Wildlife, etc. will be highlighted. The film would be used to create a DVD for the Members not attending.

Three Fish and Wildlife grants will close this year. Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez asked

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if the Natural Resources Department might do another camping event. Mr. Cowan replied that they were too busy right now. Council Member Barr asked the maybe it could be planned for next year.

Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called for a ten minute break from 9:45 am to 9:55 am.

### **Executive Session**

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr called for an Executive Session regarding Enrollment for 20 minutes. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried and the Council entered into Executive Session at 10:11 am.**

The Council returned from Executive Session at 10:31 am.

### **Open Forum**

Acting Chairwoman Page Linton said she had received a letter dated from Delgadina Gonzalez. The Chairwoman read the letter. She reviewed the paperwork in question referencing Chapter 11 of the Article: To Reverse Council Decision which Ms. Linton read out loud. She said she had never received a letter previous to this date. Ms. Delgadina Gonzalez said it was a second letter. Acting Chairwoman Linton qualified the time period for time limit. She said that Ms. Gonzalez's letter requesting a hearing is accepted. The Ms. Gonzalez's hearing will be put on the April 16, 2016 Council Meeting agenda at 2:00 pm.

Delgadina Gonzalez questioned the validity of the people at the last meeting lobbying for her removal, one which was a felon who is not supposed to engage in Tribal business. Council Member DeSoto brought up Vacancy and Removal-Section 2.

Council Member Barr says that if someone is an enrolled member, they have the right to attend meetings.

### **Old Business**

Higher Education: Council Member Jerry Barr says he needs to check with Secretary/Treasurer Gonzalez's school for final confirmation.

### **Minutes**

**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve the February 20, 2016 meeting minutes with corrections with a waiving of with reading.**

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**Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:18 am.**

Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called for Lunch Bar at 11:19 am to return at 1:00pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called the Council meeting back to order at 1:01 pm.

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

Council Member Randi DeSoto announced that she heard from Applegate BLM. They will attend the April 16, 2016 meeting and will be put on the agenda at 1:00 pm

Acting Chairwoman Page Linton brought up the following mail/correspondence: Jessica Quartz created a calendar of the Summit Lake monthly meetings. The May and October meetings will be held at the lake. Jessica will copy it and upload it to the website. The regular meetings will start at 8:00 am.

A notice from the Department of Health Family Services dated 2/26/16 was received regarding a change in the payment of State Medicaid—IHS. You must apply for Medicaid. Council Member DeSoto suggested that someone provide clarification. Pangea Archives sent a letter. They are a charitable, educational organization. Council Member Barr asked how much. Council Member DeSoto asked if they were within the 75 mile area of influence. It would be good to organize archival history. Melissa Duffy, a graphic designer, has volunteered to help the Tribe. She might be one to do a newsletter.

2013: The Minutes/Agendas/Resolution binder contains no minutes.

All agendas should be listed, both past and present, on the website on the Minutes/Resolutions page or under its own tab.

Jessica did a new updated contact list. It was suggested just to update this when necessary, not to recreate.

A letter should be sent stating the current point of contact to the agencies.

The Council computers should be ready by Tuesday or Wednesday after Victor updates them.

The Council asked Anne Macko if she could to on the 2013 minutes. She agreed if recordings could be found and given to her. There may be a need to use Council notes, if they can be found.

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**MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Celina Gonzalez seconded the motion. Acting Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 3 For 0 Against 0 Abstained. The meeting was adjourned at 1:46 pm.**