

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Saturday, July 22, 2017
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Council Chairwoman Page Linton called the Special Meeting of Saturday, July 22, 2017 to order at time 9:28 AM.

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

STAFF: Finance Director, Linda Quinn

The Special meeting is two in one today. First, the Council is meeting with Finance Director, Linda Quinn regarding the CTGP budget.

Ms. Quinn stated that they were back to how to word the spending of the excess that has been carried forward. She wanted to have everyone together to be sure they are on the same page. Items for discussion are: a Council vehicle, a building/structure and an estimate on achieving safe drinking water.

She talked to Mr. Cowan about the water. The well closest to the compound has microbe free water, but has too much iron in it. Mr. Cowan helped her with what was necessary to prepare a bid to explain what work is desired to go forward with an iron filtration system and a booster pump for the existing water storage tank and keep it within the \$50,000 budgeted.

She has obtained vehicle bid proposals: a Yukon for \$51,633, a Chevy Tahoe for \$55,610, a Suburban for \$63,000, and Jones-West Ford has an Expedition for \$48,000 with a \$7500 manufacture discount. All are three-seat, seven passenger vehicles. The budget right now is \$50,000. Mr. Barr said to add to the budget to add for heavy duty tires. The budget should be increased for a better vehicle-like the Suburban which has the most room and make the budget \$60,000. Ms. Quinn is looking for details to justify the budget cost. Note: Mr. Cowan will be receiving \$45,000 from Fisheries for a new vehicle so he will be getting another vehicle also.

Ms. Quinn's biggest concern is the details for the manufactured home the Council wants. She had no idea what the cost is for septic, skirting or electrical. She asked if anyone had gotten bids. Mr. Barr called Craftsman Homes. They can only deliver it part way to the reservation and then the Tribe would need to complete the delivery. In order to have one specially made, it will take almost a year or more. He also called Public Restrooms, William Stanton, ModSpace and M Space and is still waiting for a response. All but M Space manufacture the homes elsewhere and then deliver them. M Space makes panels and assembles the home at the reservation. Someone else would need to do the septic and pour a concrete pad.

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Ms. Quinn would like to turn in the budget August/September. Mr. Barr says there is septic out there, could they just hook it up. Ms. Quinn suggested a new septic system installed to meet additional future needs.

Mr. Barr got some figures on mobile homes. A four bedroom model is \$60,000 plus the transportation. Another was \$66,000. Budget around \$100,000: \$70,000 for the mobile home, \$17,000 for transportation, \$5,000 for the electric pole/box, \$5,000 for the pad and \$17,000 for the septic and water.

Ms. Quinn needs justification details for the budget. We hope to have it done next summer. A gathering can be planned around the showing of the new building.

Mr. Cowan suggested adding 20 hours of his time into the proposal for the water consultation to show them around.

Ms. Quinn asked if the Council still wanted to add two new computers for the office. Yes, purchase them was the response.

Ms. Quinn said there is currently a line item of \$2000 in the budget for K-12 under Fund 9310. This will continue to be funded.

There was a discussion on the travel budget amount and the note of two trainings. The travel budget will be increased.

This is where the budget is right now. Ms. Quinn asked if there were any revisions, corrections or updates. They will add the \$300,000 for the additional items discussed.

Ms. Quinn hopes to have a rough draft for the next meeting if she can get some ball park numbers. Those are the big things. Everything else is minor.

Ms. Linton stated that Rachel Youmans, Assistant Director of Natural Resources, requested a credit card to make purchases. Ms. Linton told her she would ask the Council. US Bank will give the Council another card for free but they would need to lower Mr. Cowan's limit to give Ms. Youmans a credit line. It was discussed to have Mr. Cowan's limit be \$10,000 and Ms. Youmans' limit be \$5,000.

Updates:

Audit Findings—Ms. Quinn passed out the response to the audit findings. The report items are:

Expenditures charged under Fund 107 are not balancing with the general ledger. This

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involves the 2016 adjustment of Mr. Cowan's IPA. This will be redone and ready for Ms. Linton to sign.

Segregation of Duties: The Tribe is working on this. Mr. Carslaw stated that the Tribe does not agree with this finding as the Tribe has hired additional office personnel and the duties have been distributed among the office staff.

Indirect: Yes this was submitted late. The Tribe continues to file the Indirect costs annually and the 2018 proposal will be submitted after seeing the 2016 audit report.

The findings are internal operational issues, no monetary findings.

The EPA sent a letter stating they still had concerns over operational issues. This is the same thing they have been saying for years. Ms. Quinn read a letter from Mr. Carslaw objecting to this. He is saying that the issues have been addressed. It is hoped that the EPA will come in for a consultation to see that the issues are in the past. Ms. Linton will write them for a consultation and include Mr. Carslaw.

Ms. Linton informed the Council that Ms. Quinn was doing a purchase order for the school supplies for the tribal members. Ms. Linton said they should go to Walmart. Ms. DeSoto said that Walmart has a list of the Washoe County supply list. There are only eight children. Ms. Linton will contact the parents for the grades of the children. Ms. Quinn is keeping a paper trail of emails giving her authorization for the purchase of the supplies.

Alex hit a car with the Toyota Tacoma 9 while shopping at Walmart. It has a scraped bumper, but the car will need to be checked out even though it is completely drivable. Both drivers were backing out and hit each other. Her bumper went into his rear side panel and put a dent into the corner of his car. No one was hurt.

Tribal Insurance is up for renewal with the exception of Workers Compensation.

Ms. Quinn would like to get a shredding service. It would be more cost effective than having the office staff do it. Both Mr. Barr and Ms. DeSoto suggested Pulitz. Ms. Quinn will research them.

Ms. Quinn also asked the landlord to see if the one counter can be raise. It is too low. The landlord will do it. It will be more ergonomic.

That concluded the session on the budget.

Ms. Quinn left the meeting.

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Motion: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an agenda change for an Executive Session for 15 minute regarding Personnel issues. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 10:35 AM.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:45 AM.

Chairwoman Page Linton called for a Lunch break at Noon to return at 1:00 PM

Return from lunch break at 1:11 PM

Guests: Aaron Peskin and Rob Scanland of Great Basin Land and Water.

Aaron Peskin started the presentation with a brief history of when the land acquisition program started. Rob Scanland confirmed it began with the Tribe receiving the one million dollar grant in 2010 or 2011. This was for the conservation action plan (completed) and to research allotments and pursue the two in-holdings within the reservation that are part of Soldiers Ranch. They even went to Nebraska to talk to the owner, Jack Barta.

Other things happened along the way such as the Nevada Native Nations Land Act which has been signed into law.

Great Basin Land and Water also received a grant for Pyramid Lake and Summit Lake. This has been used for acquisition of interest in allotments. There will be money left of approximately \$4.8 million to use to purchase land (97 acres on the edge of the lake and 40 acres in-hold on the south part of the reservation) from Mr. Barta. Mr. Scanland talked to Mr. Barta the day before the meeting. Mr. Barta will not sell the two pieces of land, but Mr. Barta will entertain selling the whole ranch. There is \$4.8 million in this grant, and money from the Summit Lake grant. Mr. Scanland feels the Tribe can offer Mr. Barta \$6 million and will start to prepare a contract with the Council's permission.

If the Council agrees, he will need to start the paperwork to request the BLM to change the grant to allow the use of the funds for this transaction. This will take some time.

Mr. Jerry Barr raised some concerns about finding the necessary money. There was a discussion. Mr. Scanland felt that given a year or so to find the money, this could be done. Both Mr. Barr and Ms. Linton were still concerned.

Ms. DeSoto suggested that members of the Council go and visit Mr. Barta again. Mr.

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Scanland said they could go and bring a contract for \$5 million or a Gift deed.

Mr. Scanland pointed out that when the Tribe receives the land granted in the Nevada Native Lands Act, they can put up fences and do not have to give Mr. Barta access. Summit Lake has been granted first in line to have the land surveyed by the BLM.

The money is to purchase land within the Summit Lake watershed. There are five parcels of land. Four are owned by Barta.

Mr. Peskin gave an update on the land acquisition project. He thanked Mr. Scanland and Nancy for all their work on the nine allotments. The Tribe now owns majority interest in five of them and has interest in eight of the nine except for allotment 506. That allotment is owned almost all by Summit Lake Tribal members, three owners. There some who own significant interest that are not interested, like Klinsman. It is an amazing turn around in a short period of time. It has gone further than he thought it would go. There is one big one pending. He explained the graphs he had passed out showing interest owned.

This acquisition represents 53 different individuals and spent \$494,000. They have sent out 200 deeds for signature and then forwarded them to the BIA to be signed by Director Eban. They just sent out a check to Lockbox IIM account the day before the meeting for \$1,781. There were some who were not interested, but everyone interested has been contacted.

In wrapping it up, Mr. Peskin said there were two things they still working on and will continue to pursue. One is Roma Snap, a member of the Ft. McDermitt Tribe, who is developmentally disabled and lives in a home in Idaho. Her three aunts as guardians are interested in selling. The BIA has decided the guardianship was not sufficiently legal for them to sell all her interest in a trust asset. They recommended that the guardians become conservators, which they are currently in the process of doing. Ms. Snap holds around 5% interests in five allotments. This is moving forward.

The other is a 33% interest in allotment 507. It is a fee interest. The owner died in 1961. If there are potential living heir(s), it would need the interests to go into probates. It was suggested to try and find the heirs and if not found, file quiet title for the interests. The search has taken months.

There is a draft resolution for the Council to consider. It essentially says to go ahead and do what they can to acquire the 33% interest of Karl Webster Gibbs in Allotment 507.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to approve Resolution SL-10-2017 Approval of Quiet Title Action to Acquire Fee Title of one-third Interest

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in Allotment 507 with a waving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-10-2017 enacted at 1:53 PM.

The Council was asked to consider how **they would like Great Basin Land and Water to go about doing Plan B with a modification of the grant in order to obtain the Barta land and other things the Council wants.** Mr. Barr and Ms. DeSoto would like to start with a visit to Fremont, Nebraska to talk to Mr. Barta again before offering a contract.

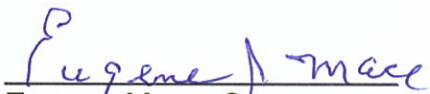
Ms. DeSoto thanked Mr. Peskin and Mr. Scanland for coming.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote: 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the July 22, 2017, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting August 19, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: **4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING**, Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

8/19/17
Date


Eugene Mace, Sr.
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council