

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Monday, April 5, 2021 to order at 5:48 pm.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, present; Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace; present; Council Member Philip Frank, present; and Council Member Steven Crane, present.

STAFF: Natural Resources Director, Rachael Youmans

Ms. Lone Eagle commented that this meeting was just New Business: Natural Resource Department Updates and Discussion from Ms. Youmans

Ms. Youmans has a few things she wanted to discuss and update.

General Updates:

When Ms. Youmans was on the Reservation the week of March 22, 2021 the Lake was 70% frozen. When the NRD crew arrived at the on the Lake April 5, 2020 (the day of the meeting) it had entirely thawed.

On the way to the Reservation, two NRD employees were driving one of the Tacoma trucks. When they were on the north end of Winnemucca Lake where it was very windy, the wind sheared the bolts holding the camper top to the truck and the camper top flew off while they were driving. They were fine. They sent ten pictures and Ms. Quinn started the process of dealing with the insurance company and replacing the camper top. Luckily, another employee was also on his way to the Reservation and arrived not long after with the flatbed truck and was able to transport the broken camper top to the Reservation.

UTV purchase: They got all the information to see if the seller would take NRD's existing ATVs as a trade-in toward the new UTV. They were only interested in the newest ones that NRD planned to keep. Ms. Youmans wanted to confirm that it was okay to purchase without trade-in since the vender was the least expensive even without trade-in. Now the question is how are they going to dispose of the older ATVs. There are some options: sell to Tribal members, consignment, and Craigslist. This is something the Council should think about. Ms. Lone Eagle stated that during this process the inventory needs to be revised to remove these things from inventory. Ms. Youmans will be working to make a list of items to be disposed of and removed from inventory.

The Maintenance Worker was on the Reservation the previous week to turn on the water, which went well, and to get things up and ready for the Field Season

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

Ms. Youmans received Ms. Lone Eagle's permission to buy a UTV trailer as the current ATV trailer is has been repaired so many times, it can no longer be fixed well or easily.

Since the ATVs cannot be used as trade-ins, the question is where to put them. Ms. Youmans explained there is a Tuff Shed currently in a location down by the boat shed which was to be used as a boat port. It is not finished. She is concerned that this is not a good location as this is near where the bat monitor was vandalized and near a highly accessible location. She proposes to move it, which should not be difficult, to an area in the Field Station, finish putting on the walls and storing the ATVs there under lock and key.

The other structure at that location is the boat shed which houses boating equipment such as oars and life jackets. Although it has been vandalized in the past, it is still the best location for it and will not be moved.

Originally the idea was to store the ATVs in the Equipment shed, but because the grader and back hoe are larger that excepted, there will not room. This shed solves the problem of ATV storage and should fit the UTV and several ATVs. They can be moved from the workshop so they can use the workshop as a shop.

The Council granted Ms. Youmans permission to move the Tuff Shed to the Field Station.

Ms. Youmans needs help in the office with administrative duties. She would like to hire someone who can do the administrative things, but with a science background to help with reports, management plans, etc. so they can have work to do full time. She wonders if she could advertise for two positions to see if they can find a good candidate for one or the other. Options are a full-time Program Coordinator with a science background or a part-time Office Assistant. She has job position descriptions ready for the Council to review. The Program Coordinator description has not changed except the address. She has a resolution ready for the Program Office Assistant.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-24-2021 Approval of Position Description for the Natural Resources Department Program Office Assistant with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-24-2021 enacted at 6:15 pm.

Council reviewed the Program Coordinator description which is essentially unchanged.

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

It was the Consensus of the Council to grant permission to advertise these positions to start the Tribal preference period. The two-week period, April 6, 2021 to April 20, 2021, would end just after the next Council meeting. Ms. Youmans will put discussion of applicants if any have been received under NRD Discussion Topics.

Data Sharing Agreement:

Ms. Youmans gave the Council a draft of the Data Sharing Agreement. She would like the Council's input on what they want the rules to be such as who can use data collected on the Reservation. NRD is currently sharing data with the granting agencies as required. In the past UNR has been allowed to use the data they are helping to collect to publish scientific papers. Some of the information (not data) regarding some projects has gotten into newspapers and in the media. This data sharing agreement was written strongly to protect the data it cannot be used for anything.

Ms. Crane commented that it is still making it into the media. UNR said if it is left this way, they would not be able to do their project as they are required to publish papers. This will come up more with more collaborators. There was discussion of the data sharing agreement which was reviewed by a lawyer who had no legal issues. Ms. Youmans also had someone from one of the granting agencies review it on the grant/program side. They saw no issues. If SLPT states no one can use the data, it can cause issues with some partners.

Ms. Lone Eagle discussed the point of view of the Council. Basically, the use of data that comes from the SLPT Reservation or NRD will be determined by the Tribal Council not by the collaborator/partner/grant agency. There is data that should only be given to the membership. They do not want the data leaked to the media. An agreement between SLPT and others needs to be part of the contract.

This puts Ms. Youmans into an awkward position. In the past contracts with UNR have been allowed to do scientific papers after review of the Council and Ms. Youmans. BLM is not a granting agency. NRD shares all their water quality data with the EPA because is the condition of taking money from them for water quality programs.

Ms. Lone Eagle says there must be a mutual agreement. There was further discussion. There is also an effort being started to gather all LCT data together in one place for better study by all. Ms. Youmans feels that with UNR if they cannot publish papers, they will not do the project. She explained what the benefits could be. Mr. Mace wondered what can be done to preserve and grow the fish population since the LCT is such a unique strain of LCT.

Ms. Crane cannot come to a decision right now.

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

The goal is to protect the data in order to protect the precious resources on the Reservation.

With the UNR grant, the study is a three-year study and lost a year with the pandemic. It will be hard to finish it by the grant deadline if no decision is reached in the near future because data must begin to be collected very soon. Ms. Lone Eagle said they should move forward with the shared data agreement as is. If they have issue, then the Council can look at it again. This agreement is in conflict with the contract already signed. Ms. Youmans feels that the agreement could be softened. This is a complicated issue. Mr. Mace would like to be able to review the draft papers.

The UNR contract currently states that they own all the data and rights to publish the findings. This part of the contract bothers both Ms. Youmans and the Council.

The benefits to SLPT are that they get the end product:

- Model for the Summit Lake Basin that predicts temperature and precipitation in the future
- Model simulating watershed processes to understand how changes in the landscape and weather patterns influence stream discharge with various types of possible changes like wildfire or cows eating all the grass. The intention on the NRD side is to use the information to either prevent things from happening or induce them to happen, whichever will benefit the fish and the stream more.
- Predict how trout and land management impact the ability of the trout to spawn in the creek.
- The ability of stream dwelling trout to enhance the population of the trout in the Lake

It is a way to see into “the crystal ball”. This is a way to plan for what is happening to the Lake. All of these things are intended to help SLPT manage the fish and the water in the future by giving information of the future, but giving it SLPT now so NRD can plan for the future. UNR is trying to keep SLPT involved and asked what scenarios NRD want to see modeled.

Ms. Youmans will ask them when she meets with them on Wednesday, April 7, 2021 if there is anyway she can present something either as an amendment to the contract or a slightly modified Data Sharing Agreement that would allow SLPT to have more input into any publications or what they do with the data. She can tell them that SLPT is interesting in moving forward with the study, however, they have some concerns about what happens with the data and would like somehow to formalize their oversight of how the data is used and for what types of publications. Ms. Youmans will ask them if they would be available to attend the Regular meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2021 via Zoom.

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

The was a discussion on how and when Ms. Youmans should update the Council on the progress of the study. Ms. Lone Eagle said to keep the line of communications open and continue to do usual detailed reporting. If there are things which she feels need to be decided by the Council she should bring to them like she would with a large purchase order.

One last question on the study design. In the past it has been that the Council was not in favor of genetic work on the fish. Genetics are a very non-invasive way to find things about fish. A small clip of skin is taken, like clipping a fingernail, which can provide many types of information. It can also provide history of the fish's family which provides information on how healthy the population is. She asked the Council if they have any objections to genetic research. Mr. Frank explained why people were concerned going back to an issue with Lake Tahoe in the 1970's. There have been advances in genetics and computers. This study is not to change the fish, just to learn about them.

Getting Broadband vs Starlink

Mr. Elon Musk is launching a satellite internet network across the world. The start-up costs are \$500 to buy the equipment and then \$99 a month. They are targeting rural areas that do not have services. She wanted to bring it up because it is supposed to be online in the SLPT Reservation area later this year. It is supposed to give comparable speed of internet closer to broadband than current satellite, faster and better. Bringing broadband to the Reservation is desirable, but Ms. Youmans is concerned about the cost of installing a tower and paying for the maintenance. Starlink seems to be plausible and cheaper alternative. This is an evolving situation. She is just bringing out the information as another option. She will bring an update later. She also has ecological concerns with a broadband tower.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the April 5, 2021 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting May 15, 2021 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: **4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING**, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, April 5, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

Date

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