

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, August 15, 2020  
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, August 15, 2020 to order at 9:07 am.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Financial Director; Rachael Youmans, Natural Resources Department Director; Kristen Rodriguez, Finance Department; James Waddell, Natural Resources Department; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUESTS:** Tribal Member William Cowan

**Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** will present the Enrollment and Housing reports. She came into the office and coordinated things with staff. Some tasks have been moved to Ms. Rodriguez such as agendas and stipends, posting resolutions and agendas the on website. Ms. Lone Eagle still monitors Zoom.

An office space tour was scheduled. SLPT is working with banks for a loan. It is a 60-day escrow.

Ms. Lone Eagle received an email from an agency regarding Cultural Resource Fund information and a request for comments. Ms. Youmans stated that for part of the GAP program NRD has been cataloging of all the request for comment notices.

On August 14, 2020, in conjunction with the Nevada Indian Commission office and the State Food Bank, Ms. Rodriguez, Ms. New Moon and Ms. Quinn got some items for the Tribal Members.

SLPT has partnered with Catholic Charities to provide food and supplies for the Tribal members. The office will be a drop spot for members to obtain the items.

The people in the office are still wearing masks and checking temperatures. If anyone is not coming into the office, please inform Ms. Lone Eagle

ITCN meeting on August 13, 2020: neither Ms. Lone Eagle nor Ms. Crane were available to attended.

There is a virtual meeting in Phoenix, Arizona regarding healthcare issues on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 from 10:00 am to Noon. Ms. Crane will attend.

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There will be a Special Council meeting with Norma Moyle, BIA, to give an overview on ICWA and its procedures. SLPT is still dealing with an ICWA case regarding a minor child in Oregon. Ms. Lone Eagle outline the details of the case including that she had a CPS report on one of the other children in the foster home. Ms. Lone Eagle is concerned.

She talked with Aaron Peskin of Great Basin Land and Water. He called her regarding finishing the fences at the Reservation. Ms. Lone Eagle gave him the green light to use what funds are available to him to help finish building the fence by the end of this year. Ms. Lone Eagle coordinated with Mr. Waddell. This is something NRD has been working on for some time. The fence will help in dealing with trespass cows. Mr. Peskin is also still working to purchase land from Mr. Barta of Soldiers Meadow. Ms. Youmans said that NRD is having a meeting the following week with Great Basin Land and Water and the fence contractor regarding the fence and moving forward.

Ms. Lone Eagle signed loan documents for the new building. Ms. Quinn confirmed that a tour of the new building was set for 1:00 pm with Michael Keating.

Tribal Council members received and are responsible for their new phones. Ms. New Moon can help the Council members learn how to operate them.

Ms. Youmans returned to work from her leave as of August 4, 2020.

On August 3, 2020 they received a letter from Brian Bowker of the Phoenix, Arizona BIA office requesting an inventory of the dams at Summit Lake.

An invitation to request funding was received for waste management and water rights to the Phoenix, Arizona BIA office with an August 28, 2020 deadline. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Winnemucca, Nevada requests comments on the Backer Pass Lithium mine project. Ms. Youmans stated that they are on her list to review the following week.

There is a Higher Education package from Kaleb Barr for review which Ms. Lone Eagle has the paperwork. Ms. Quinn noted that there is also another Higher Education package to look at from Ms. Celina Gonzalez who requested to be called when this is discussed to better explain the situation per Ms. Crane.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the August 5, 2020 Special Council meeting. Norma Moyle of the BIA provided ICWA information, but Ms. Crane feels the need for more.

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On August 11, 2020 she sat in on a court case in Oregon via phone for Mr. Strout. She took down as much information as she could regarding the minor child member. Ms. Crane asked if the Tribe could find a social worker to represent the Tribe. Ms. Lone Eagle said that there is a shortage of certified foster homes for Tribal children in Nevada. Ms. Crane asked what is the Tribe supposed to do for the court case, what does the Expert Witness do. Ms. Lone Eagle said that, as she understands it, the needs, wants, and wishes of the Tribe is what the court wants to know. This should be expressed in writing on SLPT letterhead signed by the Chairwoman. It should detail what the Tribe is requesting, the desired level of involvement with the child, do they want to be involved with her until she is an adult or not at all, and whether they support guardianship or adoption.

Ms. Crane was unable to attend the August 14, 2020 ITCN meeting via Zoom. She has been available for check signing and whatever is needed.

**Secretary-Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the July 18, 2020 Regular Council meeting, and the July 19, 2020 and August 5, 2020 Special Council meetings. He signed checks. Ms. New Moon assisted him with his computer and setting up his new phone.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended the July 19, 2020 with Ms. New Moon and August 5, 2020 Special Council meetings with Norma Moyle (BIA). Ms. New Moon helped him set-up his phone. Now he needs to learn how to use the phone.

**Council Member Steve Crane** attended the Special Council meetings on July 19, 2020 and August 5, 2020. He just received his new phone.

Ms. Lone Eagle read a Thank You card from the Gallegos Family thanking the Council for the assistance.

The old Facebook page has finally been removed. Ms. New Moon is trying to set up a new Facebook page.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

### **Housing Report by Austin New Moon, Housing Program Manager presented by Ms. Lone Eagle**

There is a total of 11 surveys. There are 16 total applications and 40 likes on the SPLT Housing Facebook page. Ms. New Moon is helping two members apply to the Reno Housing Authority. The Rental Assistance program has four people receiving regular assistance. The environmental review on the new building is almost done. She will

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attend another environmental training to be sure everything was done correctly in regards to HUD.

In July 2020 SLPT entered into an agreement with the State of Nevada Unemployment office to pull three-party income verification for the application process. It is a tool to see if someone is working or receiving unemployment benefits.

Ms. New Moon has set-up the Council's iPhones. If anyone has technical difficulties, please contact her.

Ms. New Moon coordinated with Catrina Corraza of Catholic Charities of Northern Nevada. They would like to help SLPT with a farmer's market/food pantry. They would like to start the process the week of August 24, 2020. Some weeks will be boxes of food separated per family; some weeks will be smaller items. The grant they have is a COVID grant. Once SLPT moves into the new administrative building, an on-hand food pantry can be set up. A freezer has been purchased. Catholic Charities can help with a new refrigerator for the new building in regards to food pantry items. They can also provide clothing items and furniture items for those in need. Ms. Corraza believes that every Tuesday will be the day to drop off at the SLPT office. Ms. New Moon will coordinate member pick-ups and has agreed to do deliveries to shut-ins. She is writing up a policy as this is something new for SLPT. In addition, she is developing a check-list for pick-ups including: who is requesting it, number of households, other needs that they can assist with. Three of the office staff went to the Northern Nevada Food Bank and Red Cross and were able to get up to 36 boxes of meat, 20 boxes of produce such as apples, pears and onions; 40 boxes of eight bottles each of bleach. Snow shovels, rakes, toiletry and hygiene items, sponges and coffee cups. They can get items every Friday from the Food Bank.

In regards to Cares Act funding, there is a total of 25 applications for utilities with 24 paid and one pending. There is a total of 34 applications for groceries with 33 paid and one pending. Funds exhausted are around \$2000 with \$15,455 received. As of August 14, 2020, there is \$2,800 is left.

Training: Ms. New Moon did FICO for Fundamentals training on August 19, 2020. IHC Environmental Review Training is August 24 to the 27, 2020

**Enrollment Report by Daniel Crawford, Enrollment Coordinator presented by Ms. Lone Eagle and Ms. Crane**

Membership:

- There was a request from the Cedarville Rancheria to verify enrollment of Wanda Dunn.
- Enrolled one member from Disenrollment, database file updated and member received her member ID

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- Five applications created with notice letter
- Four completed membership files for newly approved members
- Three members received renewed memberships IDs
- Administrative Support Items:
  - Created a list of minors for administration for backpack with school supplies
  - Name change on Resolution SL-75-2020 tabled to the next meeting

**ICWA Requests:**

- Attended ICWA training at August 5, 2020 Special Council meeting
- Continued efforts to track SLPT ICWA responses
- 10 total ICWA investigations Since the last meeting in July
- ICWA report submitted to BIA before ten-day due date.

**Administrative Duties:** Organized and added enrollment resolutions to the Council binder.

**Enrollment Committee Supportive Efforts:**

Ms. Melissa Ellers, Enrollment Committee Chairman talked to Ms. Crane. Ms. Crane stated that Ms. Ellers said that some, but not all, membership cards have an expiration date. Her suggestion is to send out a letter or to ask the members to check their membership cards for expiration so they can request a renewed ID. Ms. Lone Eagle explained that the reason for the expiration date is so the membership cards can be used as form of identification. She suggests Mr. Crawford submit a flyer stating if the members' ID cards are about to expire or have expired, to submit documentation or photo, or come to the office to give a signature and new cards can be sent out.

**Important upcoming dates:**

- Research ongoing for other possible training for the 2020-2021 year
- Enrollment Committee meeting will be on September 8, 2020 at 4:00 pm

**Natural Resource Department (NRD) Report, Rachael Youmans**

Ms. Youmans stated that both James Waddell and she put together the report.

Ms. Youmans returned to work part-time on August 3, 2020. Mr. Waddell and Ms. Schmidt continued to operate the department in her absence.

There has been a fair amount of contact with Soldiers Meadow regarding cow trespass. On August 14, 2020 Ms. Youmans emailed the ranch boss to remove cows at the mouth of Mahogany Creek. They were to remove them the morning of August 15, 2020.

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NRD has been stern with them as far as emails and drafting a letter for the Chairwoman to sign regarding the driving of cows through Reservation land.

The employees have been continuing on doing whatever they can do with limited crew and safe social distancing practices.

This includes:

Weed infestation mapping on the Reservation

Equipment and facility maintenance

Mobile PIT tag survey work along Mahogany Creek and Summer Camp Creek

Ongoing bat monitoring and moving the monitors for increased monitoring

Conducting sage grouse telemetry surveys

Water quality sampling

Contractor completed part of the work on the spring house

They worked with Great Basin Land and Water on what they need for the Reservation boundary fence and fence to protect the Reservation from cattle coming off the private parcel on the west side of the Lake.

They are trying to keep going with what they can.

Mr. Waddell joined the meeting via Zoom at 9:55 am.

Mr. Cowan asked them to please explain the bat survey work and the acoustic devices and where they are put. Mr. Waddell explained the US Fish and Wildlife Service national project and its process. There are 13 bat species in Humboldt County. There has not been time to go through the calls yet. A report will be provided. They will begin call data analysis in September. Mr. Cowan is interested in learning more. He would like to know how he can get a copy of the report. Mr. Waddell said they are following the grant reporting guidelines. The best idea for now is the NRD year-end report which will include the findings made during the year. Mr. Cowan asked for more specifics on the monitoring devices. Mr. Waddell explained what they were and how they worked. They are deployed near water.

Discussion Topics:

1. Ms. Youmans asked for approval to apply for \$100,000 from the BIA Region 8 for invasive species funding for noxious weed treatment. This is additional noxious weed funding. She was called and invited by the BIA to submit for it. The invasive funding has no in-kind match required.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Natural Resources Department applying for the additional funding of \$100,000 for invasive species funding. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the**

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**motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Vote:  
4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 10:06 am.**

Ms. Youmans also requested a one-year extension for Fund 127, the sage grouse Tribal Wildlife grant which includes an educational workshop which, due to COVID, will not be completed by December 30, 2020. This will give them until December 30, 2021 to complete the grant project.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve extending Fund 127 Sage Grouse Tribal Wildlife grant for one year. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 10:09 am.**

2. Partnership with Great Basin Land and Water: There will be a meeting the week of August 17, 2020 regarding the boundary fence. NRD is also working with them on all of the parts to put up the fence on Reservation land to contain Soldiers Meadow's cows from getting on Reservation land from the private parcel on the west side of the Lake. This called the Lake fence. For federal funding on any land disturbing construction requires cultural, environmental, and biological assessments. Great Basin Land and Water wants to give NRD a sub-award agreement to do the biological assessment. A resolution is required.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-82-2020 Sub-Agreement with Great Basin Land and Water for Biological Assessments for Reservation Lake Fence Construction with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-82-2020 enacted at 10:15 am.**

3. SLPT Drone Operation Plan: The plan is to use drones for many projects such as weed mapping, sage grouse monitoring, cattle monitoring, bat monitoring, checking of fencing. NRD put together a drone operation plan and wants permission to post it on the website for Tribal Member comment period of 30 days and to send a letter to inform the members of the posting and comment period timeframe.

It is the consensus of the Council to grant permission to post the Drone Operation Plan on the website for comment. Permission is also granted to work with Mr. Crawford for a mailing list.

Ms. Youmans would like to send out the letter for comment with a deadline for comments of August 18, 2020.

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Mr. Waddell and Mr. Cowan left the meeting at 10:24 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 10:26 am.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:37 am.

Ms. Youmans was on the front page of the Reno Gazette-Journal on August 12, 2020.

Natural Resources Department report concluded.

**Finance Report by Linda Quinn**

1. Election Timeline –The Council set dates for the Election Deadlines and request for Election Committee members.

Ms. Lone Eagle called a break for five minutes at 11:17 am.

The meeting resumed at 11:46 am.

Continued the selection of dates for the Election

Recap of dates.

September 19, 2020	Present flyers for Election Committee Letter to inform members of upcoming election
September 21, 2020	Send out Notice of Request for Election Committee flyers
October 30, 2020 Committee	Deadline to submit request to serve on Election
November 7, 2020	Special Meeting to review submissions and selection of Election Committee members
November 21, 2020	Election Committee orientation/first meeting
November 30, 2020	Candidate Notices for Council nominees
November 30 to March 5, 2021	Deadline to declare candidacy/intent to run
November 22 to April 23, 2021	Deadline for campaign materials
November 30 to March 26, 2021	Request for Absentee Ballots
March 26, 2021	Deadline to request Absentee ballots
April 2, 2021	List of Registered Voters wishing to vote Absentee
April 5, 2021	Deadline to mail out absentee ballots
May 7, 2021	Deadline to return ballots



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May 15, 2021

Election at the Lake

Ms. Quinn will type the resolution to present at the next Regular Council meeting.

Cares Act Family Assistance: 55 applications accepted and paid and 48 not received. It seems some people are hesitant to request the assistance. A letter will go out to those who have not applied about the Family Assistance Program to see if more apply for assistance.

A check for \$300 was received from G & G Advertising for posting the Census posters.

Drawdown of funds for Grants 130-131 were denied. Glen Shafer, BIA in Phoenix, Arizona was contacted. The problem was fixed and the money was received and drawn down on July 31, 2020.

Budget: Preliminary estimate for Indirect is down due to COVID. The Indirect and the current CTPG will have enough for now. But this may affect next year with decreased CTPG. This may facilitate loss of an employee. Need more NRD employees and purchases to increase the Indirect. This is a heads up for next year.

Ms. Crane suggests asking for more funding. They need to ask BIA for additional funding. They would need to request to use any extra money. They will need to talk to Marilyn Bittisillie, BIA Awarding Officer. Ms. Lone Eagle requested a letter be sent to BIA in Carson City, Nevada.

K-12 School supply program: There was a review of the guidelines. Upon request, supplies as listed on the School list will be filled, with a mask and hand sanitizer, and put in a backpack. The guidelines remain the same as the previous year of school list only. Local members can pick them up. Out-of-state requests will be shipped.

Child Care Development funds: These were used for tablets for children three to twelve from Fund 110. There is \$6,900 still available. This can be used for new child members as they are added to get tablets. Permission given to do this.

Higher Education: Celina Gonzalez needs analysis summary and tuition fees do not match her schooling budget. Her invoice does match. Ms. Gonzalez explained what is going on with the property with her tuition fees. They are trying to find out what is wrong with that. She needs to pay them by August 18, 2020 or be dropped from the nursing program. They discussed how to solve the problem.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-80-2020 Higher Education Funding for Celina Gonzalez for Registered Nursing Program with a waiving of the reading. Council**

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**Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-80-2020 enacted at 12:33 pm.**

There is still \$5036.86 in the Higher Education fund.

Ms. Quinn presented a Higher Education application for Kaleb Barr. The application is complete. The need is \$3,247.50 for the second year Fall Semester at South Plains College.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-81-2020 Higher Education Funding for Kaleb Barr for the Second Year Fall Semester at South Plains College with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-81-2020 enacted at 12:38 pm.**

Nevada Indian Commission is looking for participation in the Indian Education Advisory Committee. The information was forwarded to the Chairwoman and Council.

The Verizon iPhones have been delivered and distributed. The paperwork has been signed.

The dealership which sold the new truck has been called asking for the Dealer's Report of Sale. They emailed it. An appointment was made with the DMV for October to get the exempt license plates. The DMV will not penalize for having expired temporary plates.

FYI-Fund 88 invoices were received and receipts were sent.

On August 5, 2020 there was a Treasury Office of Inspector General webinar on the Cares Act funding and the reports required for this funding. The main take-a-way is that any direct payment to one source of \$50,000 must be separately reported. They stated that there will be no individual information requested from members and personal information will never be requested.

The Chairwoman called a break to go for a site visit and tour of the new office at 12:48 pm.

The meeting resumed at 1:52 pm

The Wells Fargo loan application is completed and in underwriting. Nevada State Bank is still in the exploration stage. They sent paperwork requesting Ms. Lone Eagle's personal information. They said they need this information to continue the process.

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Caesar would like to talk to the Chairwoman. Ms. Lone Eagle does not want to give them the information.

Ms. Quinn said that a property inspection will be needed, but to wait until there is a signed loan. It should run \$500 to \$750. They do a structural, pest and HVAC inspection. The other inspections which are done by the bank is an appraisal and environmental review.

Ms. Quinn advised of her upcoming leave dates.

Update: The problem with Funds 131 and 127 is no longer \$11,000 upside down, but \$1,194 upside down.

Cares Act requests are slowing down. Ms. Quinn will prepare a letter to go out to the members who have not requested assistance to remind them that the assistance is available.

She sent letters to the two previous Higher Education recipients and the payments were sent out to the schools.

Land assignment information and request form were mailed. There has been no response.

Census workers will now be going door-to-door to unresponsive households.

Since the disenrollment resolution for Thalia Dick has been rescinded, that makes her a member the whole time. Ms. Quinn asked if that would make her eligible for the \$500 COVID Family Assistance Program. The Council said yes so Ms. Quinn will take care of it the next week.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes for the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, July 18, 2020 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the roll: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:04 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes for the Special Council meeting Sunday, July 19, 2020 with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the roll: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:05 am.**

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Regular Council Meeting on Saturday, September 19, 2020  
Tentative Special Meeting on September 7, 2020


**MOTION: Vice-Chairman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the August 15, 2020 Regular Council Meeting, as corrected, were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting September 19, 2020 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.

9/23/2020  
Date

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