

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Saturday, February 25, 2017
Comfort Inn Motel, Fortuna, California

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the Special Meeting of Saturday, February 25, 2017 at 12:31 PM.

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

Guests: Tribal Member Sherry Brown and her daughter Veronica Brown

Ramah Settlement

Chairwoman Page Linton gave a summary of the Ramah Settlement. The Navajo Tribe filed a suit claiming the BIA withheld funds for many years that were supposed to go to the tribes across the United States and won. The government had to give money back to the tribes. The Summit Lake Paiute Tribe portion of the payout is approximately \$947,000. Ms. Linton explained that this is why she sent out a newsletter soliciting current addresses and ideas of what to do with this money. The second newsletter explained the EPA debt that the Tribe currently has. The EPA is trying to work with the Tribe to help resolve the issue.

Ms. Brown noted she understood the situation with the EPA. She also expressed concern at the dwindling numbers of the Tribal membership. She feels that the membership feels they have no connection to the Council. There are no people on the reservation. There is no fresh water or sanitation on the reservation. The members are not seeing any benefits, any support for the membership. The Council needs to let the members know that the Council cares, that what the Council does is for the membership. Ms. Brown asked why the members should pay for the indiscretion of one person.

Ms. Linton asked what Ms. Brown would like; all in a lump sum, a breakdown. The suggestions the Chairwoman has received included equal disbursement to all members, disbursement in portions. Ms. Linton would like one in April and then another one next year. As far as establishing a connection, Ms. Linton has requested someone from HUD to assist them and has discovered many things that the Tribe can do with the HUD monies they have. There are programs which can be used to assist members who do not live on the reservation. The Council is reviewing them now that they know about them.

Ms. Brown again mentioned the small number of members. Mr. Barr said that this is why the Council is looking at updating the constitution. He also mentioned that there needs to be a balance between improving the reservation so people can go there and show it to future generations and helping the members who do not live on the reservation. Veronica seemed to agree with him.

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Ms. Brown says that portioned payments would not help her. She needs a large amount to help in her housing situation. She has found it hard to connect to the Tribe, but she wants her children to be connected to the Tribe. Receiving the money can help give people breathing room.

She also believes that going on-line would really help connect people. It would help people engage through the media. She considers a physical newsletter to be old. The website needs to be current. People need to make comments and receive a response. They need interaction. Ms. Linton said that the website is going to be updated.

On-line is a way for the members to interact. Mr. Barr said that the newsletter will still go out for the members who have no access to the internet. Ms. Brown said that the members can be asked if they have computer and internet access.

Ms. Linton brought out the membership ID card machine to make Ms. Brown and Veronica's cards.

Ms. Linton called for a fifteen minute break and 1:28 PM.

Ms. Linton called the meeting back to order at 1:43 PM.

The Tribal Members in attendance need to leave. A ten minute break to take pictures of the meeting attendees was called.

The meeting was called back to order at 2:00 PM

Ms. Linton noted for the record that a letter was received to fill the Tribal Council Member vacancy. It was received in the office on February 13, 2017. She got the letter after the February 18, 2017 Council meeting. Ms. Linton read the letter out loud. The member is Thalia Dick. Ms. Linton said that they will review and discuss it at the next meeting when everyone can be there. It was agreed to decide at the next meeting. There will have a business meeting tentatively set for Tuesday, February 28, 2017 at 5:00 PM

The next Council meeting will be in Sacramento, California and a Ramah Membership meeting the next day on Sunday.

Ms. DeSoto was glad that the Council came and talked to the Tribal Members. Ms. Linton was also glad.

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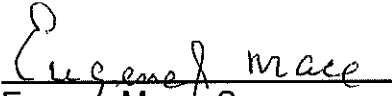
MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an adjournment. Vice-Chairman Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 2 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 2:07 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the February 25, 2017, Special Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting March 18, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

3 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 1 -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

03/18/2017
Date


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