

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Saturday, August 6, 2022
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Saturday, August 6, 2022 to order at 10:08 am.

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

STAFF: Linda Quinn, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director; and Austin New Moon, Housing Manager (via Zoom)

General Topics:
ARPA Planning Meeting

At the last meeting decisions were made to give funding to housing, to do a payout to the membership for this year and the next two years, and a portion for part of Chairwoman's stipend.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if anyone had any other ideas. They did hear the presentation on the Hunter Shelter units for the Reservation.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an Agenda Change so Natural Resources Department can go first. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Agenda changed at 10:11 am carried

Mr. Simmons presented three resolutions and an employee pay raise.

Resolution for a new/renewal of a contract with Innovative Hydrology the hydrology consultant NRD has been using for years. The contract with them to maintain the stream gauging network expires this year. The resolution is to continue the contract. The previous contract was under SL-35-2021. This proposed resolution is to continue this contract for a period of one year. Mr. Simmons described the details of the contract. Funding will be mostly covered by Fund 1317 for \$21,300 and remainder can be pulled by modification from one of the fisheries grants. This will cover the contract for next year.

Mr. Mace commented that when he was at the Reservation the Lake level was low.

Secondly the resolution is to put in a lake level bubbler system to get better data about how the lake level is changing over time for various different purposes. The drought and low lake levels, as well as the reed canary grass and their effect on the system.

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MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-36-2022 Approval of Contract with Innovative Hydrology and Climatology Service with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steve Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-36-2022 enacted at 10:21 am.

The second resolution is to install a lake bubbler system. Mr. Simmons presented the details for the equipment and its installation. The system will provide lake level data. Cory Burdette will help install it on a concrete base.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-32-2022 Approval of Contract with Innovative Hydrology Install an Automated Lake Level System 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-32-2022 enacted at 10:31 am.

Mr. Simmons presented a third resolution for Great Basin Institute to do Noxious Weed treatment this year. It is a continuation of Resolution SL-37-2020. He presented the details which are the same as the previous resolution. He explained the source of funding. Resolution SL-37-2022 is to approve a Memorandum of Agreement with GBI to do noxious weed treatment for approximately \$54,000. They will spend a month on the Reservation.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-37-2022 Approval of Contract with Great Basin Institute for Noxious and Invasive weed Treatment Assessment 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-37-2022 enacted at 10:36 am.

Audrey Dufresne and Parker Land are both coming up on their six-month employment period. He will transition them from probationary to full-time employment. They have been doing a good job especially since the department is short-staffed. Also, the cost of living in Reno, Nevada has increased. There is also pay competition. To be competitive and to keep these people at least through the year. Mr. Simmons proposed to raise their pay \$1 an hour. This was discussed. It was also suggested to Mr. Simmons that he work on updating the pay scale for the department. The Council and Finance Department decided to increase the pay \$2 an hour. Mr. Simmons will build in pay raises into the grant proposals. He will revise the employee action forms for the Chairwoman to sign.

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Ms. Austin New Moon talked about changing the 21 or older age requirement for the Occupancy Policy to case-by-case as an adult. She presented Resolution SL-33-2022 to amend the Eligibility Admissions and Occupancy policy to age 18 or classified as an adult (case-by-case). This was the only change in the policy.

The next resolution is SL-34-2022 Amend Tenant Base Rental Assistance Policy. It also has the 21-year-old requirement to conform with the previous policy amendment to age 18 or case-by-case due to circumstances.

Resolution SL-35-2022 is to Amend Security Deposit and First Month's Rental Assistance Policy. This is also to amend the age the same way to conform with the other policies.

Amending these policies will allow Housing to assist more members. With the resolutions passage, Ms. New Moon can then introduce two new applications for approval at the next meeting.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-33-2022 Amendment of Eligibility Admissions and Occupancy Policy and Procedure with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-33-2022 enacted at 10:49 am.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-34-2022 Amendment of the Tenant Based Rental Assistance Policy 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-34-2022 enacted at 10:49 am.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-35-2022 Amendment of the Security and First Month's Rental Assistance Policy 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-35-2022 enacted at 10:50 am.

Ms. New Moon also talked about getting school supplies. She checked with Finance to see what the budget was. Ms. New Moon wants to send out a flyer to the membership. The budget is only \$200. Her question was if the Council wanted to stay at \$200 for the budget or if there is room to increase this so a flyer can be sent out to everybody so they can all get what they need. Ms. Crane had a question. Since a majority of the new members are children and since last year's lack of requests could be the pandemic, she asked if they could work with that. Ms. Quinn says they basically use the school lists the

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children are given. There was a discussion about what other non-profit groups are offering the native children in the Washoe School District. Mrs. Lone Eagle says that it has to be across the board for all the members. Ms. Quinn said that they could afford it right now. She was directed to send flyers to everyone.

Ms. New Moon mentioned finding some apartments which are available to buy.

Tom Costa with Hunter Shelter is looking for an answer that was promised in 30 days from the last meeting whether SLPT wants to move forward with the hunter shelter units or not. Ms. Quinn said that a decision should be made today.

Ms. Quinn talked about the purchase of apartments to rent out. They would not need to make much profit, just enough to pay taxes, maintenance and pay for someone to manage the property. Mr. Mace said that the location was in a bad area. It was decided to look for a better location.

Ms. New Moon asked if they wanted to go forward seriously looking for another property. There was a discussion of another possibilities. Ms. New Moon also mentioned buying land and putting up tiny homes. Ms. Quinn said they should find a good realtor.

Ms. Crane also said she would also like to see two hunter shelter units on the Reservation. Mr. Mace said he looked them over and that only four trailers are habitable.

Ms. Quinn added up the total pricing on the hunter shelter units and the three-bedroom unit delivered and built is around \$120,000 per unit. Ms. Quinn suggested three units. Mr. Simmons said there would also be the cost of leveling the ground, connecting septic, electric and water to be hooked up, and driveways.

This could be done by next spring.

There was discussion of what to do with the allotment and trailer involving Carol Brown. First the Tribe has to take back the assignment. It does have septic and electric. SLPT has tried to contact the owners of the assignment and the owner of the trailer. There are a lot of different stories about the situation. They will need to word something and let everyone know the rules, process and what can be done. There was further discussion. Land assignments are to be held by Tribal members and cannot be left to non-native people.

Mrs. Lone Eagle read the rules and procedures for Land Assignments.

The Council has tried many times to contact Mrs. Brown with no result. The Council feels that it is time to move forward. They will send one final notice.

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Ms. Quinn presented the newest funding-LATCF. They have not applied for it yet. It has broad use. Funding is allocated 90% on enrollment and 10% funds of employees. She is not sure what they can get. It is the guidance for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) It says you can expand public services, educational, housing, public safety in the communities and more. It is really open for use. The minimum amount is \$50,000. They would need to find the application. The Council said to move forward to find how to ask for it. Meanwhile they should get ideas on how to use the funds.

Mr. Crane said to find something to get some revenue coming in.

They discussed getting a realtor. Mr. Simmons suggested to look for something with a bit of land for large item/equipment storage. Mr. Crane suggested container units for storage.

The new Ricoh printer/copier: Ms. Quinn read paperwork regarding sovereignty rights. Wells Fargo the lender is requesting an agreement which waives the right to go through Tribal Courts or use Sovereign rights when working with the Tribe. It is needed in order to proceed with the lease/purchase of the Ricoh printer.

Mr. Simmons mentioned there is a small fire west of the Reservation. It is on the BLM side.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that FEMA has a training on how to handle fires and other disasters. It would be good for NRD staff to attend. Mr. Simmons says there is money in the GAP program for people to get Emergency Certified. That is on the radar. Mr. Simmons has put together a sheet with emergency numbers for staff and emergency contacts for things like fire, power issues etc.

Mrs. Lone Eagle talked about a meeting with Catherine Cortez-Masto and said the Council was invited. She had already sent an RSVP for herself. The meeting will be Friday, August 26, 2022. Location is TBD. Mr. Mace, Mr. Frank and Ms. Crane would like to attend.

Ms. New Moon offered to update the Council's iPhones.

Thursday, August 4, 2022, Ms. Quin attended the Native Edge Institute Matchmaking Conference . They get businesses interested in working with Native people. Amazon Business was there. They checked and SLPT does not have a business account with them. They can create a business account. Currently they have individual accounts with a Prime cost \$128. A business Prime account is \$69 and gives some discounts. They want to establish one. They are done by email and so they can use the admin email to establish the account. Hunters Homes and Shelters was there too. The girl there was

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very knowledgeable. Green Up which promotes recycling. They are interested. Mr. Simmons asked if the HOA could provide recycling bins. There were lots of different vendors.

Mrs. Lone Eagle is not happy with DTS. There was a discussion and they will request a quote from another company. Native Edge Institute has webinars and training. They have many different departments including how to start up a new business and Ms. Quinn asked for information.

She had a nice talk with Deserea Quintana of ITCN. She talked to her about the speakers that went missing. She also talked to her about the library laptops and Ms. Quintana offered to help. Claudia was wondering if SLPT is considered non-Profit. ITCN will hold an Annual conference in December.

Ms. Quintana said she would like to have a large Tribal Nations presence at the meeting with Ms. Cortez-Masto. She wants them to bring up any issues that they can help with. Mr. Simmons thinks the roads issue is a big one. They will need funding since the EA is almost ready. Mr. Simmons talked about some options to get funds to build the road. They could elevate this to Ms. Cortez-Masto. August 26, 2022 at 1:30 pm, location to be announced. There will be food and drinks.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if Ms. New Moon had heard from Mr. Shorts about a department that might donate up to ten laptops to SLPT. He referred Ms. New Moon to a lady in another department which will handle this. She talked to her to set up a time to talk but has not heard back from her. Ms. New Moon will follow up with her. Mr. Shorts said they could probably get ten laptops.

Ms. Quinn said it was a good talk with Ms. Quintana. She asked Ms. Quintana about the Broadband Consortium. It has not been approved for funding by the government yet. They had to correct some wording in Congress first. Ms. Quintana feels it should be soon like in 30 to 60 days.

There was discussion of the AT & T program to put up a mobile, gas-powered tower to provide internet and phone service. Mr. Simmons asked if it gave connectivity to the whole Reservation. The Star link works well but only covers the area of the compound.

There were 23 different vendor set-ups and eleven were a no show. Daphne Emm-Hooper did show up at 5:00 pm. It is a great idea of setting people up with a possibility of talking to the vendors. The drawback was the \$30 for parking. She wanted to see the economic people and Ms. Quintana.

October EPA Training at Harrah's, South Tahoe: The convention starts on Monday is Welcoming and other meetings. Tuesday starts with Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 am. Ms. Quinn gave them their registrations which were \$300 each. She needs to know

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when they want their hotel reservations, how many rooms (5) and Council will drive up together while Mr. Simmons will drive separately. It ends Thursday at 4:00 pm. They will leave early Tuesday morning and drive back Thursday.

They have been looking at budgeting for full-time pay for the Chairwoman. BIA can help with one-time additional funding. Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a meeting with the BIA. They asked for additional funds and said they could give SLPT \$30,000 with a letter of request and a budget for the \$30,000 and a resolution.

They also discussed the question of whether or not a Council member can be employed. BIA found no rules that prohibits Council members from being an employee. They do not see any reason for a Secretarial Election unless they change the whole Articles. They recommended staying as-is for now but acknowledge that the Articles are outdated. They would like any copies of any amendments made since 2012. They did however comment on page 17 of the Administrative Manual, Council Officers' Duties and then Section 2: Council Officers' Compensation. Mrs. Lone Eagle read "Authorization, subject to the availability of funding: Council Members shall receive a salary at a rate to be decided by the Council for time spent on official Council duties, also reimbursement for travel, lodging, meals and the like." Then she read the duties of the Council Members. She said that she should be employed at the top rate of her staff (directors). It was a good meeting. All they need to do is find the proper funding.

Ms. Quinn talked about different options to find the funds for the salary. She talked about decreasing the Council stipend. There was a discussion. There was also the option to use the carryover. Ms. Quinn asked where is the Tribe going. It is agreed that the position is necessary. The Chair would need to ask the Council for time-off or let them know when she is ill. She reports to the Council. Ms. Quinn is asking for ideas for salary amount. Mr. Mace is concerned about having enough funds. If they can find the funds, he is all for it. They need to look at the budget first. Mr. Simmons said that regarding NRD, all the grant money is basically spent (allocated). Next year they will have a large carryover. He wondered if they should try add money in the budgets in the future. There was further discussion. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she is also part of the governing body and she signs everything. It is her name on the line. It was summarized to request the BIA funds and write a letter, a budget and a resolution.

Ms. New Moon commented that a lot of membership come into the office or call. Many times, the members want to talk to the Chairwoman not staff. There are also businesses and grant people that call. They want to talk to "the boss" and want her to be there and accessible. It has made a huge difference to Housing for the Chairwoman to be in the office. Things are easier and quicker. She deserves more that she is getting.

Mr. Mace said that no one denies that the Chairwoman deserves more and that she is going a lot of work. He is concerned about whether SLPT can afford it. They all agree

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that having her here is great. No one questions her loyalty and abilities. They just need to know if the Tribe can afford it.

Mrs. Lone Eagle says she sees members in the office every week and has other communication all the time. She has all types of meetings.

Mr. Simmons says he agrees with everyone there. In his perspective it is an advantage to have Mrs. Lone Eagle in the office getting things signed. It is easier, more efficient. It is better to have her in the office full-time. In terms of getting the funding, they have options for the next couple of years. He said it is an additional \$30,000 in the budget, but what would be the cost of lost opportunities, what would they be losing if she were not in the office like grants and other programs, generation of extra indirect.

The requirements to obtain the \$30,000 is a letter requesting the additional funds, a resolution to back up the request, and a budget.

Mr. Crane says they should buy an apartment building and use the revenue to pay Chair's salary.

Mr. Simmons said this is position should be built into the structure for a full-time Chairperson. Mr. Crane said that they need to have a way to make revenue.

Ms. Quinn can make it work legally. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they need to think in the long term, to think outside the box.

Ms. Quinn said they do not need to solve this today, but this month.

They discussed finding land or an apartment building and getting a good realtor.

They cannot finalize anything today. They will look into it more. They will let Hunter Shelter know they still need to decide how many units and what size.

Ms. Quinn asked Council where they think they should focus the ARPA funds.

Mr. Frank said they should focus on a building and at least one new trainer or shelter on the Reservation.

Ms. New Moon left the meeting.

Mr. Crane focused on getting apartments to start earning revenue.

LACTF Act overview will be 10-11:30 am Mountain Time at the Bureau of Indian Affairs on August 17, 2022.

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October 12-14, 2022, Wednesday through Friday, is the ICWA and Child Welfare Conference in Tucson, Arizona. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated she would go. Ms. Crane would like to go. They would have to fly back Friday, October 14, 2022 because the Council meeting is at the Lake the next day.

Mrs. Lone Eagle did an interview for Enrollment. She did not make a decision because she wanted to talk to Council first. The applicant is a former Council member. She was removed from Council by resolution which has expired as of February 2022. She also came with questions. If she was selected, she asked if a flexible schedule could be available in regards to people who cannot meet until after 5:00 pm, if needed. She would be transitioning from childcare in September.

Ms. Crane said there is no flexible schedule. The hours of operation are technically 8:00 am-5:00 pm, Monday through Friday. Ms. Quinn said protocols should be followed. The position is part-time. Mr. Mace agrees with the office hours. The resolution is Ms. Crane's biggest issue.

Right now, Mrs. Lone Eagle is handling Enrollment. It would be easier if the equipment worked properly.

Although staff concerns can be heard, the decisions are up to Council. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they are all a team.

BIA is looking for a Probate Officer and a Secretary if anyone knows anyone who would be interested.

Pyramid Lake was looking for information for the Resolution on Christine Harjo. It is public on the website.

Mr. Mace asked if SLPT will move forward with the Judge from BIA. The Chairwoman said that a letter and resolution need to be sent to request the services. She will look up who the Council talked to previously and get sample resolutions. Mr. Mace it would be a good time to do this because of the increased traffic at the Reservation. People are breaking rules and regulations.

Mr. Mace, Jr. sent a message to the Chairwoman to let her know that there is a message is on the internet which states that the Reservation is deserted and has open walking trails.

MEETINGS

Saturday, September 17, 2022, Regular Council Meeting at 8:00 am at Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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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. Meeting adjourned 3:10 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the August 6, 2022 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting September 17, 2022 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.

Date

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