

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 28, 2021
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 28, 2021 to order at 10:44 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: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director

Mr. Simmons gave a brief summary of what was covered in his update.

Existing Grant contracts with EPA and BIA

- EPA Grants
 - Water Quality Program (135)
 - Non-Source Point Pollution (136)
 - General Assistance Planning (GAP) funding (137)

There will be resolutions to request approval to apply for next years round of funding for FY 2023.

BIA Grants

Review of Budgets for new contracts to replace the old contracts for Fund 102 Fisheries, Fund 103 Roads and Fund 104 Range. Current funds are Funds 141, Fund 142 and Fund 143. BIA is working on extending all these contracts for another year. Rather than extend contracts, Michael Garcia of the BIA said the BIA will only do three-year contracts from now on. He recommends applying for additional funds by applying for new contracts instead of extending the current ones.

Fund 102 Fisheries -Resolution to create a budget to spend down this contract.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-66-2021 Approval to Apply for FY 2023 Funds Under Existing Environmental Protection Agency Grant Contract 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-66-2021 enacted at 10:52 am.

Mr. Simmons will have Ms. Quinn check with Ms. Bitisillie to be sure that what Mr. Garcia said about trying to not extend contracts is true. He read the main part of the resolutions common to all three resolutions and explained the budgets for each.

Mr. Simmons will correct the budgets. He explained the different changes. The budgets are very close to the previous budgets.

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Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-67-2021 The new 93-638 Contract Application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Fisheries Management Service Programs for Fiscal Year 2022 through 2024 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-67-2021 enacted at 11:02 am.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-68-2021 The new 93-638 Contract Application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Road Maintenance Contract for Fiscal Year 2022 through 2024 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-68-2021 enacted at 11:05 am.

Mr. Mace questioned Mr. Simmons about contracting someone to do noxious weed control as it was done in the past. He did not see this expense on the budget. Mr. Simmons replied that there are funds in several grants to cover this.

Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-69-2021 The New 93638 Contract Application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the Natural Resource's Range Improvement Program for Fiscal Year 2022 through 2024 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-69-2021 enacted at 11:08 am.

Mr. Simmons noted that they would still have carryover money from the previous Range Program Fund143. They can use some of that money on noxious weeds.

The next resolution is to request approval from the Council to submit a budget modification for FY 2022 for the old 102 Fisheries Grant to have the Council review how to spend that money in the coming year to spend the money and close out the contract. He attached the revised budget and justifications. He explained the budget. He is requesting approval for \$200,000 for the maintenance building and then equipment for improving the efficiency and safety of the fish trap, and other items.

Mr. Mace asked about a virus carried by the deer population. He also remembers talking about monitoring the long horn sheep out there. Mr. Simmons will investigate this. This is not including in the funding they are talking about right now. There will be some funding coming out later involving deer for CWD.

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Motion: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-70-2021 Approval to Submit Fiscal Year 2022 Budget Modifications for 93-638 Bureau of Indian Affairs Fisheries Management Service with Contract A10AV00358 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-70-2021 enacted at 11:21 am.

Mr. Simmons said he will redo the budgets with the percentages Ms. Quinn provided.

Mr. Frank had questions about Mr. Cowan wanting data collected. Mr. Mace clarified that Mr. Cowan requested the fisheries data such as the data from fish tags for the past three years. Mr. Simmons stated what was wanted was the big annual report that NRD needs to submit to the BIA for fisheries funds 102 and 141, which includes the work and data for the entire year. He wanted the annual report from 2018, 2019, 2020 and soon 2021. Mr. Mace said that Council was concerned because Mr. Cowan wanted the data for a book he is writing. Mr. Cowan's main goal is to write a book. Council decided not to provide the reports. Ms. Lone Eagle was going to follow-up on the rules concerning the release of this information.

Ms. Lone Eagle said that Mr. Cowan contends that since this is information reported to a federal agency whom SLPT report to and are awarded money from, that the Tribal membership should be able to ask for and receive that information. He says he is speaking on behalf of the membership as a whole, when he is one of many members and yet he is the only one to ever request that information. Ms. Lone Eagle has never seen this in any part of the policy and procedures. He tried to go into the Administrative Policy in regards to all ethical standards to provide this information, that the Council cannot withhold the information and need to give it to the membership. To her knowledge, there is no mention anywhere that the Council is to provide them anything. She believes that the SLPT is very open and transparent. It was tabled. The verbiage he is quoting is not there. She has never seen it.

Just like Tribal Member Preference, or mailing list of jobs; in the years that she worked with him previously it was never put out to the Tribal membership with his job descriptions, with his positions with in the NRD or the administrative side. Of they wanted Tribal members to apply, but they have had only a handful that did apply wanting to work for the Tribe. They cannot force the members to work for SLPT if they do not want to. She believes that Native Preference ties into that, but Mr. Cowan is saying there is a whole other policy that stated different. If anyone wants to look into it, let her know what you find, because she is still looking for it. She does not see it in the Policies and Procedures, or an ordinance or the Articles or The Administrative Policies or Procedures that SLPT has to give out that information. If the Council decides no, the final decision in no.

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Mr. Mace feels, that for himself, being such a small tribe, qualifications there are not. Members still need the qualifications to be hired. When they did hire them, they got in trouble for hiring people without qualifications. We either do it with the heart or through proper procedures. Proper procedure is the way to go. Mr. Mace will read it again.

Ms. Crane agreed with Mr. Mace that the Council needs to go by the guideline, articles and whatever else they have they have set in place.

When Mr. Cowan started quoting ethical code and Ethical standards, Ms. Lone Eagle took it to mean he was implying that the Council was not being ethical or was working unethically and not holding to what they took an oath to do. So, she just tabled it.

Ms. Lone Eagle did get a follow-up from Mr. Cowan regarding how the meeting went, how the sound and the technology was so bad and the in the past there were no such issues. So, he hopes that the Council makes changes so that when he wants to attend a meeting in the future he will not have any issues.

Part of the problem is the increased size of the room.

Ms. Quinn entered the meeting.

Mr. Simmons noted that he would go print out the resolutions and the corrected budgets so that they could be signed. He left the meeting.

Ms. Quinn went over the insurance proposals for next year which will also need to be signed. It covers all the things that they usually cover. It costs more (4% increase) than before, but they have added another building and another vehicle. She asked if the Council would like copies to review. They need to be signed this week.

MEETINGS:

Regular Council Meeting Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 8:00 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 11:38 am.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of December 28, 2021 Special Council Meeting were

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approved by the Council during a duly held meeting January 15, 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.

03/15/2022
Date

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