

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, January 21, 2023  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, January 21, 2023 to order at 8:21 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 Phillip Frank, present; and Council Member, Steven Crane, present.

**STAFF:** Dan Howard, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Dina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Vinton Hawley, Tribal Coordinator;

**GUESTS:** William Cowan, Tribal Member; Char Sherman, Tribal Outreach Coordinator, Current Consulting; Eddie Sherman, Current Consulting; Laurel Williams, Pew Charitable Trust; Myrah Rafiah Beverley, Diversity Fellow, Pew Charitable Trust; Deserea Quintana, ITCN Executive Director; Jeff Kramer and Mike Chapman, Native Connections; Sisso El-Hamamsy, Mage Networks; and Alexandra McWilliams, BIA; Mendy Elliott, SSBCI Contractor; and Will Falk, Tribal Attorney

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an Agenda Change to move the consultation with Mr. Falk to the beginning of the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:24 am.

Attorney Will Falk updated the Council on Thacker Pass. Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) and Burns Paiute Tribe will join Summit Lake Paiute Tribe. Mr. Falk left the meeting at 8:35 am.

**Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** attended a panel for the National Day of Racial Healing held the evening of Tuesday, January 17, 2023. There was a big turnout. She was on the panel with a diverse group of people. Mr. Brian Melendez and Mrs. Lone Eagle represented the Native American Communities. There was a gentleman from the Black community, and a young Latina-Philipino lady. It was good on a short notice.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended the CTGP budget Special meeting on December 28, 2022 and passed the budget for CTGP and Higher Education. It was submitted by the deadline.

For drawdowns for EPA, you go to the SAMS program. ASAP is used to draw down for CTGP and BIA. Final FFRs must be done to close at the end of the month. PMS is used to file for the Language grant. SLPT is behind in sending the FFRs. These

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need to be done.

Mrs. Lone Eagle had a meeting with Enova regard the research for the IHS master plan. It seems SLPT is eligible to have their own Health care. She just learned that there is the possibility of a compact station. They would need to find a space for it and a doctor can be sent there possibly once a week. This is encouraging.

SLPT is approved for THPO. Mrs. Lone Eagle signed the THPO agreement is just waiting for the last signature. Funding will not start until next year.

She handled emails, texts, and phone calls.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the December 28, 2022 Special CTGP Budget Council meeting. She was available to sign checks.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended Budget Special Council meeting on December 28, 2022. He was available for check signing.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended CTGP Budget Special Council meeting on December 28, 2022. He was available to signed checks.

**Council Member Steven Crane** attended the December 28, 2022 Special CTGP Budget Council meeting.

#### **Finance Department Report by Daniel Howard**

Mr. Howard presented the Budget sheets and answered questions from Council.

There is one Housing program that closed in January. 100% of funding was expended from Fund 58 Emergency Rental Assistance.

Mr. Howard explained how he organized the grants by grouping and color coding the ones that go together and then grouping by funding agency.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if it was in the plan to give the Department Directors copies of the budget ahead of the meeting as well as at the meetings to help them understand where the budget stands. Mr. Howard replied that yes this is in the works.

She also asked about the if the entry for Ruby Pipeline of \$3,477.14 is after the Robert Half payment. Mr. Howard it was.

Mr. Simmons will talk to Mr. Howard regarding when indirect is taken and how much he has to work with. They are looking at a new module for the accounting program to assist

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in “self-service” tracking of where they are at without bothering the Finance Director. Mr. Hawley said that it is important in booking the IDC.

Mr. Howard has been in touch with MIP. He found that adds would be prohibitively expensive. The yearly maintenance agreement would increase 100% with a second concurrent user. A less expensive module option for reporting only may be a possibility. Mr. Howard will look into it. A digital concurrent user is \$2,000. Mr. Simmons says NRD does have some funds for financial uses and might be able to offset, but not totally pay, the cost for the second user as it would benefit NRD. Going forward they will mitigate this by tracking all the expenses for each of the Directors’ projects. They started this as of a couple of weeks ago.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if there were any issue in regards to drawing down of funds regularly. Mr. Howard explained that it is not regular because he still has not received access to all the funds. They did get a reimbursement check on Fund 153-NIAC. It was deposited. Mr. Hawley asked what the trouble was accessing the portals. Mr. Howard has some access but still cannot access what he wants. He has may contacts and will get some training, but that has not materialized yet—EPA, SAMS (CTGP), ASAP. Mr. Simmons said that this needs to be done and working as there are EPA grants that will be closing at the end of January. All FFRs and draw-downs must be done by the end of the month. There are others that need to close.

Mr. Howard presented a resolution for contracting personnel, Legal Consul Christine Gerucci and Steve Trollip who are both consultants for the SSBCI. The SLPT liaison Mendy Elliot was at the meeting at 1:00 pm. She will explain all of this. Ms. Gerucci will draw up legally compliant loan documents and Mr. Trollip will take care of the reporting requirements to be compliant in the requirements. SLPT will be in partnership with Plumas Bank. All of them are experienced in their areas. Mendy Elliott, worked on the program for the state and has been advising SLPT as well.

Mr. Hawley stated that these people can help with the legal documents for the foundations are created for creating a business as discussed in the December 28, 2022 meeting.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-02-2023 Approval for Consulting for Legal Consul and Report Compliance and Consulting for the State Small Business Credit Initiative 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-02-2023 enacted at 9:41.**

**Tribal Coordinator Report—Mr. Hawley**

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Overview:

Introductory things which he starting looking into a month ago

- Economic development arm
- Policies and Procedures:
  - drafting policies
  - additional development that rolls into the Financial policies because they need to work together
  - Making all the components cohesive and work together
- Audits
- He has assisted Mr. Howard with payroll
- Helping with everyone to pick-up where there is no one in place to do it like the Mail log.
- Talked about a Facility Use Agreement for Suite 401:
  - Types of events,
  - Meetings
  - Tribal use
- Economic Development Options: once the decision is made, he will assist with the other licensing and documents that go along what SSBCI will be completing
- A small business plan for the short term
- Setting short term goals and setting long term goals to keep everyone abreast of everything that's going on keeping aware of how things are coming together.
- Research on health benefits for the Tribe. Ms. New Moon mentioned the Nevada Health Link. Mr. Hawley is looking at what they can provide along with the group Mr. Simmons and NRD have, and Moriarty Group who works with small business. There will be opportunities. There will be options for the Council to look over. When the Council decides what they want, it will be presented as an insurance package for Tribe over all.
- Research of commercial properties which was updated at the December 28, 2022 meeting.
- He asked Mr. Howard for a balance for the ARPA funds so a threshold can be determined and the Council can decide what they want to look at
- The 638 BIA contract was completed. They did send one sheet back just asking for the old contract numbers.
- Department of Energy grant for Access to energy—power outages. He will work with Mr. Simmons They are collaborating about the impacts to the Reservation. They are looking at options to help the Tribal membership: Small solar towers, generators to provide emergency power plan. It needs to be developed by the end of March. SLPT just needs to create a project and the money (\$33,000) is already allocated.
- Policy revisions on going.
- Assisting with the food bank

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- Did Toys for Tots in December 2022
- Assisted the Chairwoman to get checks signed, etc.
- Helping were needed.
- Attended a couple of Language classes
- Assistance as needed with Enrollment. He helped research Trust Account books found. All accounts had been closed and the monies distributed to the members.
- Requests for Proposals: looking at legal Consul, and other areas, SLPT may need professional services. Federal rules dictate that there must be at least three proposals to choose from. Mr. Simmons asked if they could use the legal consul NRD is currently using for a project. Mr. Hawley will check on this. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that they would need to follow SLPT and federal policies which say there are sealed bids and they have at least three. This is for each project so the current project consul would need to bid on the new project.

He has been helping pick-up the slack and developing things. He will have more concrete information on the economic development part. Once he has the figures on ARPA he can move forward.

Mr. Cowan asked what was being considered for economic development. Mr. Hawley explained they were talking about the foundational part before entering into any kind of anything. They are just discussing it now. Mr. Cowan wanted to know if there will be an opportunity for Tribal members to be informed and engaged in the process. Mr. Hawley replied of course. Mr. Cowan looks forward to learning more about it.

9:58 am Government to Government Consultation—Char Sherman Tribal Outreach Coordinator

Ms. Sherman has a presentation. Mr. Simmons stated she is the with a consulting firm leading an outreach to Nevada Tribes to let them know that there are opportunities for the tribes to get involved and the upcoming revisions and updates of the Nevada State Resource Management plans through BLM. There are some opportunities for agreements with BLM.

Eddie Sherman introduced himself. He is Navajo in Omaha. Ms. Sherman and he work for the Current Consulting specializing in tribal engagement issues around the USA. He made introductions: Laurel Williams from Pew Charitable Trust in the public lands and rivers conservation program. Myrah Rafiah Beverly, Diversity Fellow at Pew Charitable Trust, and Char Sherman Current Consulting as Outreach Coordinator. SLPT Council and Mr. Hawley were introduced by Mrs. Lone Eagle and Mr. Cowan introduced himself.

Mr. Sherman explained the Context on the Work they have been doing: Areas of critical concern. They have been working on this project for two years. It is in their portfolio of Public Land Management projects. They have been working with Pew Charitable Trust

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since 2017 on various projects. The approach to these projects is to engage tribal stake holders, raise awareness, build support for ACCs within the federal Lands Policy and Management Act of 1976. They informed people about ACCs and the Resource Management Plans. He explained the outreach work they did include resolutions of support and policy briefings. They also had a policy briefing with BLM Director Stone Manning and Policy Director Calver sharing information regarding resolutions, letters of support they received, and lessons they learned from the tribes across the United States. The project holds great potential especially tribal co-stewardship, co-management and have the native traditional ecological knowledge in these places.

Ms. Williams and Ms. Rafiah Beverly covered a policy briefing on where things are at on a federal level. They presented a slide show The Nevada-wide Resource Management Plan—Opportunities for Tribal Communities. Ms. Williams discussed the upcoming planning process by the BLM in Nevada. The state BLM wants to do a landscape update of all the RMPs in the state over the next three years. This update will trigger NEPA They talked specifically on areas of critical environmental concern. Tribal co-stewardship and other opportunities identified as being of interest to the tribes.

BLM is required to update their underlying Resource Management Plan (RMP). They are also required to maintain the plan. They explained the Nevada-wide RMP revision process.

Ms. Rafiah Beverly took over to talk about opportunities. BLM must conduct Government to Government consultations with the tribes at which the tribes can voice their concerns on the target issues. These meetings should be early and often. The tribes can request a meeting regarding co-stewardship.

Ms. Rafiah Beverly discussed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). These are BLM land designations of public lands where special management attention is required to protect and prevent irreparable damage to important historic, cultural or scenic values, fish and wildlife resources or other natural systems or processes, or to protect life and safety from natural hazards. Tribes can nominate areas to be protected as ACECs and can enter into co-stewardship.

Next steps and plans to follow up.

Mr. Sherman stated that they will continue to share information. Pew Charitable is working to have BLM start the Nevada State-wide RMP revision.[]

Mr. Simmons had a question. Going forward, what is their role and does SLPT work with them and does SLPT need to engage with BLM Nevada to get involved in the process. Ms. Williams replied that as a sovereign nation, SLPT should do direct consultations with the BLM. She encourages this. Look to Pew Charitable as a resource to the tribe for support. If the tribe feels process to start the RMP is important it would be

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significant if they reached out to the state BLM to request it get started. Hearing from the tribes would help get the process started.

Mr. Simmons asked who to contact for support. Mr. Sherman said he can talk to him as they talk to Pew team on a weekly basis. Let his team know for assistance or questions.

The Consultation ended and the Current Consulting and Pew Charitable Trust team members all left the meeting at 10:31 am.

The Government-to-Government Consultation with ITCN started early. Immediately following the previous meeting.

Deserea Quintana passed out copies of an attachments, resolutions and agreements.

Ms. Quintana introduced herself as a member of the Walker River Tribe and Executive Director of ITCN. She discussed the Broadband grant which was finally awarded. It was a two-and-a-half-year process. They got access to the funds last fall. They have been working with legal consul to review the IFPs for the positions which ITCN will need: two Project Managers, a Grants Administrative Specialist and an IT Specialist. She detailed the remain things to do in the application process before submission. Today she brought the summary for SLPT's portion of the application.

She offered to send the entire application and all its documents and attachment via email.

They are hoping to do a feasibility study on the area northeast of Summit Lake before the submission of the application. Ms. Quintana introduced Jeff Kramer of Native Connections. The goal for the feasibility study is to determine what they can do and talking to the tribe to see what the tribe wants to see. Going forward, they want to go to the Reservation as soon as possible.

At the time of the application Ms. Quintana applied for and was awarded a one-year cost extension for a total of two years until July 31, 2024. They are hopeful they get everything done and ready i.e., the feasibility study . NTIA will release an additional no phone. ITCN is hoping to apply again and include some tribe who missed out before. She detailed the steps to work on now regarding service provider agreement.

Mr. Cramer is excited. The feasibility study will prove the worth of the project. Then they can ask for the money they need. Star Link will help with that. He confirmed that Star Link is already being used on the Reservation. Mr. Simmons says that Star Link currently only supplies the field station.

Mr. Cowan added that he was a resident on the Reservation and ended up getting

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Hughes Net. He is looking forward to enhanced download and upload speeds as Hughes Net speeds are inadequate and he depends on the internet to communicate to the world and for emergency services.

Mr. Chapman introduced himself. He just wanted to add his excitement with meeting a challenging goal and worthwhile cause.

Mr. Howard asked when everything is done, where will the service bills come from Star Link, Hughes Net, or Native Connection.

Mr. Cramer said it would be from the one of the providers determined by the feasibility study. Ms. Quintana said the ultimate goal is to have the tribes take over as their own providers. Getting the infrastructure built is the primary things now. Ms. Quintana will work to make sure the tribes get the best service at the best price.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said there is little funding for the tribes.

Mr. Cowan said it is critical to think about the affordability and also the rapid advancements in broadband science. As a private user he could not afford the equipment. There is a need for good connectivity for emergency situations.

There is an opportunity for tribes to sign up for Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP) for help for with internet services.

Nevada has problems with connectivity.

Mr. Cowan stated he looked into the ACP but Star Link was not on the list of providers.

Ms. Quintana asked Ms. McWilliams to explain the agreements and resolutions that are need.

Ms. Quintana mentioned to Ms. McWilliams that they are trying to get everyone on a similar timeline. She wants to have a group meeting with the BIA so everyone can stay on the same track. She also advised the Council to ask Ms. McWilliams any questions about the agreement and resolution. The agreement and resolution go to the BIA and once received, things can start.

Mr. Cowan asked questions about the easement agreement. He asked what easement type is there and what about the utility's lines. Ms. McWilliams said if they cross the utility lines, there needs to be an encroachment document. They cannot do piggybacking. A right of way must be provided. The area must be marked on the map.

Ms. New Moon asked if a person living on the Reservation also has a second home



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elsewhere, is there any eligibility conditions that would disqualify a person from the program. The was no.

Mr. El-Hamamsy commented that based on his experience, the way they roll out is to use the power poles. They do a joint-use agreement so that way there is no additional easement. If customers have devices on the individual home, they have an agreement with the home owner so there is no easement.

Mr. El-Hamamsy introduced himself and is the CEO and founder of Mage Networks and is working with Native Connections on the feasibility study. They also bring a novel technology which they are deploying in Canada and the US. It is a hybrid technology, wireless with cable or fiber. They deliver service in difficult to reach terrain, 100mb upload and 100mb download. Overall, it is the most cost effective. He has looked at the area. He has thoughts and questions. He can provide a flexible solution that connects everyone on the Reservation and can also provide additional connectivity via outdoor Wi-Fi. It depends on what the tribe envisions for the future. He needs to understand SLPT's wants and desires. He mentioned the benefits of the network. He needs to know what is the Tribe's goal and do they want more people to live on the Reservation.

Mr. Mace had a question on the size of the infrastructure; is it a tower. Mr. El-Hamamsy said it is not big at all. The technology is built for difficult terrain and is very compact. In fact, some relays can be put on fence posts. At most they would put in a pole with a solar panel.

He would like guidance along the lines of connectivity. They need to know where the homes are. Do they want some connections in the open to provide connectivity for security or safety concerns.

Mr. Cowan thanked Mr. El-Hamamsy for his information in terms of rights of way and easements.

MAGE has good experience working with First Nations in Canada.

Mr. Simmons said he understands that they want to move quickly. There was a mention of exclusion of NEPA process so he thanked Mr. El-Hamamsy for his description of the network and how compact it was. He believes that before going through a categorical exclusion they should carefully consider the environmental impacts.

She explained that after the initial submission, many providers have been contacting ITCN. So, they will look at all the providers and one of the main considerations is affordability. They had some initial suppliers who did a lot of work for the first submission. They would like to wait for the feasibility study to make a decision on the supplier.

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Ms. Crane asked about the timeline. Ms. McWilliams would like the lease agreement and resolution the sooner the better. When an application is received BIA has ten days to respond. If complete, there is a 60-day timeframe for approval unless they request an additional thirty days to review all the documents. She can review the documents along the way so the application is complete on submission or they would start again. Ms. McWilliams explained the required documentation.

Mr. Cowan asked about the survey she mentioned, will it be the BLM to do the survey. She said it would be up to the applicant. A survey is required. The categorical exclusion just removes the need for an environmental assessment.

Ms. Quintana feels that the Council should review the contract draft. She also notified the Council that the ITCN Finance Director resigned. The position is posted.

Ms. Quintana, Ms. McWilliams and the Native Connection gentlemen and Mr. El-Hamamsy left the meeting at 11:36 am.

11:38 am

**Enrollment Coordinator Report—Ms. Gonzalez**

Ms. Gonzalez talked about the Base Roll. She put in numbers yesterday. In December of 2021 the base number was 243. Upon review there were people who were not on that base roll. It is from computer input error and some people were entered as not enrolled or unknown which keeps them off the report. This year the base roll number is at 283. There is the 283 members. The allottees, enrollment terminated, relinquished, deceased are all on the form at this time.

She came across some files loosely filed randomly in the file cabinets. The files were not in the system. She fixed those.

On the base roll there are 197 living enrolled members, 26 relinquished, 52 deceased, three allottees, and five listed as or terminated or disenrolled. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that every year SLPT is supposed to submit Base Roll with certification signed by the Chairwoman or with a resolution in conjunction with the base roll to go to the BIA. Ms. Gonzalez said she wants to be sure it is all in order. Some base rolls she looked at only had the living members and some had everybody on it. She asked which one does the Council want her to submit to the BIA. She has seen other tribes submit the whole one with the status (living, deceased etc.) listed.

Ms. Crane said that the one with everyone on it should be submitted.

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She had an email about enrollment applications. There are families that have asked for applications. One enrollment packet came back unopened for the seconded time. For some reason they did not get it or could not pick it up certified. Now there are three families waiting for documentation. Ms. Crane asked if resolutions could be made ready. Ms. Gonzalez said not until the application is complete and ready for review by the Enrollment Committee. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that, at this time, there is not a full functioning committee as there is only two committee members. Ms. Crane talked about unused resolution numbers. It was explained there were no resolutions. Ms. Gonzalez stated that proof of enrollment eligibility needs to be established. They just have not turned in all of the documentation required. These families are considered pending.

There were four non-affiliated ICWA inquiries that came through to her. She has been updating as members are calling on her new number.

As for as the filing system, Progeny, is being updated since it is four versions behind, there have been no ID cards issue since December 2022. They are working on new card formats. These will have the strip on the card with the same information as a REAL ID. She was told there would be no extra charge.

As far as scanning into the system, her scanner is still not going through. She will be set up on the Ricoh to go to her email.

The Enrollment Committee has not had any applications.

She asked about the Annual ICWA Conference that will be in Reno, Nevada in April 2023. She will be attending it.

She sat in on the Panel for the National Day of Racial Healing held the evening of Tuesday, January 17, 2023. It was really nice. There was a big turnout. She was proud of the Chairwoman with the things that she said about healing and SLPT and other tribes. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the event. They used the 401 Suite and asked Mrs. Lone Eagle to be a guest on the panel with Tribal Minds Inc., Trace and Brian Melendez. Mr. Melendez and Mrs. Lone Eagle were representing the Indigenous side. There was a gentleman from the Black community, and a young Latina-Philipino lady. There were 27 people there and they asked various questions. Ms. Gonzalez learned how she as a tribal entity can show up for others, to stand together with other communities, to help each other.

There was a young member whose mother had passed a few years ago. She came across the old bank account. She asked Ms. Gonzalez about it. She investigated and with Mr. Hawley's assistance found the account closed at Wells Fargo Bank. What they found was just statements.

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Tribal Council will put out a notice that there is a vacancy for the Enrollment Committee and also post it on the Housing page. Since Mrs. Lone Eagle has been in the office full time, she has noticed the differences and the things that need to be fixed.

Ms. Crane said the Base Roll is a yearly report that requires a resolution with it to submit to the BIA. The timeline for submittal is usually in December. The Base Roll is generated in December then the resolution is approved in January. Ms. Gonzalez will type one up.

Mr. Howard informed the Council and enrollment that a check for one member came back because she has a new last name but the address remains the same. Mrs. Lone Eagle suggests that a notice be sent out to the membership to update everyone's address, any name changes, etc. to be sure to have a correct list and use the same list across the board. It also needs to be updated, completed in the Enrollment files. There are fillable forms on the website.

Ms. Gonzalez reached out to Josh Hall at the Toys for Tots local office back in November. She was able to get toys donated for the Tribe's children that reside in Washoe County. SLPT is on their list for future donations.

Mrs. Lone Eagle called lunch at 11:59 am for one hour.

Council returned from lunch at 1:04 pm

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, January 21, 2023 back to order at 1:04 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, Sr., present; Council Member Phillip Frank, present; and Council Member, Steven Crane, present.

**STAFF:** Dan Howard, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Galgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator; and Vinton Hawley, Tribal Coordinator;

**GUESTS:** William Cowan, Tribal Member; Melissa Eller, Tribal Member; and Mendy Elliott, SSBCI Contractor

Government to Government-Mendy Elliott regarding SSBCI Update

Mr. Howard introduced Mendy Elliott who is the liaison for SSBCI. She is here to explain the program and answer questions on the resolution passed that morning.

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Ms. Elliott said it was quite the adventure getting this program up and running. The application was submitted. She had to answer some questions which had a deadline of January 18, 2023 to respond to Treasury. She has the questions and her responses for them to see. They requested SLPT to provide who will run the program and the bank. SLPT is partnering with a small community bank with experience with tribal activity. They are located in northern Nevada and northern California. The good news is that it not limited to northern Nevada and California. She wants to find a bank that was nimble to work with SLPT and had experience with the program. This bank has used the program. They are right here in Reno, Nevada and a branch in Carson City, Nevada. It is the Plumas Bank. The headquarters is in Quincy, California.

Ms. Elliott mentioned some nuances of this program. It allows the tribe to use the collateral for a tribal program. They can work with Plumas Bank directly. She is not sure what the SLPT allocation looks like. It depends on the number of nation-wide applicants. The state and the Treasury wanted to reach out to the tribes. Since Ms. Elliott had written grants for them before, she helped SLPT write their grant.

They have identified two individuals who will be helping SLPT. The resumes are attached to the documents she handed out. Christine Garcy who is a former deputy attorney general with the state. She is also consulting with the state on the state's side of the SSBCI. Permission has been granted for Ms. Garcy to use the documents as a baseline. Steve Trollip is the Program Manager/Compliance person. He is a consultant for the state doing compliance for the state.

What does compliance mean once you have funds: there is a quarterly report due to Treasury that reviews the activities. Annually SLPT must also provide a report, Mr. Trollip will do all the reports and work with Mr. Howard to be sure they are complete and submitted accordingly. That side is important. Both work on hourly rates. Ms. Garcy will charge the non-profit rate.

Mr. Mace said he remembers that Ms. Elliott was to be paid out of the grant and loan size was \$50,000. Ms. Elliott said that the submission lists the average loan size as \$25,000. This is a new program so she is not sure. There is a state website for SSBCI. There will be a hot ring for any tribal member wanting to apply for program. This will go directly to Plumas Bank. The information will go on both the tribal website and state website. The tribe is able to borrow the funds for a tribal project. The funds will go into a dedicated savings account.

The next question is how to make money. As a loan is made and paid the funds return to the tribe with a \$500 or 3% fee, whichever is greater, to cover costs. The good news is that after ten years all the funds revert to the tribe to do with whatever they want. Of the first trunch, when 80% is expended the next trunch will be sent. There is a total of

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three tranches. The goal is a ten-to-one match. It is a goal not a requirement. The maximum amount of loan as collateral is 50% but the usual is 30% but can be as low as 10%. The first tranche there has a 5% administrative fee. The second and third tranches have 3% administrative fees. Meanwhile, the tribe is charging fees on the loans and earning interest from the savings account.

Mr. Howard asked Ms. Elliott to describe how the transactions work. A tribal member needs money to start a business, they would go to Plumas Bank and apply for a loan. Bank will call Mr. Trollip. He will, in turn, call SLPT to ask if the tribe wants to make the loan explaining the details of the loan. She gave examples. The borrower pays the interest to the bank and pays the tribe a fee. This is how to cover the costs. Once the loan is approved, then the funds will be moved to a dedicated account and sits there (collateral support) until the loan is paid off. If the loan is not paid off, the bank will liquidate everything, then of whatever is left outstanding, the tribe is responsible for the advance rate. The bank makes the decision whether to make the loan-the credit decision.

Mr. Howard will be the contact person for the Tribe for Treasury. Mrs. Lone Eagle would be second contact.

Ms. Elliott left the meeting.

Enrollment Resolution to certify the Base Roll was presented.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-03-2023 Certification of the 2022 Year-End Base Roll 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-03-2023 enacted at 1:40 pm.**

### **Housing Department Report by Austin New Moon, Housing Manager**

Updates:

Continuing to pick up pantry items weekly. Thank you to Ms. Eller who rearranged her work schedule to be able to go with Ms. New Moon on Thursdays for the pick-up. Christina Lomaintewa and Cherice Terjo helped to unload the car. She needs a clarification. There are non-tribal members of SLPT have been coming to the pantry to pick-up items. In the past there were signs that said pantry was for SLPT members and employees only. It did not stop them. She does not mind opening it up but they will to mandate something because there is no capacity or space for more. It was explained that there is no grant or funding and everyone donates their time.

Ms. Crane said it was originally set up for the members. Mr. Mace said it should be

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members only and that they are not receiving as many donations now. Mrs. Lone Eagle heard that the person believed it was an urban program. It is not. ITCN circulated a list with SLPT on it as a designated open pantry but it is not. There were people from Pyramid and Reno Sparks Indian Colony. Ms. New Moon reached out to them to let them know that SLPT is not an open pantry. They replied that they thought it was a public pantry. Ms. Eller stated that they pick-up items based on what the members want and in quantity for the members. SLPT is liable for whatever comes out of there. People should take only what the need. They are beginning to have issues now. Ms. New Moon does not want to regulate it. Mr. Simmons said NRD does not know who are members and who are not. Will an ID be required to identify members. It is the consensus of the Council that the pantry be used only by members and staff.

Some staff lunches have been thrown away. Mr. Howard was authorized by Council to purchase a small stand-up refrigerator for the break room. Mr. Simmons will have someone from NRD take the measurements and find an appropriate unit.

Ms. New Moon will write a letter for the Chairwoman to sign to send to ITCN, and the other tribes and organizations stating that the SLPT Pantry is not a public pantry but is for SLPT members and staff only. Ms. New Moon will send them out.

The Res Summit: Registrations are booked for April 3 through 6, 2023 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Hotel and flight reservations have not been made yet and Ms. New Moon has not done the per diem. Since this is the Reservation Economic Summit, in the past the Tribal Coordinator booked the travel arrangements. SLPT now has a Tribal Coordinator. Should she turn it over to him or would the Council prefer that she continue to do it. Mr. Hawley will take this over. Ms. New Moon advised him that she recommends flying out the night before the conference on Sunday, April 2, 2023. There some evening flights on the last day of the training on April 6, 2023. The agenda ends at 2:00 pm so it is totally doable to get back that night. The Council prefers non-stop flights. She will give Mr. Hawley some booking information on registration and on the website they have information on the hotel and things. Mrs. Lone Eagle told Mr. Crane that when flying, he cannot take on oxygen tanks and will need portable air. The Council prefers to have their rooms booked on the convention side of the hotel and Mr. Crane and Mr. Mace like rooms near the elevator.

2023 Calendars: They ordered 150 for a total of \$585.21. This company was great. It was less than a week turn around to have the calendars received.

The Nevada-Cal Housing Association has sent out their annual registration form. Minimally funded tribes do not need to pay registration and SLPT is a minimally funded HUD tribe. She wants like to resubmit the registration form with them. They hold a few trainings every year. There is one in Sacramento, California and one in Reno, Nevada at the Nugget. They keep them updated on the Nevada-California issues. SLPT has

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been registered with them for several years. She would like to approval for this and it is free. It is the consensus of the Council to resubmit the registration. Ms. New Moon will fill it out and send it.

January 11, 2023 they received notification that the Fiscal Year 2023 Indian Housing Plan has been found to be in compliance. They have not received HUD funds because the government needs to do the reauthorization. The plan is good.

Corey Burdette came down to the office on Friday, January 6, 2023. The office handyman has not been the best handyman. Ms. New Moon had the idea of asking the Reservation maintenance man to come to do some of the things around the office. He was able to do it. He got several issues resolved and spent the day working. They did run into an issue, they had paint cans when they renovated Suite 402. They were sitting in Finance office. Mr. Howard and Mr. Hawley did not know about them so they threw them away. They need to be re-purchased. Ms. New Moon says they do not need gallon cans, but a touch up can would work. There are a few spots which need paint touch up. There are two colors: the main gray and accent gray. She is asking for approval to get the paint. They will go through the records to find the company who did the painting hopefully the files will have the names of the colors or they can call the company. It is the consensus of the Council to buy replacement paint.

She had a tribal member come in the previous week. There had been a little bit of an issue with this member in October. He came back in. He wanted immediate assistance because his power was cut off again. He complained he was not getting any mail to his mail box. He did not receive a power bill in the mail for three months so his power was cut off. He wants the immediate assistance but she does not have anything to assist him with. All the emergency assistance programs are closed. He was given the contact information for the power company. He had various excuses for why he did not pay his power bills. There was very little that she could give him. He was not happy. He came back the next day and Ms. Gonzalez gave him his power company account information so he could access his bill.

They have heard from another person who resides in Oregon. They are looking at a termination notice. They have never used the Housing programs before. The girlfriend used to work for the landlord and it was an exchange for rent deal. The new landlord is willing to work with them this is the first month they have been charged as of January 2023. She let them know programs are all gone and the next one should be available in February. She gave him some references of places he could go for immediate assistance in Oregon.

The earthquake family: She let her know that Council was unsure how to help her because she does not know what she needs help with. When asked what she needed she said she really did not know. Mrs. Lone Eagle said that the woman said she thought



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the tribe would have some kind of disaster plan or some funding set aside for stuff like that. Mrs. Lone Eagle replies that typically the tribe does not and that she could call Red Cross. They were hit by two earthquakes.

Housing Emergency Programs:

US Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): They received the total award of \$76,777.13. With Mr. Howards assistance they got all the numbers correct. They expended 100% of the program. The final report was submitted on Friday, January 15, 2023. The program is closed. It was the last emergency rental assistance Ms. New Moon had.

US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF):

- Still getting started
- \$29,523,73 left in the fund. They are still receiving applications. They have a few people for mortgage and utilities.

SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):

In February Ms. New Moon will have a resolution and policy ready for emergency rental assistance. She notified Mr. Howard that this is part of the ARPA funds. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked what was left in the ARPA fund. \$?,029,226. 04. Keep in mind the June payment and other costs. Ms. New Moon will work with Mr. Howard on a budget. This will get an emergency program again.

Paiute Language Class:

Classes continue twice a week. Everything is being uploaded to the YouTube channel. There is one issue and it is grant reporting. Originally, Ms. New Moon said she would do the smart sheets, but never received any information. She was never given report dates. They are actually in default—late with the reporting. Ms. New Moon offered to do them. She created an account in PMS system and is waiting for access. The previous Finance Director was going to this.

Ms. New Moon asked for an Executive Session

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 15 minutes. 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 2:27 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:49 pm.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Down Payment and**

**Closing Costs in the amount of \$11,404.48. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 2:51 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Security and First Month's Rent Pre-Approval in the amount up to \$4,000. Secretary/ Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 2:52 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve a Pre-Approval for Security and First Month's Rent in the amount up to \$4,000. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 2:55 pm.**

#### **Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) from James Simmons, Director**

##### Highlights:

- The weather station is down by the Lake now. There was a low temperature of -14°F and the high was 46°F. Snowpack is pretty good. The SnoTel station estimates the Snow water equivalent (SWE) at 8.8 inches which is slightly below the 2017 which is the highest since the SnoTel installed.
- Mr. Simmons gave credit to the predecessors Mr. Cowan and Ms. Youmans who did most of the foundational work. He was just informed by the EPA officer on January 13, 2023 that SLPT will be awarded Treatment of State Certification under the EPA Clean Water Act. This is a huge accomplishment for the tribe that will allow SLPT to set their own water standards on the Reservation. In recognition of this, on February 15, 2023, at the winter Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) at the opening speech the Region head wants to honor Summit Lake for achieving this status. Mr. Simmons asked the Chairwoman if she would like to go to the RTOC and receive the award. It will be in Palm Springs, California. She said she would go in person.
- There were no-cost extensions for Funds 88, 108/1081, 120, 122, and 131 cover BIA Transportation, Endangered Species, NFWF LCT, Juvenile LCT, EA work.
- Submitted the application for the next four-year EPA GAP Grant FY24-27 Finish the first four year ending September 30, 2023 and start the next four years on October 1, 2023.
- Last week they submitted a grant to the BIA Invasive Species Program to do the cheatgrass treatment.
- Submitted all the BIA quarterly reports in on time.
- January 10-12, 2023 Mr. Simmons attended USFWS Western Landowner

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Forum. It was a type of training and get together with private land owners and agencies and a couple of tribal representatives. He thought it was useful. It is a partner program that is giving NRD funding for the Fencing of the springs.

- Mrs. Lone Eagle received a letter that states EPA has a nomination request for October 2023 to September 2025 in regards to the RTOC. They are soliciting for nominations for representatives to serve on the committee from those dates. Due to the lack of submissions received by December 9, 2022, they want to inform people of the extension to submit nominations. Forms are provided to nomination at tribal member from your tribe or a neighboring tribe. Please return the nominations to EPA US Region 6 by February 6, 2023 or by email. Ballot will be sent out by February 25, 2023. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked who the Council would like to nominate. She does not know often they meet.

#### Discussion Topics

1. A Resolution to accept the award for BIA Tribal Climate Resilience Planning Grant.. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent sections of the resolution.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-01-2023 Acceptance of the BIS Tribal Climate Resilience Planning Grant Award with the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-01-2023 enacted at 3:13 pm.**

2. Letter of Request from researchers from UNR, Oregon and Utah to gather samples of ancient DNA for analysis of coprolite at Last Supper Cave in the high rock area in Northwestern Nevada near the Reservation. Coprolite is fossilized human excrement. The goal is to determine the dietary components at that time and the dietary habits. It does not require any effort on NRDs part. They will not even go on the reservation but would like the tribe's approval. They request that the Chairwoman sign a letter of support. It is the consensus of the Council to grant approval for the research.

3. There is a Grid Resilience grant opportunity from the Department of Energy to look at how to fortify the energy supply at the Reservation. It has already been allocated \$33,000. NRD just needs to apply for it. The application is due at the end of March 2023. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward to apply for it.

It could be used in the short term to buy generators if there is a power outage. It can be renewed once a year every year for five years. That is \$33,000 each year..

It could be looked at for renewable energy like installing solar and wind to reduce the reliance on Harney Electric. A new trend is installing micro grids on reservation basically building their own power grid and becoming self-sufficient. They can look into that.

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Mr. Cowan commented that he would like to request that the thinkers on the Council consider the needs of the residents. In his case, he is at the end of the grid and has a lot of brown outs which has caused some hardships. One winter he lost the food he had in his freezer. He would like to build in some redundancy to provide a continuous supply of energy. With purchasing generators, the existing panels will need to be retrofitted. They would need master switches. He also suggested solar generators.

5. Hopefully this year they will get through the EA process to start building the road west of the Lake. The process is ongoing but hope to get it done this year. The next step is funding. The cost will be about ten million dollars. One potential opportunity is through the Department of Transportation (DOT) called a RAISE grant. It is for organizations or entities which are disadvantaged in rural areas that do not usually meet the usually guideline for the DOT. He needs to look into it further. The deadline for application is the end of February. The grants usually run about \$10 million which works nicely for SLPT. It is the consensus of the Council for Mr. Simmons to move forward with this.

Mr. Simons will be on vacation February 7 through February 22, 2023. From February 6 to February 10, 2023 Mr. James Waddell will be acting Director and Meghan Munn will be acting Director from February 13 to 22, 2023 with Mr. Waddell available by phone if Ms. Munn requires assistance.

**OPEN FORUM at 3:29 pm**

Mr. Cowan commented that the Council and staff are making a lot of progress. He said he had some quick notes.

At the beginning of the meeting there was some potential interaction with the local tribal clinics and Indian Health Service updates. Hopefully there will be some coordination to better understand the process for services provided to SLPT tribal members.

Mrs. Lone Eagle just learned about the possibility of a compact station. Things are confusing with Reno Sparks Health Clinic. She stated that the Enova Group was hired by the BIA Phoenix office to do a master plan. The plan is for funding to the already additional IHS Clinics. SLPT is included in the group supposed to be covered by the master plan. They put out a survey. This how they know what services member do get and what is missing or how they are treated or benefited at the current IHS clinic . Most of the SLPT members in town utilize the Reno Sparks Tribal Health Center. Enova had no idea about SLPT's situation and are trying to find ways to help the members get what they need.

Mr. Cowan has been getting medical services from Reno Sparks since 1993. It seems the processes are always changing. Sometimes approval processes are arbitrary. That

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could be improved. If he knew what services he was entitled to it would be helpful. The PRC division has improved. Sometimes he is happy and sometimes he is not. Mrs. Lone Eagle went to a meeting with the state health people. She discussed all the questions and the list of things she wants to see improved. She said it may differ if SLPT had a designated clinic. Mrs. Lone Eagle will be the conduit for the members with the health clinic. She is there to help.

His experience with surgery he had last year it was a bit of drama to be sure people were getting paid appropriately and he was stuck in the middle. His understanding was the PRC had already approved these, but he had no control who his anesthesiologist was and he was not in Mr. Cowan's network plan. He was getting all these bills and then bill of collections. Mrs. Lone Eagle was surprised SLPT could qualify as a designated clinic. In finding the designated space and who would pay for it, she assumes it would be IHS. She would like to get it going.

Mr. Cowan is getting better Zoom reception now. He asked if the reports could be shared so he would know what they are talking about. That could be done. Mr. Cowan is also pleased to see process regarding Broadband. He asked if he was correct that eight buildings have already been considered for upgrade. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that they are not sure what eight buildings are considered whether they are homes on the reservation or the different buildings in the compound. Mr. Cowan would like the Council to consider make the residents the approved buildings. The resolution and easement agreement will be at the next meeting. They are ready to go.

Mr. Cowan overheard a reference to THPO. SLPT has been designated as a THPO. Has there been any consideration in asking for the tribal membership's participation on that and getting some training for those interested in historic preservation. He would definitely be interested. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the wording of the agreement and that they will encourage participation but they will receive no funding until next year. She explained the process in applying for THPO.

He also previously emailed about updating minutes and resolutions on the website and is glad that they are working on it internally.

He was impressed by the Pew Charitable Trust presentation. He sees them as serving as a conduit between tribes and BLM. He asked if this the first introduction to this concept/organization. He wondered if the Council considered ACEC designations and becoming more engaged in this process for revision of resource management plans. The Chairwoman said it was the first meeting with the organization in regards to ACECs and purchasing BLM land for the tribe to own. In September, Mark Hall had touched on this. The meeting was cut short with him because the SLPT attorney was also present. Mr. Hall declined to talk to the Council and their attorney. Before that ACEC was part of the conversation. They have been sporadic in talking with the BLM because of the

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Thacker Pass lawsuit and the geothermal projects. Mr. Hall has resigned and left the BLM office. She does not know who the new point of contact is yet, but the relationship with that office has not been very good since the pandemic. Mr. Cowan was very involved with that in the past and was frustrated with BLM offices and the way the tribe was treated. He hopes that consultations can be improved and that is not just BLM dictating to the tribe with what they plan to do and checking it off their list. He has always wanted the tribe to be recognized as co-manager or ultimate manager of the watershed for Summit Lake. He hopes things will change.

He was impressed by the pictures on the calendar. Mr. Cowan would like if a notice of the locations of mountain lion and bobcat sites be posted as a safety issue for members on the Reservation. Those photos were taken at Tule Springs. He has learned of the NDOW study into the decrease in mule deer. Mr. Simmons is aware of the declines in mule deer and are already discussing it.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for 20 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.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 5:14 pm

It was the consensus of the Council for the Chairwoman to purchase two cell phones from Verizon for Mr. Hawley and Enrollment.

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Thursday, December 8, 2022 with edits and corrections. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 5:18 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Thursday, December 13, 2022. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 5:19 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, December 17, 2022. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion**

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**approved 5:19 pm.**

Membership in NICWA is \$350. Mrs. Lone Eagle is already member. Membership is approved for Ms. Gonzalez

**Next Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meeting, Saturday, February 18, 2023 at the Administrative Office, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe at 2255 Green Vista Drive, Suite 401, Sparks, Nevada.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Rand Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the January 21, 2023 Regular Council Meeting were by the Council during a duly held meeting February 18, 2023 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.

2/18/23  
Date

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