

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Saturday, December 21, 2019
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, December 21, 2019 to order at 9:15 pm.

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

STAFF: Linda Quinn, Financial Director, Rachael Youmans, Natural Resources Director; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Daniel Crawford, Enrollment Coordinator; Donna Komar, Tribal Coordinator; and Anne Macko, Contractor

GUESTS: Tribal Members Melissa Eller, Christina Gonzalez and Utahna Romero

REPORTS

Staff Reports

Finance Report by Linda Quinn

1. BIA awarded another \$3,026 to the FY 2019 Consolidated Tribal Government, Fund 140 (MOD. 3): \$1,500 additional one-time funds for the Secretarial Election and \$1,526 for FY 2019 ICWA.
2. The approved 2020 Indirect Cost Rate of 22.41% was sent to all Grantees as required.
3. Amerind is the new insurance carrier for SLPT as of December 19, 2019. All old policies have been cancelled. The Workers' Comp policy with Liberty Mutual was paid \$12,929 which is the annual fee. The refund from Conover is still being calculated. The insurance invoice from Amerind was received. Ms. Quinn prepared a purchase order and request to pay it in full at \$11, 984.06. This insurance expires in December of 2020 to synchronize with SLPT's fiscal year.
4. The Finance Department received payment for Invoice #3 from Great Basin Land and Water, Fund 132, Grant 55874.
5. Fund 126, R16AP00048, Bureau of Reclamation Grant was closed. The final SF-425 was sent. The balance of unallocated funding of \$15,701.64 remains in ASAP. A balance of a \$64.72 draw from ASAP but not expended (due to an Indirect Cost math error) was returned to the agency via check.
6. Budget Spreadsheet Summary: Ms. Quinn setup two new Grant contracts with Fish and Wildlife: Fund 145-F20AP00006, Bat Inventory, for \$43,294 from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2021 and Fund 146-F20AP00058, LCT Population Viability for \$200,000 with SLPT contributions of 21% (\$54,040) from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2022.

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7. ITCN Request for Annual Dues: Ms. Quinn called ITCN regarding the annual dues request and left a message. She has not received a response nor an invoice. Ms. DeSoto said that she attended the ITCN meeting. The Executive Director stated that the invoices for the annual dues of \$350 were sent out late. Ms. DeSoto suggested paying the dues so SLPT can still go to the meetings and vote. Ms. Quinn will send a letter requesting an invoice.
8. Ms. Quinn requested that Go Daddy change the wooden planks currently on the SLPT website pages to the tan leathery background. It was change to a flat color that Ms. Quinn did not request. It will be changed again. The pages should be able to change the heading colors with a color wheel option to change pages as desired. The changes should now be seen as this change was done on December 20, 2019.
9. SLPT received a verbal request from a Member for the electric rates paid to the Tribe for annual service which are \$296.80 or \$24.80 monthly. A letter was prepared and signed by the Chairwoman. He then sent a written request asking for Harney Electrics phone number to talk about any planned power outages. Ms. Youmans said that Harney calls the office to notify the Tribe of power outages usually a day before any planned outage. The office notifies the staff on the reservation. A letter will be sent to the Member to ask him how he wants to have the information on power outages communicated. It was suggested to tell him to call the power company.
10. A Member requested written notification of the Secretarial Election results as they do not have computer access. A Member also made a phone call requesting the results. The results at this time are still unofficial. They need to be approved by the BIA in Phoenix, Arizona. Information on the Election cannot be given out by the staff until the Election is finalized. Once the final results come out it will be posted at the BIA and the SLPT administrative office.
11. Ms. Quinn informed the Council that postage rates would be going up on January 26, 2020. Letters remain at \$0.55 and metered mail at \$0.50 however each additional ounce will be another five cents. Fixed rate boxes and certified mail will increase by 9.9% and priority packages by ten percent.
12. The Suburban is scheduled for repair the week beginning December 21, 2019. There is also a recall on the wheel sensor which potentially can cause driveline protection software system to activate causing unintended braking in four-wheel drive.
13. A letter was sent to Arthur Brown's widow but it was returned. Ms. Quinn asked if anyone had a current address for her. No one seems to know the new address. Mr. Mace suggested someone to ask.

Ms. Crane asked about the new Finance clerk. Ms. Quinn said that she was doing well and working on getting her GED. She has taken the preliminary test. Ms. Crane was under the assumption when the Finance Clerk was hired that the girl was 18 years old and had graduated High School. Ms. Eller asked how the Clerk got hired without the

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posted qualifications. There was a discussion. The condition of employment was to get the GED in thirty days. Ms. Eller suggested starting over from the beginning with a position search on January 2, 2020. It is desirable to hire a person experienced in finance/accounting. Ms. Eller suggested the young lady apply for higher education assistance and go to school. It was decided that, if the GED was not acquired by December 30, 2019, she would be terminated on December 31, 2019.

The Finance Report concluded at 9:50 am.

Tribal Coordinator Report by Donna Komar

Ms. Komar's report is to explain where everything is located.

Personnel Manual: The handbook is on Ms. Komar's drive and ready for the new grant to pay for the review for legal issues, proper order and revisions. The digital files are on Ms. Komar's Drive on her computer in the Current Tribal Policies Folder. The working and Adobe copies of the handbook, "Approved Employee Handbook Dec 1019 Grant Review", can be sent to the reviewers under the grant.

Higher Education

The Higher Education files are on the Common Drive under the Higher Education Tab. There is a spread sheet containing who was awarded, how much they received, and whether their grades have been received. They are required to send their grades for the period of time covered by the resolution in order for them to be accountable for the money they have been given. A letter should be sent to request the information. Ms. Komar said they should ask for grades and updates.

IT

- Mr. Crane's computer was updated for his use. It is very secure. Mr. Crane still cannot get it to work yet. It does work in the office. Ms. Komar will have Connor give Mr. Crane a call so he can help Mr. Crane get things working.
- The Server has been updated. There was a bad part that was replaced. This was done under warranty.
- The Finance Clerk's computer was readied for her use.
- The group laptop is to be updated and has a guest login now. It is ready to use if someone needs to use it for a webinar etc.

File Cabinets-Ms. Komar explained what was in the labeled file cabinets

- The location of the keys
- The labeling: Ms. Komar's documents, Council File, 2019 and 2018 Council Mail, Election Committee, Office Supplies, Flag and Office Holiday Décor

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- Historical Documents: All scanned with the help of the Finance Clerk and saved to the Common Drive
- The far cabinet for Ms. DeSoto's files which Ms. Komar did not touch
- All Council Mail in the files have been scanned and are on Donna's Drive under "Council Mail". They do not need to be scanned again. The old minutes and other historical documents have been scanned. The documents are labeled and put under historical documents.
- "Licensed to Kill" DVD in the black metal file holder on top of the file cabinet.

Other Information

- The desk is cleaned out
- Cleaning the Office—Ms. New Moon and Ms. Komar took the cleaning. Ms. Komar suggested that Ms. DeSoto assign the cleaning duties. This could be a weekly assignment or pay someone on the side to do it.
- Ms. Komar thanked the Council for the time and that she truly enjoyed herself.

The Tribal Coordinator Report concluded at 9:59 am.

Housing Report by Austin New Moon

Updates:

- A total of eight surveys have been received.
- A total of seven applications have been turned in. Ms. New Moon hopes to have the latest application done and ready for action at the January Council meeting.
- December workshop was posted to Facebook page and also a flyer was mailed with the 2020 calendars. The workshop took place on December 14, 2019 from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm. There were no attendees. Ms. New Moon would like to do one more workshop in January or February, possibly at midday or evening and see if anyone will attend during this time. She can do a Facebook Live for people who cannot attend in person. If not, she proposed to go back to doing workshops once a quarter early morning on Saturday as that is when there have been the most attendees. She is also available for one-on-one meetings. Ms. New Moon will draft another flyer and email it to the Council next week for approval.
- The SLPT Housing Facebook page is up to 12 "Likes". She asked the Council to please share the page or invite others to "Like" the page. She recently posted about the HUD 184 loan and will post any new housing items.
- Ms. New Moon spoke to a Tribal Member who resides on the reservation year-round and it is his primary residence. He is looking for assistance with weatherization, utility, solar water heater, rodent control, Wi-Fi and telephone services and rehabilitation assistance. She will try to help find any assistance she

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can. She has reached out to the Energy Assistance program with the State of Nevada, received some information on that program and was forwarded over to the State Weatherization Program. Ms. New Moon provided him with their applications. She called and emailed and is awaiting their response. She is continuing to investigate other programs or assistance that may be useful for this Member. The Member did compliment the Housing webpage and all the information it provides. He also took a welfare application.

- She helped Ms. Youmans put the environmental assessment on the webpage.

Trainings:

- Ms. New Moon attended the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) Legal Symposium on December 9 through 10, 2019 in Las Vegas, Nevada. She attended the Asset Building: Innovative Homeownership models for Native American Veterans, Federal Updates and Issues for Native Homeownership Policy Updates, Asset Building: Tribes as Borrowers-Use HUD 184 and Title VI; To meet Housing Needs and Asset Building: Expanding Native American Homeownership Opportunities. She targeted homeownership sessions. She attended a session with Ms. DeSoto. They talked about looking at owning an apartment building and using as a new home for the office as well.
- Ms. New Moon would like to attend the 2019/2020 IDDBG NOFA Training—January 9, 2020 from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Reno Sparks Indian Colony Health Center. The Council approved her attendance at the training.

Ms. New Moon received a letter from the Department of Veteran Affairs wanting to establish a working relationship. She has information on their program. Ms. New Moon does not feel ready to do a MOU with them yet. It is a good program.

She met Adam Rose at the Las Vegas, Nevada training. She got some policies from him, but they are pretty much the standard documents. He could be a good resource.

The Housing Report concluded at 10:10 am.

Enrollment Report by Daniel Crawford

Membership:

- They were contacted by several Members either asking questions or requesting a membership card.
 - 90 Members were mailed with the initial mailing with flyers and Secretarial Election information. Seven of them were returned as bad addresses. An effort was made to contact those seven through information on the membership contact.

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- Six requests were received for membership cards, status, updating contact information and application status.
- Mr. Crawford worked with the administrative staff and Housing Manager to package the 2020 calendar and flyers to send to the members. Mr. Crawford would like to create a brochure listing the responsibilities of the Enrollment Committee members and the process.
- Ms. DeSoto received a letter interest to be a member of the Enrollment Committee.
- Mr. Crawford worked on an Enrollment Procedures Manual and Progeny Quick Reference Guide (QRG). This procedure manual guides the Enrollment Coordinator or other people responsible in adding a new Member to Progeny. The QRG details how to add a picture to the membership card, how to add a signature, any edits to any information already entered. The documents are still being drafted.
- A letter was received regarding the Voter Registration list for the Secretarial Election Board from the BIA clarifying the petition and the decision.

ICWA:

- Processed, investigated and responded to nine ICWA requests for the month of November 2019
- Completed the BIA end of quarter report

Enrollment Committee

- The Council is waiting for letters of interest for the Enrollment Committee. Ms. DeSoto received a letter of interest. There was one Member who came and said they would be interested in the committee depending on the outcome of the election. There was a discussion on having immediate family members on the same committee. Currently there is nothing official on this in the policies or ordinances. There was also a discussion regarding notarizing letters requesting to be on a committee. It was determined this was not necessary. Out of state members could attend meetings via teleconference. Notarized letters are only for those interested in running for election to Council.
 - A new flyer was posted to the Enrollment webpage (updated from the November 16, 2019 meeting.) The flyer will need to be reworded. The membership will be mailed the flyer and brochure for Committees responsibilities.
- A letter was written with the verbiage that was asked to be put in letter form for the ICWA issue on behalf of the SLPT Council stating the grandmother and parent were members of the Tribe. This was emailed and mailed to the Social Services Case worker for the minor child whose application for membership is pending.

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Important Upcoming Dates

January 2020-Review and approve membership roll-Action and resolution for 2019 to be turned into the BIA.

Mr. Crawford did not attend December 12 and 13, 2019 training in Reno, Nevada as it was too soon.

January 2020-BIA ICWA Report for Fourth Quarter due January 30, 2020

Research possible training for the year 2020 is continuing.

Enrollment report concluded at 10:33 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to take a 15 minute break.
Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman
Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.
Motion carried at 10:35 am.**

Ms. New Moon was excused and left the meeting.

Council returned from break at 10:57 am.

Natural Resources Department (NRD) report by Rachael Youmans

Over the past month the temperatures at the field station have ranged from a high of 55°F to lows below 0°F. SnoTel currently recorded a snow depth of 16".

On November 18, 2019 Ms. Youmans was contacted by Solder Meadows to report that all the cows had been removed from the Reservation.

Applications for a Technician I and Environmental Specialist were received. Interviews will be scheduled after the new year.

The Field Station was shut down and officially closed on November 22, 2019.

On November 22, 2019 a letter was submitted to the Winnemucca BIA Black Rock Field Office Field Manager regarding the three wild horses trapped in the northeast corner of the Reservation. On December 2, 2019 a response was received stating that their Wild Horse and Burro Specialist would begin a bait and trap process to remove the horses. On December 19, 2019 it was confirmed that the process would begin soon after the new year.

The final narrative reports including the financials for Fund 118: Noxious Weed were submitted. The Grant is completely closed and done.

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A complaint against Coast to Coast was registered. On November 21, 2019 SLPT received a response from the Nevada Attorney General. It stated that the complaint was being forwarded to the appropriate investigative unit within their office, but could not confirm nor deny the existence of an investigation. NRD has found a local company to supply a building in Winnemucca.

The NRD staff has been busy entering/digitizing data from a variety of fisheries projects that occurred during the field season and have checked the data for completeness and accuracy. Analysis of the data has begun and will be continued into the next month. These activities have been cost shared with Fish and Wildlife Foundation grant fund 122. Some of the data will be shared due to Grant requirements.

The NRD received two new grants. On December 12, 2019 the funding paperwork for the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) bat monitoring grant Fund 145. James attended a couple of meetings to get connected and SLPT is the only Tribe in the western United States that has ever been involved in this bat monitoring to see what bats and where they are on the Reservation. On December 18, 2019 the funding paperwork was received for Fisheries from the USFWS to continue the work for Lahontan cutthroat trout. This is Fund 146.

The NRD staff has been entering water quality data into a Tribal database, checking it for accuracy and consistency. Enormous progress has been made on completing the water quality sampling event reports left unfinished from previous efforts. They have been able to start analyzing the data over a period of 2009-2019.

On December 17, 2019 NRD sent out the notice of opening the 30 day period comment period on the Environmental Assessment. This goes along with the long list of proposed projects for the BOR Grant proposal. It was suggested to post a copy of the assessment in the administrative office lobby.

There are many reports due at the end of December and January so the NRD staff is working on them.

Discussion Topics:

There is an event from Pyramid Lake to reintroduce big horn sheep on Thursday, January 9, 2020. SLPT has been invited to attend. Ms. Youmans plans to attend with some of her staff. Mr. Crane, Ms. Crane and Mr. Frank would also like to attend. Ms. Youmans needs to RSVP at the start of the new year.

Ms. Youmans looked into joining the Nevada Association of Employees (NAE). Ms. Quinn, Ms. Komar and Ms. Youmans watched a webinar detailing the NAE services. All three were in favor of joining. Ms. Komar said it was exactly what a small business

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needs to stay in compliance and remove some of Ms. Quinn's burden. The membership dues are \$7.00 plus 50 cents for each Nevada employee per month. Ms. Youmans estimated the cost for 15 employees, the current ten full-time employees and two part-time people and the expectation of the two applications recently received to be added. The price for 15 people it is \$966 per year. She talked about some of the benefits of joining such as: review of handbook, policies, legal advice, free webinars, and discounted training. Ms. Youmans discussed this with the EPA Project Manager who said it could be covered by the GAP Grant. It is a good value for the services and resources. There was a discussion. The Consensus of the Council is for Ms. Youmans to join the Nevada Association of Employees.

Two applications to fill positions in NRD were received. Ms. Youmans would like to set-up the interview process starting the end of January/beginning of February. Ms. DeSoto should be contacted to set-up a schedule for the interviews.

Most of the NRD staff will be returning for the next season. This is very good.

There a couple pieces of legislation that coming to the floor for debate and vote. The first is the Extinction Prevention Act of 2019 sponsored by Nevada Senator Jacky Rosen. It is to fund conservation projects for some of the most critically endangered species in the United States including the southwestern desert fish. This includes Lahontan cutthroat trout and other species in Nevada. Ms. Youmans asked for a letter supporting this document to send to the introducing Senators signed by the Chairwoman expressing SLPT support for the bill. The Council was in favor of this action.

The second is the Recovering American Wildlife Act. This is being introduced in the House of Representatives. It is specific to getting Tribes money to manage the wildlife on their Reservations. Ms. Youmans feels this is important. They are proposing to dedicate \$100 million to Tribal nations and some state level conservation efforts for conservation of imperiled species. She would like to draft a letter of support for the Chairwoman to sign. The Council is in favor.

Formation and announcement of Wildlife Harvest Committee:

Fund 127 is a USFWS grant for the NRD sage grouse project. One of the objects of the grant is to form a Tribal committee to review data and consider a continued moratorium or annual hunting limits on sage grouse. The grant ends at the end of 2020. During this study NRD had for a moratorium on sage grouse. Ms. Youmans feels enough data has been gathered to pursue the committee. Currently the limits have been set by the science side. The goal of the committee is to also include Tribal input. This is an opportunity to talk about all species for which the Council is supposed to consider harvesting limits. Ms. Youmans want to know what the process is to create a committee. There was a discussion.

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Ms. Eller reported that the main complaint received by the members was that Council was making decisions without input from the Tribe. She would not recommend the Council be this Harvest Committee, and that it would be a good way to bring in Tribal input.

Ms. Youmans wants the Tribal input with this committee on Harvest limits, especially sage grouse. She thought there should be three people attending two to three meetings from January through the end of February. NRD would provide the information to help with the science of conservation. She has developed a flyer to recruit committee members and a form to submit before the January Council meeting. The harvest limits and information are usually sent out in March. Mr. Mace would like more than three committee members. Ms. Komar suggested an open forum. Ms. Youmans said the Committee should organize an open meeting and then have a committee meeting to discuss the open forum comments and the science and then present their recommendations to Council. There was a discussion. The Council is in favor of Ms. Youmans sending out her flyer to recruit committee members.

Ms. Quinn noticed that the last two Fish and Wildlife grants have Ms. Youmans name on them. Ms. Youmans explained that they were submitted on line and she uses Ms. DeSoto's name. The physical copy of the signature sheet has Ms. DeSoto's signature before they are submitted. Ms. Quinn asked for copies of the signature pages on the 424s.

Mr. Mace questioned Ms. Youmans on how she determined the pricing to sell the backhoe. She said she researched similar backhoes with similar conditions to see what their pricing was. This is the first round of offering.

The Natural Resource Department report concluded at 11:50 am.

Council Reports

Chairwoman Randi DeSoto had two letters from ITCN for support she would like the Council's approval to draft and send. She attended the ITCN meeting. At first there was no quorum, but with Chairman Torres' arrival and the presence of the Vice-President and Secretary, quorum was achieved. This is one of the things the committee wanted to revamp in the by-laws. So they presented a packet with by-laws, a couple of resolutions and two letters of support. They confirmed the dues of \$350 and approved the resolutions. The ITCN will have the President sign and submit letters of support on behalf of the ITCN for the USDA Hemp and one letter to urge Congress to provide long-term reauthorization of the special Diabetes Indian program. They also asked the individual Tribal Chairmen to send letters of support. The Chairwoman would like the Council's approval to redraft the letter onto SLPT letterhead and send them to their

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Congressional delegates. The Council approved the letters of support presented by ITCN.

They put out all the dates of the 2020 meetings. The approved dates of meetings are: January 31, 2020 at 10 am; March 27, 2020; May 29, 2020; July 30, 2020; September 24, 2020, and November 20, 2020 Annual Meeting.

Ms. DeSoto sent a letter which she signed in support of an ICWA court case SLPT was a part of that was presented at the Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. There was 400+ in support of this.

She got a request from the Nevada Urban Indians regarding their upcoming health fair and Pow Wow in March. They asked if SLPT would donate or be in support of a dance category for the Pow Wow. She told them she would discuss it with the Council.

She attended the NAHASDA Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada December 9 and 10, 2019 with Mr. Frank and Ms. Crane. It was a good training overall. There will be some smaller training/conferences coming up in January and February, and maybe March. They will be back again in Las Vegas, Nevada for the December legal symposium at the Bally. She attended a class with Ms. New Moon and one with Ms. Crane. There were classes on the housing epidemic, the homelessness in Indian country, and tiny houses, and Ms. New Moon and Ms. DeSoto discussed long term and short-term goals regarding what to do now, to revised the SLPT housing plan and use of the grant.

The Council received a notice from BLM Applegate to request comments on a preliminary Environmental Assessment (EA) to reduce hazardous fuel near private lands near Falls River Mill, California.

She has three requests to serve on the Enrollment Committee.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Enrollment Committee. Council Member Phillip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote; 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The Council went into Executive Session at 12:02 PM.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 12:12 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Personnel/Travel. Council Member Phillip Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote; 4

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FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The Council went into Executive Session at 12:13 PM.

The Council came out of Executive Session at 12:35 pm.

The Council has the intent to serve on the Enrollment Committee from Christine Gonzales.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to introduce and approve the intent to serve the Enrollment Committee of Tribal Member Christina Gonzales. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 12:37 pm.

Ms. Gonzales will be sent a letter of congratulations on being newly appointed to Enrollment Committee from Chairwoman DeSoto.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to introduce and approve Tribal Member Robin Burdette to serve on the Enrollment Committee. Council Member Phillip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 12:38 pm.

Ms. Burdette will be sent a letter of congratulations on being newly appointed to Enrollment Committee from Chairwoman DeSoto.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to introduce and approve Tribal Member Utahna Romero to serve on the Enrollment Committee. Council Member Phillip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved at 12:38 pm.

Ms. Romero will be sent a letter of congratulation on being newly appointed to the Enrollment Committee from Chairwoman DeSoto.

Ms. DeSoto got something for Ms. Komar and Ms. Quinn bought a cake since Ms. Komar is leaving SLPT. The Council expressed that they wish they could have kept her.

When Ms. DeSoto starts her new job, she will be available evenings and weekends for meetings.

A representative of the Census Bureau is scheduled for 1:30 pm.

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The unofficial Secretarial vote of 20 to 9 in favor of the amendment was posted.

The BIA sent a letter to a Tribal Member commenting that the Election had nothing to do with the Tribe or Council that it was a Federal Election. Since he sent concerns on other business Tribal related things, he should write the Chairwoman and communicate with the Tribal Council.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane attended the Thanksgiving pot luck lunch on December 23, 2019 which was very nice.

She attended the December 7, 2019 Special Council meeting. They watched the webinar training on Record Retention. She feels that the Council needs to come up with a time frame, so once the information has been scanned into the system, to destroy the paper copies. Ms. Quinn gave the Council an update on Finance reports. Ms. Youmans has a draft on the Environmental Assessment for the SLPT Conservation Action Plan.

On December 9-10, 2019 she attended the NAHASDA Legal Symposium in Las Vegas, Nevada. She thought the speakers this year were good and the updates from the Board of Directors were informative. She attended Monday's breakout sessions focusing on permanent house as a solution to ending the homelessness within Indian communities and Urban Indian organizations role in this. Tuesday sessions focused again on Urban Indian housing. She learned that Reno Sparks Indian Colony has been approved for 60 homes off the Reservation. Maybe SLPT can do something like this. The breakout session focused on tax credits and beyond year 15 regarding conversion to homeownership. Ms. Crane felt that the classes were too crowded.

She signed checks and on December 17, 2019 she worked with Mr. Crawford going through the whole procedure on how to print a Members ID card. He was very organized and made it look easy

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace attended the December 7, 2019 Special Council Meeting. After watching the webinar and the discussion, the key number is three years for retaining hard copy records although contract paperwork is usually kept longer.

He signed checks.

Council Member Phillip Frank attended the December 7, 2019 Special Council Meeting.

He also attended the NAHADA training in Las Vegas, Nevada on December 9 and 10, 2019. He attended a session on Chicago, Illinois. There are no affiliated Tribes in Illinois, or northern Ohio. He also attended a block session on Sovereign Immunity. He was glad to learn about this.

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A layman's definition of sovereign immunity: a legal doctrine by which the sovereign or state cannot commit a legal wrong and is immune from civil suit or criminal prosecution. It also had information regarding payday loans and the schemes trying to use sovereign immunity and why it did not work. They talked about the false claim act. They also discussed the Supreme Court ruling in Herrera vs. Wyoming. A Crow Tribal family harvested elk out of season. As part of the 1868 Treaty the Crow was allowed to hunt on unoccupied land including the Big Horn National Forest in exchange for giving up land in present day Montana and Wyoming. The court ruling affirmed the right of Crow Tribe Members to hunt on this land and that the treaty was still valid. Wyoming became a state in 1890 and Wyoming was the unoccupied land. The Shoshone Tribe also retains off reservation hunting rights from a similar treaty. Also, the Wyoming State also recognized treaty right. This sets a good precedence.

Ms. DeSoto passed out flyers from Adam Rose. He mentioned tax credits.

There was a discussion about the importance of Housing. There was good information.

The discussion of the group was that the training was too short and the training rooms were over crowded.

Council Member Steven Crane attended the December 7, 2019 Special Council meeting with the webinar.

New Business

There was a cake shared and a gift presented to Donna Komar because she will be leaving at the end of the month. Ms. Komar said thank you for her time there and she would miss everyone.

Ms. DeSoto announced that she was getting married.

Evonne Powers of the US Census entered the meeting at 1:20 pm

Government Consultation-US Census Bureau with Evonne Powers

She was there to talk about the 2020 Census and recruiting Census Takers. Census Takers earn \$16 per hour in Humboldt County and \$18 per hour in Washoe County with training and mileage paid.

She stressed the importance of getting an accurate count.

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The Council explained that no one lived on the Reservation and the Council members meet on Saturdays since most of them work, having jobs.

All Census workers will have official IDs.

The Census is taken every ten years. The information gathered is secure and not shared with other agencies other than information for Grant apportionment and funding information. Apportionment is based on how the districts are defined.

There is a big push to get the Native Americans to do the census for Native Americans. They are looking for people who are already working. There is a recruitment event at the Reno Sparks Indian Colony. Ms. Powers will send information on this to Mr. Crawford. There was a discussion of the possibility of grant money to have an event.

Mr. Crawford will put the Census information on the web and Facebook.

The Council thanked Ms. Powers for coming to the meeting.

Ms. DeSoto gave Ms. Powers information to contact the ITCN.

Ms. Powers left the meeting.

There was discussion about the possible uses of a Census grant.

MINUTES

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, November 16, 2019 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The motion was approved at 2:07 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Saturday, December 7, 2019 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The motion was approved at 2:08 pm.

The next Meeting will be the Regular Council meeting on January 18, 2019 at 9 am. Jennifer Rovnpera of BLM Applegate will attend the Council meeting,

Higher Education: Mr. Mace asked who would be in charge of doing this. Right now, this will be done by Ms. DeSoto. There was a suggestion that a Higher Education

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Committee. There is no budget for this. The students should be responsible and send their grades. There is a need to follow-up on getting grades for the awardees. A letter should be sent to ask for their grades. If the classes are not passed or if the student drops out, they should be sent an invoice for payment due.


MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned 2:13 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the December 21, 2019, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting January 18, 2020 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 0 -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

1/21/2020
Date


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