

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
General Council Meeting
Saturday, October 19, 2024
Summit Lake Paiute Reservation, Summit Lake, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the General Council Meeting of Saturday, October 21, 2023 to order at 9:44 am.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank. called the roll: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle, absent; Vice-Chairwoman, Nedra Crane, present; Secretary/Treasurer, Philip Frank., present; Council Member Cherice Trejo, present; and Council Member, Scott Cory Burdette, present.

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Jenn Pielop, Finance Clerk; Larry Curley, Grant Writer; and Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator

GUESTS: Jennifer Rovanpera, BLM Applegate

COUNCIL REPORTS

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane reported that she was available for check signing.

On September 30, 2024 she attended interview panel for Finance Director. They hired Naveed, who started on October 15, 2024.

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October 1 – 3, 2024 traveled with Council Member Trejo to Las Vegas, Nevada to attend the Second Annual Tribal Leadership Management Conference. They focused on building capacity and protecting sovereignty with the speakers Karla ~~Byran~~ ^{Bylund} and Kostan Lathouris.

Sessions:

- The basics that every Tribal leader should know.
- How to Have a Culturally appropriate an effective meeting, a guided discussion;
- Rule of the Federal Government.
- How Tribes can protect their lands, water rights, and get land back

They talked about how to protect their water rights. She learned a lot about different court cases through each topic and its role in Indian Country. She heard a lot about the Clean Water Act and is looking forward to attending the EPA conference and learning how to protect the SLPT water rights..

On Friday, October 11, 2024 she called the office and there was no answer. She contacted Ms. Pielop and she had left for the day and she called Mrs. New Moon worked from home that day. She reminded Mrs. New Moon that not only do they need to they need to communicate not with each other, they need to communicate this also to her until Mrs. Lone Eagle returns from her maternity leave. Mrs. New Moon stated that

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Mrs. Lone Eagle is working from home behind the scene, answering emails, doing signing. She is on leave but working from home.

Ms. Crane met with Naveed on October 15, 2024 the new Finance Director.

She met with students from Notre Dame University. It was set up by Tereasa Melendez of Tribal Minds. They were different students for before. They were so full of life and eager to learn. One student asked someone could become a member and what fees do they need to pay. She thought it was funny. She shared a few stories.

On October 9, 2024 she received an email from Mr. Cedric ~~Sweater~~^{Streater} with the BLM Winnemucca. She talked to Mr. Simmons and Mr. Burdette about it. Some people are doing some illegal digging. She does not know what they are searching for in the Wap Shelter in the Soldiers Meadow area. Mr. Burdette said it is in a fenced area of BLM property very close to the southwest corner of the Reservation. Mr. Burdette called the BLM, and Mr. Simmons said he was planning to call for an update but will leave it to Mr. Burdette. Mr. Burdette said the BLM is anxious to set something up.

Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank

He attended the interview for the Finance Director.

He attended the LCT MOG (Management Oversight Group) meeting with the US Fish and Wildlife Service. It was different. It was in Tahoe.

Mr. Simmons said that SLPT and Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe were the only tribes represented there. Ms. Rachael Youmans was there with US Fish and Wildlife.

Council Member Cherice Trejo reported that on September 30, 2024 she attended interview panel for Finance Director.

October 1 – 3, 2024 traveled with Vice-chairwoman Crane to Las Vegas, Nevada. Attended the Tribal Leadership Management Conference.

Day 1- October 2, 2024 she attended all the tribal council sessions presented by Mr. Kostan R. Lathouris.

Sessions:

- The basics that every Tribal leader should know.
- How to Culturally appropriate an effective meeting, a guided discussion;
- Diversity Revenue Streams. Role of the Federal Government.
- How Tribes can protect their lands and get land back.
- Water rights.

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- Election and enrollment practices.

She also attended the Network Gathering that evening.

Mr. Kostan provided slides for every session to share with the tribe. She learned a lot about different court cases through each topic and its role in Indian Country.

Day 1 brought attention to goals she wants for herself as she serves this term. There was a lot of information to help her understand her role as a council member. She also received the slideshows from the Management sessions she could not attend.

Day 2- October 3, 2024 she attended all the Tribal Council sessions presented by Kostan R. Lathouris.

Sessions:

A Guided discussion: Work life balance.

- How do leaders balance the demands of the job their community and family obligations and their own mental health.
- How tribes can protect their water rights.
- Common election and enrollment issues and emerging best practices.

Guided Discussion: Economic development:

- Why does it matter and is it all about making money?
- Important consideration when establishing or build a tribal court.

Final Gathering Discussion: Reflections on the conference.

Wonderful points and information.

- Our laws and bylaws should be reviewed and updated if needed.
- Great information about management that can help some of the internal issues in SLPT workplace. That can benefit everyone.

She will send slides to the common drive.

Ms. Crane added there was a lot of information in a short time.

Signed checks when Ms. Pielop required it.

Council Member Scott Cory Burdette

Basically, they were working on preparing to close down the Field station. It had been raining. The plan is to have it closed by the end of the week of November 4, 2024 with just a few things left to go.

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Ms. Crane explained that Ms. Gonzalez had be laid off until funds could be found to bring her back.

In lieu of a formal report, Mrs. New Moon read a final letter.

Enrollment as of October 7, 2024by Delgadina Gonzalez

She stated that she will volunteer her time to the tribe to help out where needed in the Enrollment Department and wherever she can.

She is fine with giving her personal cell phone number out to the membership, most of them already have it.

When IT is available, they will need to show them what is needed to finish the updating with Progeny. Progeny says the will all need to be online to do this.

She has received all the things she ordered for the small grant. They need to be put away.

The new card printer and computer needs to be set up.

There is a shipment of books and a shipment of magazines are expected.

Enrollment meeting for finishing up a minor child's enrollment to be held October 11, 2024.

There are six enrollment applications still out.

She was re-organizing her binders, so they are a mess at the moment.

There was printing and sorting of printed papers for old charts.

There are old papers to file/scan.

Mr. Burdette asked about what they would do in the interim.

Mrs. New Moon said the next funding should be next March.

Ms. Pielop has a budget to submit but wants the Council to review it first and see if there are questions. She is trying to be very thorough.

Ms. Crane said Enrollment Coordinator is up in the air right now.

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Grant Writer Report-Larry Curley

He has written two proposals. One is to Santa Fe Tobacco Foundation. The next one he worked on and submitted was the State and Local Cybersecurity Down Program from the State of Nevada.

Previously there were four submitted. Two were not funded. two were funded. They are batting 50% so far.

He is now in the process of putting together a proposal and have requested information from the National Congress of American Indians. They have a funding program called Mini-grants. He talked with the Chairwoman about what he would like to see happen which is to put together a proposal that would be inter-generational. It would bring younger people and older people together to talk about how tribal governments work if something were to happen within tribal government. He will be working on it once he receives the application from NCAI. They are slow in responding.

The second one he is working on is the Institute of Museum and Library Services. That is all the information that is being gathered regarding the plant life and wildlife out at the Lake. Information about what they are doing to preserve the LCT at Summit Lake, the conservancy but putting it in a traditional sense. It about putting it all that information and archiving it in a library type setting. One of the things he would like to do, he talked earlier about contacting the University of Nevada Reno to see if would be a student interested in working with the tribe and putting this together. He as reached out to UNR. They have not called back with who they might recommend as a student of the tribe to put together this museum/library and create a useable catalog. This proposal is do November 15, 2024 and he will be finishing it up and submitting it by the due date.

Another one he is working on is with the Pinkus Foundation. They specialize in health, recreation, education and they require a Letter of Interest letting them know what you want to do. He has sent a Letter of Interest to them to let them know that SLPT would like to do a transformational grant, which is a much larger grant and can go up to \$200,000. Once he gets the feedback from the Foundation about what they want them to do about the application, he will work on it. They do it by the quarter, so it is also due in November.

He reached out to a group he worked with. Wells Fargo has a tribal initiative grant with funds available up to \$400,000 for a two-year period. He is looking at it for a comprehensive operation type. This type of grant is unrestrictive so the tribe to do what they want with it without too many strings attached. Basically, he would like to put together a proposal that meets the needs of the tribe in terms of the operation and do things like develop a strategic plan that would bring the organization of the tribe in a

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direction so they all know where they are going as a tribe. He is still getting calls from people he knows to let him know about what is out there on the horizon.

The election can have a major impact on where the tribe goes from here.

Mr. Simmons had a couple questions regarding the museum/library. Will it be all digital information, or will it involve live specimens of the plants and wildlife or is it all just data. Mr. Curley stated there have been some studies done in terms of research, he thinks that is part of the cataloging so it can be usable to the population of the tribe so they can access it, look at the information, the data, the research and maybe even reading about what has been done, and beginning to catalog those. They log them in a library type facility. Mr. Curley does not believe that specimens are part of this.

Mr. Simmons' second questions was to ask if Mr. Curley was factoring in any time for NRD staff to be involved. Even though a UNR student may be doing a lot of the work, he/she will still need to interface with the NRD team to find data, ask questions, etc. which will take time for the NRD team to help the student do the work. He asked if there will be some funds for his department for their participation. Mr. Curley what he looks at the NRD team who has expertise and experience putting that data together and does not think that they need to volunteer their time. He thinks they need to at least be factored into the budget, that a percentage of their time will be factored in. Mr. Simmons said that was good. Even though the student would do most of the leg work, they will still need to interface with the staff. He wants to be sure the staff is compensated for their time.

Mr. Curley left the meeting.

Housing/ARPA Report: Austin New Moon

Other Duties:

- Mrs. New Moon asked about a Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner for the membership. She would like to finalize the date so she can post the flyer. Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to run it the same as last year. The Council will supply the ham and turkey from Ramah and everyone will bring a dish to pass. Mrs. New Moon will handle the RSVP. The date will be November 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm.
- She stayed for the Bingo and Dinner provided by Native Organizers Alliance. They gave out t-shirts and there some for the Council. Those who did not get one needs to go into the office to pick theirs up.
- She has been working closely with Ms. Pielop and assisting Naveed with Financials to get everything correct. They found an issue with Fund 167 LATCF Final reporting. The previous Finance Director reported that they did not spend all of the \$100,224.38, which is not correct. They will have to work with the

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Treasury Department to have them reopen the closed report and amend it. If they do not amend it, they will have to pay back the difference from what was received and what he reported.

- Ms. Pielop and Mrs. New Moon located the Child Care Development folder for Fund 110-ITCN. This was the fire tablets that were mailed out to the membership. They have funding left over and with the new children enrolled and younger ones turning of age, she will be reaching out to them and trying to get them signed up so they can fully expend those funds and close out the grant.
- She signed up to receive Naloxone (Narcan). They are hoping to receive three cases that come with 24 doses each. Her thought is, once received they can post the flyer and have members sign up and distribute them out to those interested.
- Paiute Language: Two delinquent reports and final reporting was in the system but not finalized. They are now finalized and submitted through the PMS system.
- Fund 155 (HAF): Began working on the Quarterly, Annual and Final close out. She did have to submit a budget modification to adjust the budget numbers for a few line items. She is waiting for the modification to be accepted and then she will submit the three reports to get this fund closed completely. The reports are due November 18, 2024.
- T Mobile Hot Spot Internet: Previous Finance Director had been including all of the work cellphones into the 157 T Mobile Internet they set-up for the members. Ms. Pielop has gone through and corrected the issue.
- ARPA funds: Ms. Pielop and Mrs. New Moon have been working on getting the correct figures for the remaining unobligated funds for ARPA. They have created a budget with salaries for Mr. Curley, Mrs. Lone Eagle and Mrs. New Moon to continue through the end of 2026. They have also created some proposed ways to spend the remaining funds of \$432,083.27.
 - Extending the Internet Assistance from October 2025 to December 2026
 - Installing a Helipad at the Reservation for better medical care should the situation arise. Mr. Simmons estimates this at \$35,000.
 - Covering Health insurance for staff who are interested. This would mean covering 100% employee costs until December 2026. She has estimated pricing.
 - Upgrading and installing AEDs in the offices and their maintenance.

She would like to have a separate meeting to discuss ARPA solely. Ms. Crane said she would think about it.

Mrs. New Moon said that Council should go through the ARPA documentation to see if there were any recommendation they might have. Mr. Simmons talked about an outdoor recreation facility like a designated space for a campground for members to use. It would have a fire ring, vault toilets, a shower; possibly six to ten spots. There was a discussion on feasibility as clean water systems upgrades. They might be able to use grants.

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A special meeting will be on November 6, 2024 at 11:00 am. ARPA will pay the stipends.

Housing:

- The 2025 Indian Housing Plan was submitted.
- Certified Councilors Training through HUD. No update to report.
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Rental Assistance
 - Program began February 18, 2023
 - Continuing to get applications in for assistance
 - Working with Finance on the \$220,000 that was allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning Bundles
 - Remaining \$45,827.17 as of September 30, 2024

Training:

- She received her Certification in Administering Narcan
- NAIHC Legal Symposium dates are set for December 9, 2024 through December 12, 2024. Ms. Crane, Ms. Trejo and Mrs. New Moon will be attending.
- She received her login credentials for the Native Learning Center Training Platform.

Executive Session

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for one Tenant Based Rental Assistance Application and one Rehabilitation Assistance Application. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session.

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:14 am.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Application for \$500 a month for 12 months. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:15 am.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to pre-approve Application for Rehabilitation Assistance up to \$15,000 pending required documents. Secretary/ Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 11:16 am.

STAFF REPORTS

Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) by James Simmons

Accomplishments

- It is cooling down up there. The weather station at lower Mahogany Creek recorded temperatures that ranged from a high of 82 degrees to a low of 29 degrees Fahrenheit. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) currently estimates 0 in of SWE (snow water equivalent).
- Fall LCT lake sampling completed: 176 fish. It ran over four weeks mid-September to mid-October. It is a pretty good haul for Fall timeframe.
- New USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife service grants for fence removal and fuel break maintenance. Projects will be done next year.
- They submitted a proposal in partnership with Fish and Wildlife, NDOW, and BLM for another aerial herbicide application and probably reseeding project on the north end of the reservation. This has been approved. It was submitted by NDOW. This project will be done next year. It is through BIL funding. Mr. Burdette asked that NRD notify the membership of where they will spray.
- A manuscript written (by Keane Flynn, SLPT biologist) under grant 1507 - studying the effects of fluctuations in streamflow on stream-resident Lahontan Cutthroat trout in the upper watershed - was provisionally accepted to the peer-reviewed journal Movement Ecology.

Discussion Topics

1. SL-60-2024: This is to request approval to extend the current Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) grant Fund 150 and its subgrants. This is a five-year grant approved in 2020 and ending September 30, 2025. There is still a year left on it. The grant is a total of approximately \$4 million dollars. He is trying to be proactive with the extension request. There are a few sub-grants that are behind schedule primarily due to COVID and staff turnover. He would like another year to complete everything. It is based on a conservation action plan. Mr. Burdette would like to see it. It is available. He asked if it could be modified. Mr. Simmons would need to check. He discussed some of the actions of the subgrants. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of Resolution SL-60-2024.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to accept and approve Resolution AL-60-2024 Approval to Extend Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) Grant R20AV00010 Fund 1051 with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip

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Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-60-2024 enacted at 11:36 am.

2. SL-61-2024: Approval of contract with FishBio for Fund 1164. Earlier this year NRD was awarded a BIA Fish Hatchery Program Maintenance grant. This grant will support three projects to upgrade the fish trap facility next year. NRD would like the FishBio company to help with this. NRD has worked with them in the past. The project is expected to finish next summer. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent portions of Resolution SL-61-2024.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-61-2024 Approval of FishBio Contract with Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Fish Hatchery Maintenance Grant A24AV00879 Fund 1164 with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-61-2024 enacted at 11:42 am.

3. SL-62-2024: Approval of extension for period of performance for Fund 1340. It is not really extending the grant but the 'period of performance' so that the consultants and SLPT can be reimbursed for work done between the current period of performance end date (10/31/24) and due date for the final reports/products (01/31/25). According to NFWF, expenses cannot be incurred, nor can reimbursements be submitted, after the 'period of performance' end date. The consultants and NRD need a few extra weeks to finish up the work and financial transactions after 10/31/24. The extension will change the end date of the 'period of performance' to match the due date of the final reports/products – 01/31/25. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant 77451 Fund 1340.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-62-2024 Approval Extension of the Period of Performance for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant 77451 Fund 1340 with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-62-2024 enacted at 11:49 am.

4. SL-63-2024: Approval of Tribal Representatives for NRCS Nevada Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. The NRCS wants to create a Nevada Tribal Conservation Advisory Council. Mr. Simmons read a letter stating that the Advisory Council would start in 2025. They requested feedback. It would give the tribes a voice at the state and national levels. They are asking for representatives from the tribes for this council. If the tribe decides to have a representative on

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this council they will need a resolution to state who would be the representative. Mr. Simmons has drafted a resolution and volunteered to be the representative if the Council desires it. This can be tabled to discuss later if the SLPT Council decides to participate in the Advisory Council and send a representative. NRCS requires a resolution. Mr. Simmons said they would meet twice a year. The Council discussed this. It was decided Mr. Simmons would be the representative. The funds to cover this would come from the GAP Grant which covers this type of activity. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-63-2024 Approval of Participations and Representatives for NRCS Nevada Tribal Conservation Advisory Council with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-63-2024 enacted at 11:57 am.

5. SL-64-2024: Approval of McBain contract extension for Fund 1340: This is part of the previous approval to extend the 'period of performance' for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant – SL-62-2024. It would extend their contract from October 2024 to January 2025 - the same as for SLPT. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-64-2024 Approval of the McBain Contract Extension of the Period of Performance for National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Grant 77451 Fund 1340 with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-64-2024 enacted at 12:00 pm.

6. CDRZ designation: CDRZ stands for Community Disaster Relief Zones. These are zones defined by FEMA for disaster relief benefits and help. They developed a tool where you can see online if you are in one of these disaster relief zones. Mr. Simmons checked that tool and found two zones that designate Summit Lake's assets. One is the reservation and the other is at the old Rock Blvd. property in Sparks, Nevada. He asked the Council for permission to update the office location. The boundary of the Reservation was also incorrect. He called FEMA and told them the reservation boundary was incorrect. They will correct that with a new gis shapefile that NRD sent them, and NRD sent them the correct address for the Tribal offices. This was so they can update the boundary and use the proper address in the online tool. They asked which location the Council would like to list as the primary CDRZ location. They can only show one location. They told Mr. Simmons that the entire Humboldt County was listed as a CDRZ.

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Thus, FEMA would suggest SLPT designate the office location as their primary CDRZ. He would like a consensus to have him inform FEMA that the Council designates the office address as their primary CDRZ. The Council consensus is to allow Mr. Simmons to inform FEMA that the office address is the designated as the primary CDRZ.

7. Helipad: At the previous meeting Mr. Simmons discussed a possible plan to establish a helipad. He intended to suggest that it be part of the ARPA appropriation of funds, but Mrs. New Moon has already mentioned and it will be discussed during the special meeting.
8. MIP (Accounting System) Access-Licenses for department managers. Mr. Simmons feels this would be a direct application of ARPA as it can address issues things such as pandemics or other things so that financial access is not solely in one person's hands. This way, if the Finance Director is out for some reason and the finance staff is not available, the department directors and Council can access the financial information necessary to conduct business. Without this, they have to wait for information. It is a bottleneck in the process. He can check the grant finances and be able to track budgets. Mrs. Crane thinks that they should have access. He is only suggesting seeing information, not making any transactions. The access should only include the specific departments financials so Mr. Simmons can only see NRD information and Mrs. New Moon can only see Housing Grants, etc. This could be allocated in ARPA.
9. This item can be tabled. It is just a suggestion. Right now, hard in-person signatures are required. He would like to see if SLPT would change the policies to accept electronic or scanned signatures on contracts and timesheets. This is for Council review/thought.

Vice-Chairwoman called a lunch break to be back at 1:00 pm

Council returned from Lunch at 12:50 pm.

Consultation: BLM Applegate—Jennifer Rovanpera

Ms. Rovanpera explained that Mr. Drake was unable to attend.

There were not too many new projects.

Cultural:

San Francisco State University update. It has been housing several collections for the BLM for many years. They no longer wish to have the collections anymore. They want to return them. The problem is that stored some of the collections in old WWII vault so

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some of the things are contaminated with heavy metals such as arsenic and asbestos. The BLM cannot get them transferred to another depository in this condition. What this project wants to do is to identify the extent of the contamination. They had a contractor go out and do testing. There were two tests. One was tested the air. It was clean that day. The second test was to wipe the outside of the boxes where the artifacts were collected and then take one or two samples in bags and wipe that. None of the tribes wanted to have Cultural Monitors there. One THPO called a few times during the week to see how things were going. They are currently waiting for results of the second testing. They will send out the results of the testing. The cave that the artifacts were collect from had be thoroughly looted. No burials were identified and no human remains were identified. Mr. Burdette would like to see the catalog for the collection so Ms. Rovanpera will send a thumb drive.

She talked about other collections at Hog Ranch Mountain area, Massacre Lake eastside area, and Duck Flat. Mr. Simmons asked if the man whose collection came from Massacre Lake was from Truckee, California area as SLPT was contacted and took boxes of artifacts. Ms. Rovanpera said no, that the person was from the Chico, California area.

Prescribe Burn Sites:

There is a federal study with the University of Utah regarding how the burns affect the Umpah. It started in 2005-2006 and off and on. They are looking at the aphis population. It is starting back up and there will be a burn next year.

Ms. Rovanpera asked if SLPT knew of a Geoffery Smith from UNR. Mr. Simmons said that they do know him in regards to Last Supper Cave research. Ms. Rovanpera said that one of his students is interested in Macy Flat south of the Oregon border and west of the Sheldon north valley. It will just be a survey and data collection. She if SLPT was interested in more information or with meeting him. Just let her know.

Wildlife and Riparian:

Put in for funding for safe pass bird flights. This is happening in the next sage grouse leche season. It is supposed to be clear enough to determine male and female birds. This will be in March or April.

Clover Meadow Enclosure Improvements. The enclosure was built long ago. After the 2012 fire there was massive thunderstorms and a mudslide washed out the gating structures. They are in the beginning of plans to fix the enclosure.

Rolling Springs is on the south end. Over the last two and a half years NDOW built a fence enclosure. They then installed pipe to an off-site water trough for cows and horses. AmeriCorp built vdykes to connect the channel to the flood plain. Now they are

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removing geo forms within the enclosure. There have been willow and poplar trees planted.

Horse Canyon Seeps. The fence enclosure is completed. The spring project is complete.

Bregar Spring has finished the NEPA. They put the funding in so they can do the fencing either this fall or next fall.

Thinman Springs: Fence was completed last fall. Future plans include off-site water for next year.

Chester Lyons Riparian Restoration Project (Update): They are still working on the NEPA.

Sage Hen Springs Riparian Restoration Project This is a 100-acre fence enclosure. They will pipe water from the spring to a trough outside the enclosure. The riparian habitat has juniper and a Phase 1 juniper reduction. There will be native seed raked in. The goal is to have it fenced in next fall.

Forestry and Fuels

Mosquito Lake had juniper reduction projects. They just got funding. It will most likely start next year.

Bull Creek just south of Cedarville, California in the Hayes range has contractors reducing juniper to permit drainage.

Range and Horse Burro

Coppersmith-Buckhorn-Carter Reservoir Gather is complete but they have been told to wait until after the auction to give any public comments.

Recreation

Wall Canyon Reservoir Campground Enhancement project. The NEPA was completed this past summer. First steps are to put in vault toilets and a protective fence.

Realty and Mining:

County road 18 right-of-way. There will be a quarter mile right-of-way from County road 18 from federal owned lands to private land. They are working on the NEPA this fall.

Mr. Simmons asked about where the sage grouse flights will be. She said she will find out for sure, but feels it is mostly on the Nevada side along the state line.

Mr. Burdette asked about the juniper and is it so thick that it needs to be cut. Ms.

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Rovanpera replied that it depends on the area. The sage grouse restoration is designated into phases based on density. Phase 1 is least dense-a few trees per acre. Phase 2 is where there are so many trees they are close to choking out the understory underneath. Phase 3 is there the trees are so dense they choke out the understory. If there is a fire, nothing is left but cheatgrass. They focus on Phases 1 and 2. What they get afterward usually comes back better. If they cut back in Phase 3 they just get cheatgrass. It is cheaper and works better for the sage grouse. In the actually juniper woodland or oak stands, they do treatment for the health of the woodlands to just thin it out. They target Phase 1 and Phase 2.

Ms. Crane asked of sage grouse was still endangered species. Ms. Rovanpera explained they were never listed. The agreement was they would work to get their numbers up. They are one of the special species and might be "threatened". That is because of the government wanting them to get the numbers up. The numbers were up this year. Mr. Simmons said that it appears they are up around the Lake.

Mr. Simmons said that they have a big problem with reed canarygrass. He asked if they are seeing an issue in their systems. She said it was an issue in Surprise Valley. She sees a problem with Scotch thistle. They had a discussion about other bad and good plants.

She asked about the fish and Mr. Simmons said they are on track for this year. It is stable.

Ms. Rovanpera left the meeting.

Mr. Simmons gave thanks to Ms. Pielop for doing a great job getting all the numbers together to keep the boat running. She was very helpful for NRD to get their BIA reports out. They got their BIA narratives and final reports out on time on October 15, 2024. Thanks again to Ms. Pielop.

Finance Report by Jenn Pielop

The past out the 2025 Budget. Ms. Pielop explained the budget and the budget figures and they were calculated. Naveed fixed it out and made it nice and neat. He did the formatting and she got the numbers.

There was a discussion on the budget of Enrollment explaining how to bring it back to budget over the next three years. There was a discussion on the reason for the problems and what the solution should be. Mr. Burdette would like to investigate trying to find money.

Mrs. New Moon said they will have to tighten up things to be able to stay in the budget.

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Ms. Crane said they should have the new Finance Director go through the budget. Ms. Pielop said that he did look through it already.

It was suggested to have separate budget meeting for CTGP and have Naveed attend.

Higher Education: After going through all the numbers, after paying Ramah back, Higher Education as \$9,530.85

Ramah: Ms. Pielop went through all the numbers. It had not been updated in MIP. Ms. Pielop has corrected the numbers, updated MIP and put the proper money back into Ramah.

More funds came in that are not posted yet. She is still going through the numbers. The previous Finance Director said he closed some grants, but he did not. He did pull down fund on grant 149-nothing is spent.

There are Grants that still needs to go on the financial sheets. Naveed is doing some of these. They are getting the numbers correct and posted properly.

Mrs. New Moon introduced resolutions;

The first Resolution is for the CTGP budget as written by Mrs. Lone Eagle. Resolution SL-58-2024 To Recontract for Consolidated Tribal Grant Program (CTGP) PL-93638 for FY2025. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent parts of the resolution. Mrs. Lone Eagle wants to approve current budget and submit for the \$199K and see. If BIA has issues, they can send it back.

Mr. Burdette questions submitting it knowing that it probably will not be approved. He asked questions about how to get grants to give money for things like travel instead of using CTGP funds. There was discussion on how NRD does try to put such things in their grant budgets. There was further discussion.

It was decided to add the CTGP budget discussion to the November 6, 2024 ARPA Special meeting at 11:00 am. Finance should be at this meeting.

MOTION: Cherice Trejo moves to table Resolution SL-58-2024 To Recontract for Consolidated Tribal Grant Program (CTGP) PL-93638 for FY2025 until November 6, 2024 Special meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carries at 2:25 pm.

Mrs. New Moon introduced Resolution SL-59-2024 For the Recontract for Higher Education Fund FY2025 PL-39638 BIA Funding. Mrs. Lone Eagle is asking for the amount of \$18,700. Mrs. New Moon read the pertinent parts of the resolution.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo move to accept and approve Resolution SL-59-2024 For the Recontract for Higher Education Fund FY2025 PL-39638 BIA Funding with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-59-2024 enacted at 2:28 pm.

Mrs. New Moon introduced Resolution SL-65-24 Accepting the Application for Enrollment of a Minor as a Summit Lake Tribal Member.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo move to accept and approve Resolution SL-65-2024 Accepting the Application for Enrollment of a Minor as a Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Member with the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-65-2024 enacted at 2:32 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to add the Pantry Lead Christina Lomaintewa to the Agenda. Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:33 pm.

Pantry Report—Christina Lomaintewa

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They picked up at Catholic Charities on September 19, October 3 and October 17, 2024.

They went shopping at Smiths on September 23, 2024 for \$572.30 and Walmart on September 23, 2024 for \$320.26, \$428.34 and \$443.19. Their grant money had not come in so they have not shopped in October. While they were shopping at Walmart a lady had asked what they were shopping for, she told her the tribe has a food pantry, and they shop for the members. She said thank you for doing that, and she asked if she could donate money. Ms. Lomaintewa said yes and got her name and address so they can send a thank you letter. She apologized because she does not carry cash but donated the \$10 dollars she had on her. She thanked her and said it can help a lot. Ms. Lomaintewa told the Chairwoman that she had a cash donation, and she said to tell Ms. Pielop. Ms. Pielop and Mrs. New Moon decided to apply the money for the next shopping trip, then swipe the credit card. They are asked a lot by shoppers if we are having a party or catering.

September 25 2024 they set up the Gratitude Board. Thank you, Ms. Trejo, for crafting it. There are a lot of nice things said from the membership. Some of the comments were

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that they are thankful for their family, health, courteous professional staff, food delivery because they cannot go to the store, food, hospitality, great people, amazing help from the staff, all that SPLT does for us, Ms. DeBord and Ms. Lomaintewa are working hard picking up and distributing food, her kid's snacks, learning new stuff, her tootsie pop. She submitted her report to the Nevada Indian Commission (NIC) for the SLPT sub-grant on October 2, 2024

Ordered the Dutch door from Home Depot and it will be here next month. It will come unfinished. Her husband said he will stain it and put it up for them.

September 2, 2024, they started a recipe book for the tribal members, one of them requested some recipes. It contains crock pot meals, easy dinners, desserts and bread.

Native Organizers Alliance are here for voting registration on October 2, 2024 and October 10, 2024.

They started a coupon box, they clip coupons and put them in there for the membership to take what they want.

They put up Halloween decorations in the waiting area.
The last four weeks we served 65 families and 8 deliveries.

Mr. Burdette visited the Pantry and said it was good. He thanked Ms. Lomaintewa for the pantry staff's hard work.

Ms. Lomaintewa asked how far can they deliver food. There are a couple of people that need delivery. Mrs. New Moon said that there was no mileage limit set.

Ms. Lomaintewa and Ms. DeBord are only working together three hours 11:00 am to 2:00 pm a day. If the lone person needs to go out, they can put a note on the door.

Mr. Simmons said the Pantry is working so well now. They have done a good job. It is partly due to the people.

Ms. Lomaintewa said everyone has been so thankful.

Mr. Burdette said that things are more structured and organized.

There were discussions of a few problem people and possible ways to handle them.

Ms. Lomaintewa likes meeting and getting to know the membership.

When Ms. Pielop submits the new budget, she will try to pack it a little differently to try

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and get more money for food. She is submitting early so the funds come in on time. Catholic Charities may have some turkeys and hams for Thanksgiving.

Mr. Simmons that one of former staff members, Madison Hutchinson, is in graduate school. She will be back on break and asked if there was extra work around the office while she is home on break. If you need extra help or want to take time off or something like that, maybe she can be your person to help out in some way. She would be back the beginning of December to mid- January. She might be willing to volunteer. Ms. Pielop said to let her know if they want to do it and give her the hours and she will submit it as extra help during Christmas Time when she does the budget.

Ms. Lomaintewa would like a liability form for volunteer/part time helpers. She will need a volunteer on the next big shopping trip to help.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Simmons was looking at a water tank and solar panel system to pipe lake water to a tank on the southern side of the lake. The team was thinking of moving the tank and solar panel to the west side near the field station. Mr. Burdette had advised the staff, Keane Flynn, to ask the Council.

Mr. Simmon feels the intent of the system on the southside was water wildlife. Since he has been with SLPT, he has not seen it be used. The idea was, since it is not being used, they could take the solar panel for the SOARR project for the observation system on the Reservation and the watershed. Then they could take the tank and move it over to the eastside, where there is already a tank, and use it for water storage for fires. That would mean a source of water for fires on the eastside and they have four tanks on the northwest side that are filled every year in case of fire. They would have two sites for fire suppression. Neither Mr. Simmons nor Mr. Burdette know when the tank was installed. Mr. Burdette liked the idea as it would better facility water delivery for fire suppression. Mr. Simmons will do some research on when and why the equipment was used. He will get back to the Council at the next meeting.

Earlier in the week he sent out a draft of the article being written for Fish and Wildlife to be used in their publications for work being done around the springs. He sent it to Mrs. Lone Eagle who had no issues with it. She said to have the Council review it to see if there is any feedback or issues with it. If not he can let US Fish and Wildlife move forward with publication. If there is any feedback or concerns. No one seems to have any.

Mr. Burdette asked if there had been any rehabilitation signs on the springs. The fences are a year or less old. They have not seen any changes yet, but with the cameras they have seen no horses or cattle within the springs. It is hard to tell the effects of the

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fences because of other variables like the recent horse round-ups and better communication with Soldiers Meadow and BLM. The overall effect is they are seeing less cattle and horses in the springs although there is lot of other wildlife use them, even new ones like the little ermine. It seems that the springs have less water. It could be more grass and planets are using the water. They will need to wait and see.

There was a lake study and the data found the lake water is dropping due to evaporation.

MINUTES:

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Wednesday, September 18 2024 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 3:12 pm.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Tuesday, September 3 2024 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 3:13 pm.

MEETINGS:

- Special Council Meeting, Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at the Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Council Chambers, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 11:00 am.
- Regular Council Meeting, Wednesday, November 13, 2024 at the Primary Administration Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Council Chambers, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.

MOTION: Council Member Cherice Trejo Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Scott Cory Burdette seconded the motion. Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Philip Frank, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the October 19, 2024 General Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting November 13, 2024 at which there

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was a quorum present, and the Council voted: 4 - **FOR** 0 **AGAINST**
0 **ABSTAINED**. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

NOV. 13 2024
Date

Philip Frank
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Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Tribal Council

