

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Sunday, March 19, 2017
Staybridge Suites, Rocklin, California

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the Special Meeting of Sunday, March 19, 2017 at the Staybridge Suites in Rocklin, California at 12:45 PM.

ROLL CALL: Chairwoman Page Linton called the roll. Chairwoman Page Linton, present; Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; Council Member Jerry Barr, present; and Council Member Thalia Dick

Guests: Tribal Member Warner Barlese, Geraldine Abel

Ramah Settlement

Chairwoman Page Linton opened the floor to any comments or suggestion regarding the Ramah Settlement.

Mr. Barlese wondered what information was sent out to the Tribal members notifying them of this meeting.

Ms. Linton said it was on the website.

Mr. Barlese said many members do not look at the website. He suggested the Council mail the information. He says he has asked to receive the agendas and minutes by mail but has not received them. The last thing he received was the newsletter. He did not know about the meeting on the previous day, but did learn of this one.

He said it is his experience from his time on previous Councils, that asking people to come to meetings is a waste of time. He knows that the current Council is trying reach out to Tribal members, but you can't reach them if you do not send the information. He feels these meeting are a waste of resources-Who is paying for this meeting? Ms. DeSoto-Emm stated CTGP.

He said he only found out about the meeting from a phone call and doubts that anyone else knew about it. He feels the Council needs to send out the information and not rely on the website.

He does not know what kind of input the Council has received on the Ramah Settlement because he has not been sent anything.

Ms. DeSoto explained that the word started circulating that there would be money coming into the Tribe. Phone calls started to come in asking about it. The Council sent out a questionnaire. She asked Mr. Barlese if this is what he received.

He said he did not receive the questionnaire. He only received the newsletter.

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Although not sure of the amount of questionnaires returned, the members responded that they would like money paid out to the members, and from people who talked to Ms. DeSoto-Emm, they felt the same.

Mr. Barlese stated that he knows some of the Tribes, like Bidwell, have already dispensed the money to members over 21. He asked what the Council decided to do. What about the children and a trust? How much would the children receive? Has the Council made a decision or are they just gathering information.

Ms. DeSoto-Emm said the Council is still getting information. They discussed what to do about the children the day before and whether to give it to the children in care of the parents or to put the money in a trust.

Mr. Barlese pointed out that a trust is a trust and bears interest so that the amount given to the children should be limited. He also asked about Tribal members and having the enrollment straight.

Ms. Linton stated she was still working on that.

He questioned that the proper procedure was taken for enrolling members especially ones he felt might be ineligible based on the last name.

Ms. Abel stated that she did go through due process and brought up her lineage through her mother's family.

Mr. Barlese brought up the EPA and felt it had nothing to do with this money. Ms. Linton stated that the Tribe was forgiven for a smaller debt, but that they were still waiting for a decision on the larger debt. She would be trying to get an update on the status.

Mr. Barlese said they should be pulling up documents to show the EPA. Ms. DeSoto-Emm stated that has already been done; there are no more documents to send the EPA.

Ms. Linton said they were here to discuss the Ramah Settlement and only have the room until 2 pm.

Mr. Barlese asked about HUD and the plan for the Reservation with public safety and roads.

Ms. DeSoto-Emm said there needs to be a road that is accessible.

Mr. Barlese asked if they had thought of those things.

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It was established that the Council had thought of the plan and that the HUD plan would be brought up again at a later date.

Mr. Barlese asked for what stipulations are on the Ramah Settlement. It was stated there were none. He stated he felt the Council was wasting resources and time and should just dish out the money.

The Chairwoman told him that the reason they were having these meetings was to go to the members for input. She was not just going to make decisions without the Tribal members input. It is not wasting time and resources.

Mr. Barlese still argued that the meetings were a waste of time, that he did not get any information, and that the Council sometimes did not follow procedures regarding meeting.

His opinion about the Ramah Settlement is to stop wasting time and send out the money.

Mr. Barr asked for Mr. Barlese his opinion on giving money to the child members. Mr. Barlese wants the money put in trust.

He will send his notes and questions to the Council by mail. He also will request a copy of the recording of a specific meeting

Mr. Warner Barlese left the meeting.

The Council discussed that they felt the meeting to talk to the members about the Ramah Settlement was worth the time and money.

It was determined to review the Nez-Perce resolution to edit the Ramah resolution. They will need to get a hard copy from the office so it will be tabled for today.

Ms. Linton discussed a form for young Tribal members. She stated that there are just a handful of members under 18. Using the Summit Lake letterhead, they can put all the information from the form on the letterhead. It tells them what to do and it will be attached to the resolution with the other forms. There is a letter explaining the disbursement of the settlement upon completing and returning the attached form and with verification of enrollment.

Ms. Linton will ask Ms. Quinn's opinion as Financial Director on which is better the W9 or W2.

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The Council voted that the tribal members 18 and younger should get the full amount but put in trust until they turn 18. Ms. Linton will ask Ms. Quinn to research best ideas for how to do a trust.

Next coming Sunday will be a tentative meeting in Sparks at 10:00 am.

Ms. Linton will work on the resolution and email it to the Council to review.

When asked, the money will be disbursed to the members with minors' money going in trust. Hopefully checks will be sent out at the end of April.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr moved for an adjournment. Council Member Thalia Dick seconded the motion. Chairwoman Page Linton called the vote. 4 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the March 19, 2017, Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 15, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted: **4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 1 -ABSTAINING**, Chairwoman Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

04/19/2017
Date

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