CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, April 2, 2020 to order at 5:51 pm.

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

STAFF: Natural Resources Director, Rachael Youmans and Finance Director, Linda Quinn

This is a meeting to discuss the Covid updates and issues. Governor Sisolak has extended the 30-day state-at-home order. Over the past week Ms. Lone Eagle spoke with Ms. Crane regarding updates from agencies such as BIA, HHS, ITCN, and everyone else who associates with the Tribe. She had a Member reach out to her regarding how they can help or how the Tribe can help them.

Necessities and Essentials
She has been posting on her personal page with updates from other Tribal Chairs or whether they are assisting with produce, foods and such. Bonanza Produce is handing out produce. It is basically a shopping list that the Tribal member either gets a store credit or pays for it. There is a deadline for this. There is another lady out in the public assisting the Tribes in regards to finding out what the elders needs and helping them go through this crisis.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked if the Council feels that SLPT should write resolutions, MOEs or MOUs to support these things. They should also be aware that there is also funding out there and available. It is just having the staff on hand to coordinate and to write the proposals and grants requesting assistance at this time.

Ms. Crane reported that on Tuesday, March 31, 2020 she was part of a conference call with Senator Catherine Masto and Jacky Rosen discussing the ongoing public health crisis and economic impacts of the Corona virus in Nevada. There’s $64 billion set aside for Indian Countries. They just need to find out how to go about writing a grant or how to help for this. SLPT is not on a commodities rotation. There are food banks. Chairman Torres talked about how to get the necessities to the Tribal members in remote areas. The Indian Health Clinics do not even have testing kits. Stacy Montooth was also on the conference call. She is a source from the Indian Commission. There are contacts on the website.

Mr. Frank heard that testing kits were being sent to all the rural areas and Indian clinics. The process is to go to your primary doctor first so that the doctor can request the testing.
ITCN is having teleconferences basically every Friday from May 3, 2020 until May 15, 2020 at 11:00 am regarding Covid issues.

Due to Governor Sisolak’s order stay-at-home order, the Council discussed how it relates to the staff. Ms. Youmans referred to her plan of operations and the pandemic response and teleworking policies approved at the March 21, 2020 Council meeting. She will continue to have her staff work through telework and she does not plan to travel to the Reservation for work through April 30, 2020. This decision is based on guidance from the State and the CDC precautions especially the six-foot distance rule. Although there is a lot of work that normally would be done on the Reservation now, the health and safety of the employees is the top priority. There are things the staff can still do through teleworking. Ms. Youmans would like the advice and approval of the Council to proceed. There are seven employees in the Natural Resources Department. There was a discussion with the Council and they approved of the plan to telework as long as they had work to do.

Ms. Quinn discussed information from the National Association of Employers. They are saying there are two ways the employees can use sick leave or emergency family leave. It would need to be documented. Leave based on the quarantine order for self-quarantine, if they have a governmental entity or health care professional telling them that they must be quarantined and are unable to work, will be paid sick leave. A viable leave request can be due to school closures with no available childcare provider. There is documentation required.

Ms. Quinn attended two hours of the April 2, 2020 BIA teleconference. They were discussing the money that will be received for the Covid response. They are obligated to determine the distribution formula and then distribute the money within 30 days. They have the funding and need to get it out to all the tribes. BIA was directly given $453 million that they plan to disperse to every tribe based on the tribal priority allocations. In addition, they discussed what stipulations they would put on receiving the funds. There were many issues and options discussed but that the requests should be reasonable and necessary.

Ms. Lone Eagle discussed drafting a letter requesting assistance. She was contacted by Patricia Ackerman who is heading an effort to provide assistance to the Tribes during the health crisis. She stated that she had received an email from a Tribal member who was in need of fresh food and paper products. She said to let her know if the Tribe needed assistance and that her group would do their best to help.

First is to determine what are the needs of the Tribe. Ms. Lone Eagle would think that the basic essentials such as paper products, water, hygiene products, sugar, flour, rice, and potatoes, sanitizers. Then how does the Council distribute them, delivery would probably be best.
Ms. Youmans said that most grants are for emergency response type of things.

Ms. Quinn will draft a letter to Ms. Ackerman with a list of requested foods, paper products, and sanitizing products.

There was a discussion about ordering t-shirts with either Summit Lake or Paiute printed on them. It was decided to put the information on the website and have those interested, order them.

In regards to the Administrative Staff, see if the staff can telework from home through the end of April. Ms. Quinn suggests assigning staff a specific day to come in so there is only one person in the office at the time. Ms. Quinn and Kristin would work Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Ms. New Moon and Mr. Crawford can coordinate which day they would prefer to work – Wednesday or Thursday if they want to work in the office. This will be in effect through April 30, 2020.

There will be an audit done through the computer portal. Ms. Quinn will upload the requested files.

Ms. Youmans is working on the grant application with the Bureau of Reclamation. One of the tasks proposed was upgrades to the living facilities but it will not be allowed. However, she has been looking at things and the NFWF Fund 122 these upgrades would be approved activities. There is $100,000 for fencing and geomorphic restoration in lower Mahogany Creek projects in this fund which could be funded by the BOR grant instead. She would like to swap projects. She proposes to put these projects into the BOR grant and put the upgrades to living facilities into Fund 122.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to call a vote to approve moving the BOR grant project for upgrades to living facilities to Fund 122 and moving the fencing and geomorphic restoration projects from Fund 122 to the BOR grant. Secretary/Treasure Eugene Mace seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried 7:16 pm.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for five minutes for Personnel. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 7:17 pm.

The Council returned from Executive Session at 7:22 pm. The next meeting will be via Zoom on Saturday, April 18, 2020.
Ms. Lone Eagle has requested her name be changed at the US Bank so that she can sign checks.

Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 10:00 am a meeting has been set-up with the Real Estate agent to see the Wild Creek building. Ms. Crane, Mr. Mace and Mr. Frank will be there.

Ms. Crane will listen to the ITCN meeting on April 3, 2020 at 10:00 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, _Eugene Mace, Sr._, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the April 2, 2020 Special Council Meeting with correction were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 18, 2020 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

_4_ - FOR _0_ - AGAINST _0_ - ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

4/20/2020
Date

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