

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Wednesday, February 12, 2025  
Council Chambers, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Wednesday, February 12, 2025 to order at 8:18 am.

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

**STAFF:** James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Christina Lomaintewa, Pantry Coordinator; Naveed Frank, Finance Director; and Larry Curley, Grant Writer: Jason Piasecki and Audrey Dufresne, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Natural Resources Department.

**Guests:** Tribal Member Dina Gonzalez; Jim Lorenzo, Collective Strategies

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the December 4, 2024 Special Council meeting with the waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:20 am

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the January 15, 2025 Regular Council meeting with the waiving of the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 8:21 am

**COUNCIL REPORTS**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** reported that Mr. Burdette was absent but send a report. She read his email. He had nothing to report to the Council except on February 17, 2025, he will be meeting with a heavy equipment retired mechanic out on the Reservation so he can assess the heavy equipment. He is looking forward to catching-up with the Chairwoman later in the week.

**Chairwoman's report from to January 16, 2025 to February 11, 2025**

Interviews were being held from the end of January until the week of February 3, 2025. Both the position for the Finance Clerk and the Pantry Worker have been filled. There is no start date for the Pantry Worker yet. The Finance Clerk stated Monday, February 10, 2025.

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She attended a Tribal Leaders' Round Table via Zoom. She also attended the Tribal Leaders Summit at UNR. There was a lot of information and updates. Governor Lombardo, the Winnemucca Chairman, Te-Moak's new Council, and a few other newly elected individuals attended.

She took care of daily emails. She drafted the new hire letter. The only thing she is waiting for is the definite start date to send to the new Pantry Worker. Mrs. New Moon asked if she should remove the Pantry Worker position off the website and the Chairwoman said yes.

She received an ICWA letter on February 7, 2025.

She attended an event at Star Village for the Native Voters Alliance for the upcoming Legislative Session. It was very informational. She knows they had the Native Legislative Day February 11, 2025. She messaged Stacy Montooth to say she was unable to attend.

NCI's Executive Board meeting was on January 16, 2025 and had another meeting to go over some additional topics and things coming out and coming up.

The Council had a meeting with Chief Wayne Hubanks with the BIA. He also services Yomba as well as Winnemucca, and Ft. McDermitt. The meeting was on how to continue his working relationship with SLPT. He asked if they had any issues or concerns which need to be addressed. They did talk about the theft that is happening at the Sparks location vs on the Reservation, and how to strength their security and lighting and those types of things to prevent those things from happening.

On January 21, 2025 she had a meeting with Jim Lorenzo of Collective Strategies. He will join the meeting via Zoom if he cannot make it over the mountain. This is regarding what the Council called a forensic audit. He does not call it that. He will review what SLPT has and see if he can or cannot help. He will let them know what to do for a "clean-up". It is probably past financials which were not done. It was a great meeting. Mr. N. Frank also attended.

Nevada Department of Native Affairs has a meeting in regards to SLPT's ARPA and reporting and documentation and could not stress it enough. They need to be done every month and SLPT needs to spend, spend, spend. She is tired of hearing it. She also talked to Stacy Montooth at a meeting at UNR. She asked her, since her staff keeps on telling SLPT to spend, can they get all the money all in one lump deposit sum so they can spend it. They will report to them as they are asking. Things are getting ridiculous and out-of-hand. SLPT is still waiting for the second and third request of funds for the pantry. She had no other updates.

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She signed purchase orders. There was another ICWA letter for two children who were non-affiliated.

She attended the Nevada Resilience Advisory Committee meeting and the ITCN Executive Board meeting. They went over the Executive Orders that had come out from President Trump between those dates, the confusion and cluster, and people running around trying to figure out:

- what they needed to do.
- What programs were open,
- what programs they had access to,
- what money they could draw down,
- were they closing doors,
- were they terminating people
- Laying off people-what would that look like

SLPT had a meeting internally with staff. She had all her directors in her office at once to consider what to do, what is going to happen. She drew down whatever money she could draw down. As of February 10, 2025 all the money they could draw down has been drawn down. There is no new money with the Bureau of Indian Affairs that she is aware of.

She knew the SLPT Awarding Official's last day was the previous week. Mrs. Lone Eagle was unable to send her anything. Hopefully, she can get the contact information so she can keep in touch with her.

There was a meeting with the Nevada Clean Energy Fund (NECF) with Tashina Jim, Tribal Program Manager and Greg Zegas, Managing Director of Investments. They are a non-profit created by the state. They have a consortium through a third party. They are working with Walker River and will be working with Pyramid Lake and the Washoe Tribe. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if it would be easier for the Tribes to join together in the consortium rather than the tribes doing these projects and things separately. They said it was something they could look into. After the meeting they sent her a PowerPoint. She can send it out to the Council to have them think about it and let her know. They are more than welcome to come back and do a presentation to the Council if they wish.

There was another meeting with the United States Forestry Service (USFS) Capitol Christmas Tree thing which is happening. It is Nevada's turn to get a Christmas Tree and send it to Washington D.C. There is a lot that goes into that and the timeline is moving quickly in order to make sure the tree arrives in Washington D.C. on time. She listened in until she joined the other meeting.

She also had a meeting with Keesha who is someone SLPT worked with in Robert Half and another special meeting where she filled everyone in on what was happening with

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the everything, Executive Orders and financials. After that there were additional interviews and that is when they made their final selections for Finance Clerk and Pantry Worker.

This is all for her report.

She did not get a definite yes or no, so they will see what she says about the requesting all of the remaining ARPA funding. Mr. N. Frank can show them from the last report which he has submitted and what SLPT actually has receipts for funds utilized out of the \$714,000 which is nowhere near that amount.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended Finance Clerk interviews on January 16, 2025 and also January 31, 2025.

On January 17, 2025 she attended ‘Coffee with a Cop’ with Chief Hubanks and his detective. Mr. Hubanks is the current Chief with the BIA.

On January 30, 2025 she attended the special staff meeting.

Thursday, February 6, 2025 there were interviews for the Food Pantry Worker position. Dawn Barlese was hired. They also selected Tanya for the Finance Clerk position.

She was available to sign checks.

There is an upcoming meeting with NRD and the Bureau of Reclamation on February 21, 2025.

**Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank** went to the special meeting on January 30, 2025 and attended Finance Clerk interviews on January 31, 2025.

**Council Member Cherice Trejo** attended Finance Clerk interviews on January 16, 2025, January 31, 2025 and February 6, 2025 for both the Finance Clerk and Pantry Worker positions.

On January 17, 2025 she attended ‘Coffee with a Cop’ with Chief Hubanks and his detective.

On January 30, 2025 she attended the special staff meeting.

She signed checks.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to make an Agenda Change to move the Natural Resources report until after Finance. Secretary/Treasurer Philp Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman**

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**Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.  
Motion carried at 8:25 am.**

**Grant Writer Report—Larry Curley**

This report covers activities since the last Tribal Council meeting on December 18, 2024. The activities include a review of existing foundations, federal funding opportunities and charitable organizations. This report is also intended to provide a comprehensive ongoing status updates on grants submitted or planned to be submitted by the Grant Writer to ensure that Tribal Council is aware of the status of these efforts.

In submitted a proposal for a grant, it required naming a Project Director so Mr. Curley listed his name as a temporary Project Director.

1. **ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS (ANA).** Language Preservation Grant.(Jointly developed with The Language Conservation).  
A. NOT FUNDED.
2. **NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.** Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Language, Culture, History Preservation.  
A. FUNDED. \$ 99,623.00
3. **FIRST NATIONS DEVELOPMENT INSTITUE.** Language, Culture and Future Leaders Mentoring. A part-time (16 hours per week) coordinator is included grant proposal.  
A. FUNDED. \$60,000.
4. **PAUL NEWMAN FOUNDATION.** Food Sovereignty, Traditional Foods  
A. NOT FUNDED.
5. **DEPARTMENT OF LABOR.** Capacity Building. OSHA Training to Tribal Members  
A. Successfully Submitted  
B. NOT FUNDED
6. **SANTA FE TOBACCO FOUNDATION.** Arts and Culture, Youth Focused  
A. Re-Submitting.
7. **STATE & LOCAL CYBERSECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SLGOP)**  
A. Action Pending
8. **NCAI MINI-GRANTS**  
These are small grants from the NCAI FOUNDATION. No response from NCAI.  
A. No Action Taken.
9. **INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM & LIBRARY SERVICES.\*\***  
This is a two-year grant for the preservation of historical information and documents. Project envisions the creation of a tribal repository that will secure documents and artifacts of significance to Summit Lake Tribe. When funded, the

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project begins July 1, 2025. **Amount Requested: \$250,000**

A. Submitted.

B. Action Pending-Still Waiting

**10. TRIBAL HERITAGE GRANTS (HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND)\*\*\***

Grant is for a two-year period and currently drafting proposal based on program requirements. **DUE DATE:** February 27, 2025. **Amount to be Requested: \$150,000**

**11. NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE ARTS**

Program will fund Sustaining Cultural Heritage Collections. Program has three funding levels for Planning, Implementation I, and Implementation II. Total funding combined is \$500,000 for a two-year period. Grant writer reviewed requirements and determined requirements are not attainable. **DUE DATE:** January 10, 2025.

A. No Action Taken.

**12. Repatriation Grants.** Grant Writer reviewed grant requirements and determined tribe not eligible due to tribe not having a repatriation office. **DUE DATE:** May 5, 2025.

A. No Action Taken.

**13. WELLS FARGO TRIBAL INITIATIVE GRANTS\*\*\***

Contacted WELLS FARGO GRANTS program for indigenous population. The initiative will reopen for receipt of applications in February 2025. Grant Writer will be submitting a proposal on behalf of the tribe that include Capacity Building. Amount to be requested: **\$400,000.**

A. Pending

**FUTURE GRANT OPPORTUNITIES**

**14. SANTA FE TOBACCO FOUNDATION. \*\*\***

Arts and Culture, Youth Focused.

A. Re-Submitting. Revising and updating application.

**15. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). \*\*\***

This grant is to develop tribally-oriented suicide and substance prevention programs. Program requirements have been posted but no related documents are posted.

**DUE DATE:** No Date Given.

**16. Department of Transportation, Rural and Tribal Assistance Pilot Program NOFO.\*\*\***

Grant Writer would like to work with Mr. Simmons on seeing if they can do something with the road at the Lake. He is currently reviewing program requirements. The funds being awarded are for Eligible project sponsors may receive grant funds to select advisors to assist with pre-development-phase activities, including: feasibility studies, project planning, preliminary engineering and design work, environmental review, etc.

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**Due Date:** April 3, 2025

He just touched based with the **MacKenzie-Scott Foundation**. She was married to Jeff Bezos. She has something like \$35 billion dollars that she is spending. He will be putting together a proposal or concept paper for her and to see if they can draw down \$500,000.

**Travel Heritage Grant** coming up end of February. This is a two-year grant for which he is requesting \$150,000.

**San Manuel Palms Care** which sounds like an interesting program. He will be requesting \$100,000 on this one which is due shortly after the Travel Heritage Grant.

**Department of Health and Human Services:** They just posted funds that are available for the coming fiscal year for infant, pre-natal home visiting program. The application is due March 17, 2025.

**NOTE: \*\* Grant has been submitted.**  
**\*\*\*Grant in Review or Writing Stage**

Mr. Curley said that between February 12, 2025 and April 2025 will be a busy time for him doing a lot of writing.

Mrs. New Moon said that she had emailed Mr. Curley a grant opportunity from San Manuel Tribe. It can be used for salaries which can offset some of Chairwoman Lone Eagle stipend. Mr. Curley acknowledges the grant and said it was pretty open about what they could apply for. They can do what they want with that particular grant. She said that would help alleviate the need for BIA funds. He thanked her and appreciated her comment.

Mr. Simmons thanked Mr. Curley for bringing up the Transportation Grant and he would be happy to set-up some time to talk to him about it. In particular, we would be interested in getting funding to finish up Long Range Transportation Plan. They are 75% done updating it but have run out of funding. They would like to finish it out.

Mr. Curley commented on what everyone was hearing about the Executive Orders out of Washington D.C., a lot of them are being challenged, a lot have been overturned, a lot have been put on hold. A lot of them are being nullified by the Judicial system. It is interesting and upsetting to a lot of people. He is looking at it optimistically. Many things the administration is doing is unconstitutional and illegal.

**Housing/ARPA Report—Austin New Moon**

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- Fund 110 – ITCN Fire Tablets from Amazon for minor tribal members. Notice mailed out January 3, 2025. Three tablets were ordered and delivered. Currently there is \$1,952.91 remaining. Since Ms. Gonzalez is in attendance she asked her to print a more current list to see if anybody has aged up into this category.
- Fund 155 (HAF): No update
  - She received a call from one of the Treasury Representatives. She explained the issues they are having to her. She stated she would return her call. The representative was not sure how to fix the issue and open up the final report to close it out. Mrs. New Moon has not heard from her. She has tried to call her multiple times.
- Fund 157 – ARPA: Obligations were due December 31, 2024 – SLPT is an annual reporter due to the dollar amount received. Mr. N Frank and Mrs. New Moon will start working on the report for obligation to get that completed by the end of March.
- 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 \$220,000.00 that was allocated to Housing for Emergency Rental, Utility and Cleaning Bundles.
    - Remaining: \$24,712.20 as of February 11, 2025
  - She anticipates this funding to maybe last until June. They have several repeat tribal members that utilize the funding within the first 6 months of the year. She already has two pending applications on her desk awaiting to be finalized.
- Fund 50 – Rehabilitation Update: Have purchased ADA faucets and toilets for his bathroom. Work has begun on the rehab on the home to return it good standards She is awaiting invoices as soon as possible from the general contractor so the payments can be made as the work is completed. She drew down \$100,000 so there is funding available.
- Attended an event Honoring Ms. Thalia Dick, Reynelda James and Ralph Burns. This was an honor for the three fluent Elder Paiute Language teachers within our area. Mrs. New Moon's children were asked to dance. A beautiful mural was painted at Reed High School honoring the three of them. It was nice. There are three or four schools within the district that teach honor classes in the Paiute Language.
- Posted both Finance Clerk and Pantry Worker position descriptions to the website. Continuing to update the website as needed. She added all the dates of the 2025 Council Meetings to the website. She did remove the positions from the website.



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- Sent a Grant Opportunity from the San Manuel Tribe to Larry Curley, Grant Writer, for possible salary coverage for Mrs. Lone Eagle.
- Picked up the Webcam from Judy Martin, Language Assistant – She had it since they did the language classes.
- One Tribal Member has had their Library Laptop stolen. They did not file a police report and wanted to know what they needed to do. She informed them the laptop is still Tribal property and has been checked out to them until the three-year timeframe is up. They would need to file a police report and provide the office with a copy; however, they did not have a replacement policy on these devices and she may end up having to pay for the device if it is within the three-year check out period. The member stated she would file the police report and go from there. Mrs. New Moon has not investigated this with Mrs. New Moon yet to see if the laptop is within or out of the three-year check out period.
- **HAPPY SIX YEARS on February 19, 2025, to Mrs. New Moon!!!**
- Mrs. New Moon has been helping with the mail log and helping Finance out when she can.

Ms. Gonzalez reported that the card printer was working. They can now send requests to her old Tribal email until she gets a new one. Mrs. New Moon said she had sent over a few. She let them know that the best way to get a new picture and signature is to send it to Ms. Gonzalez. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked the staff to ask them for what they need from them and even post what needs to be on the card and how to submit it on the website. If they do not have a current ID or need a signature, it needs to be directed to Enrollment. Mrs. New Moon will update that and put it on the Enrollment website and the front page. Mrs. Lone Eagle said Mrs. Gonzalez drafted something. It just needs to be on letterhead. Ms. Gonzalez will take care of it.

#### **Finance Report-Naveed Frank**

SLPT has a new Finance Clerk., Tanya. She started February 10, 2025. He is training her and so far he is getting some things cleared up. He is building some other format. He is asking IT to give him one of the databases that he really needs until they can figure out if the MIP can give him the raw data. He is also asking that the directors, Housing and the Chairwoman have access to the database. The database is called Microsoft Power BI. It is a Microsoft business intelligence tool. It does not seem to be working. They need to find out if the database was actually purchased. With it he can design reports for Housing and NRD the way they want to see with just one click. He can set up templates.

Ms. Crane asked about the previously mentioned idea of moving the Finance Clerk office. Mr. N. Frank said there was discussion with the Chairwoman. The move will

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happen only if they can hire a front desk person. The Chairwoman said that the Finance Clerk can be moved and the bell can be left there to notify that people are present. They need a position description created and funding must be obtained for that position. Ms. New Moon has been handling the phone calls and directing them. They discussed answering phones. Mrs. New Moon explained the new telephone system that would be put in. It will ring at the front desk four time, then it will go to a directory where the caller could choose the proper extension, and if the extension was not picked up, it would go to individual voicemails where they can leave a message. This system would allow someone who is busy to complete their task and then call the person back.

He thanked everyone for their patience while he gets everything on track.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Mr. N. Frank a question. She was informed at a meeting the previous Tuesday, that in regard to the THPO funding, a report was due in January. Even if they do not spend any of the money, they still must file a report. The money has been deposited, but nothing has been done with it.

Mrs. New Moon had a question for Chairwoman and Mr. N. Frank. In moving the Finance Clerk to the new office, she will need a new desk, etc. She asked how they wanted to deal with all the things like masks, sanitizer and so forth, that are stored in that room. Mrs. Lone Eagle says that a lot of the things have expired. They should toss what is expired. Keep the ones that have no expiration date or a future expiration date. Mrs. Lone Eagle suggested in the kitchen. NRD lost storage space as well with the server room. They will reassess where to put the valid things once the expired things are disposed of. Ms. New Moon will take the lead on this.

The moving date is flexible. Mr. N. Frank can also move to the old SLPT conference room when ready. His current room will be a small conference area mostly used by NRD for meetings.

Mr. N. Frank said that before they move, he would like IT to come in and check all the sockets first. He will not move until after payroll is done. The server is at its capacity so that could be the cause of the slow response. They are in the middle of the changeover of IT.

He said he is training Tanya, Finance Clerk, payroll and AP first. Then when she has hands on these two things, he will go forward with more training.

**Natural Resources Director Report: James Simmons**

**Accomplishments**

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- The weather station is cold at lower Mahogany Creek recording temperatures that ranged from a high of 49 degrees to a low of 1 degree Fahrenheit. The USGS SNOTEL station (located in upper watershed) is trending an average toward snow pack. If this trend continues, this can be a decent snow year.
- Closed NFWF Fund 122. This fund was ten and a half years old, starting in 2014. They finally closed it at the end of January. This was the LCT PVA Grant.
- NFWF Fund 1340 Phase 1 America the Beautiful was closed on time. They were awarded the funds for Phase 2 of America the Beautiful grant.
- All the narrative and financial reports that were due were submitted on time by the end of January thanks to the assistance of Mr. N. Frank.
- They have hired all the seasonal staff for next season. GBI research associates for fisheries and two NRD hires have committed to the long-term positions for sage-grouse and range programs, one returning and one new.

**Discussion Topics:**

Item 5: SL-7-2025: SOARR proposals –He grabbed a resolution number, but even though he has presented this plan to NFWF, he has not received approval yet. **Tabled**

Item 11: Fund 1341 SOARR Project Extension proposal. This is connected to Item 5, SL-07-2025—review of the plan. Mr. Simmons presented a budget for the two phases of the project and its extension which would give them an extra 18 months to finish. For phase 1, the proposal includes three new trucks to put the department in good standing for transportation for up to ten years. The housing plan changed to replacing just the old admin building (Trailer 2) It has black mold and is over 42 years old. Then supporting the main programs/projects like fisheries and, new habitat and climate modules for the LCT PVA model which could be completed by June 30, 2025. If the extension is approved for 18 months, phase II would include continued support for fishery operations, sage-grouse program, develop the herpetology management plans with salary money for staff. This includes insurance for the trucks and the trailer for two years. Doing this will help get through the uncertainty of the next two years and support the main programs and staff. **Tabled**

Item 10: CCS Program Review: Nevada Conservation Credit System as a way to generate revenue for the tribe while conserving Tribal lands. This is an updated, more realistic plan based on the current land use plan. He focused on the southern half of the reservation. He gave the info to the program leads he talked to, and they estimated the following:

Nevada Conservation Credit System

- Market-based system (creditors/ debtors) to conserve sagebrush habitat
- The Tribe qualifies

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- 7000 acres equal ~1576 credits
- 1576 credits X \$2200 ~ \$3.47 million
  - ~ 10-30% financial assurance = \$347,000-1.04 million
  - Supports reviews and NRD management efforts
- \$2.43-3.1 million left
  - Tribe can do anything with this amount
  - Invest
  - Reservation infrastructure (community building, campsites, etc.)
  - Other member benefits/expand programs-food pantry
  - Competitive employee and full benefits including retirement

Requirements:

- 30-year commitment for enrolled acres
  - Tribe decides how much land to enroll
  - Mechanism to transition between Councils
- Land kept same or improved (uplist credits)
- \$50,000-\$100,000 upfront cost
  - SLPT small business loan program
  - SOARR
  - 9 months – one year process
  - Start now but would not finish until next fall
- Annual monitoring/reporting and 5/15-year reporting
  - Financial assurance set aside covers this cost
- Only get money when credits sell
  - May have staggered portfolio of credit sales
  - Should be good demand for credits in near term

If the Council decides to go with the program, they need to apply by February 2026. They will need to do a land survey. The process would take a six-to-nine-month window. Then credits are assigned and can be purchased by debtors in the program.

Ms. Crane asked how this all works and why would people want buy credits. Mr. Simmons explained how the system works. This is a state stand-alone program.

Mrs. Lone Eagle wondered that having credits bought is guaranteed. Mr. Simmons said no it is not, but based on the past, there is a pretty good demand for credits. Nothing is guaranteed. The only loss would be if there is no one wants to buy credits is the \$50,000-\$100,000 up front for the land survey. The only other tribe they talked to about the program was Pyramid Lake. There may be a way to cover the upfront costs.

**Presentation:** Jim Lorenzo of Collective Strategies

He talked to the Chairwoman and Mr. N. Frank a couple of weeks previously. He was in

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Sacramento, California and came to introduce himself and Collective Strategies and what they do in the accounting and finance world. For the previous conversation, he will tell them where they think they can help SLPT and the next steps. He said to ask any questions along the way.

He founded the business 20 years ago. They focus primarily on Native American Tribal government accounting. They started the business helping tribes, some of which are in the northern Nevada area, catch-up on backlogs of work, delinquencies, sanctions, bad audits, audit findings, and the "hangover" from COVID money. They try to find out where all the money got spent, and why there are some deferred revenue issues.

The company focus was initially to help tribes catch up from getting behind and the goal is to hand it back to tribal accounting staff. The staff is busy getting the bills paid, getting the checks out, getting payroll done and doing the required reporting. When they get behind they may not have the bandwidth or experience in how to catch up.

Once they get everything caught up, they can also assist to help fill in the gaps. He talked about the type of accounting tasks that they can assist with including preparing for audit. They have also worked with Mr. Carslaw previously. They have worked with the auditors.

They found a need in some tribes to do payroll and accounts payable. This can be done remotely. This can help with compliance processes. They grew into being able to help tribes backfill where skills are needed for accounting work. He can advise in financial issues.

When he was contacted, he was asked about a forensic exercise. First, he asked why and talked to Mr. N. Frank and the Chairwoman. There is an NDA. His conclusion was, the finances fell behind. His concern is this and for how long, which is three or four years. Not all the information is available. He would like to know more. In the finance world the word "forensic" in terms of an audit mean there is a concern of fraud. He wants to make it clear their company does not do forensic audits. There are special firms that do that.

He said you only go into a forensic audit once. It is not a pretty thing. Forensic audits always finds more than anybody wanted, and usually it is not good. This is why he asks the question. If they do want a forensic audit, he can recommend someone. He needs to know if they are concerned about fraud financial activity or fraud just programmatic and misrepresenting things. That would be two different disciplines.

They dug in a little bit and it seems to him to be more about catching up, meaning Tribal Council may not have had clear information over the past few years, sensed that they could not get caught up and could not get straight answers. Usually, it is that the person

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is just underwater and cannot get caught up. This is his understanding of what the Council is needing; the bandwidth catching up of things that are needed to prepare for audit and for closing grants and indirect cost proposal is coming up.

He explained the make-up of the personnel in his company and the types of work they do. There are 19 people.

It is his recommendation for the Council to grant him permission to visit with Mr. N. Frank and get a copy of the MIP database. They have worked with MIP. They started the business implementing and training MIP. He would like the Council to grant him the opportunity to talk to Mr. N. Frank, look at the MIP database, and look at the structure of the tribal accounts. Usually, they can tell where in the timeline things started to get crazy from the transactions they way they are, and look at the audits. Then they can have general discussions and form an opinion on what may be necessary, what areas that may needed be to caught up and provide recommendations with a proposal with the costs of the services. They try not to charge by the hour. They know approximately how many hours each task takes. They like the idea of knowing there is a fixed amount for the owner coming in and that the tribal client knows how much it will cost every month. They would not need to worry about Mr. N. Frank being on the phone for an hour. The hours used all even out if it is a six-month to 12-month agreement.

The Council can expect a list of recommendations that would get them caught up. If during the assessment process it is the opinion that Mr. N. Frank might need extra bandwidth, they would recommend ongoing how to help out.

He asked for questions. There was none at this point.

He would like to start a conversation remotely with Mr. N. Frank next week. If the Council would like to deliberate and that he would know later after the meeting.

Ms. Crane said that he would need to talk to Mr. N. Frank to see where their needs are. He replied that is what he would like to do and it would be on his dime. They want to be sure that they can help them if he does need the help.

Mr. Lorenzo said that they do have the skill set in the company so if they do find something concerning, they will ask Council if they want it to be dug into. If they see something, they will say something.

Mrs. Lone Eagle thanked Mr. Lorenzo for coming to the meeting. She does not have any questions. She feels that having come on board will be a great benefit to the Tribe and to resolve some of the unknowns and uncertainty of past people, to get a clearer picture of the ins and outs of the financials. She looks at it from a different perspective because she signs the actual awards of each grant, but she is not in the software

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system to know what that side looks like and they are only presented a spreadsheet. There is a lot of moving pieces. The Council has their perspective and the finance department has their own internal processes. Also having multiple people at the time not really understanding the MIP system or having the training or education to understand that system itself.

Mr. N. Frank asked Mr. Lorenzo about MIP. Mr. Lorenzo was implementing MIP when he started his business. He sat with the client to understand their chartive accounts and implement MIP. MIP is a very good mid-market accounting software. It is excellent for tribes because it tracks at the funding level, it tracks the inbound receipts and the outbound expenditures. It does not have all of the interconnectivity like some of the newer software. Most tribal governments need a general ledger fund accounting system. They are heavily underfunded in administering their required reporting requirement and indirect costs requirements for federal funds. Implementations identify holes in the accounting processes. MIP must be kept up and closed out properly.

Mr. N. Frank asked about which is better; cloud-based or desk-top.

Mr. Lorenzo established that SLPT has the legacy MIP version or traditional MIP client/server version. He recommends putting the MIP into the cloud, move the software and database on a cloud server put on a VPN. There is also MIP online. It does not a problem of losing licenses. They manage the system online. Which to use is a matter of dollars.

There were no more questions.

Mr. Lorenzo said he will follow up with the Chairwoman or Mr. N. Frank next week. He would be happy to do some discovery if they wish to work with him.

Mr. Lorenzo left the meeting at 10:36 am.

Ms. Crane said she is for working with Collective Strategies.

Mr. N. Franks asked about the MDA. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she signed and forwarded to him. She also forwarded the information that he needs to Mr. N. Frank.

Mr. N. Frank clarified that once they make the decision, they will set up a time for Mr. Lorenzo to work with Mr. Frank. He will need access to the MIP and have a look. Then he will present a proposal with cost and timeline.

It is the consensus of the Council to move forward with Collective Strategies.

Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned that Stacy Montooth and Daphne Em-Hooper will be

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holding a Tribal Future Leaders Training on February 25-26, 2025. They are working with a training organization from Arizona. There is a cost to attend but they can apply for assistance if needed. It should be at UNR or another location in town. She thinks it would be a good thing to attend. Mrs. New Moon has a link. She needs to know who wants to go so they can register for it.

**2025 SLPT Fish and Wildlife Report:** Jason Piasecki and Audrey Dufresne, Fish and Wildlife Biologists, Natural Resources Department

Mr. Simons explained to Council Member Trejo that this an annual review done every year.

### **Proposed 2025 Sage-grouse and LCT Harvest Regulations**

Sage-grouse: This is new.

- Limited season, one per adult, no harvest for minors

LCT:

- SAME as last year
- Three per adult, one per minor

2024 Reported Harvest

1 LCT

1 Mule deer

1 Pronghorn

It is good to have a reported harvest because when members report, that gives NRD the factors to use for the following year's harvest. It also gives information on the impact of the harvest on the population.

-NRD respects privacy of Tribal members and will never release personal information related to harvest without Council authorization

-Harvest reporting helps NRD fulfill the Tribe's mission.

They have changed the reporting tags to tiebacks similar to that of NDOW. Updated tags and protocols. They will include the reporting requirement in the newsletter every year so members are aware of how to report their harvest.

They have put out two harvest boxes on the Reservation-at the station gate and one at the southern entrance on Soldiers Meadows Road right on the sign. They can also bring tags to the Admin office.

**Fisheries Overview and Results-- Ms. Dufresne**



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Lahontan Cutthroat Trout: Summary of 2024 field season to inform future harvest recommendations. (Three LCT/adult, one LCT/minor)

Fisheries Program 2024 Accomplishments:

- 122—Population Viability Analysis-(three samplings)
  - Lake sampling
  - Creek electrofishing
  - New Model and Tool
- 164-2024 Spawn run monitoring
- 164-First year with GBI partnership
- 1509-Eagle depredation monitoring—showed a big decrease
- 723-Completed 2024 EPA CWA/NPS sampling
- Installed new dock
- 1340-NFWF ATB Mahogany Creek/lake connectivity plan
  - Redd Surveys
  - Report finalized
- 1341—NFWF S.O.A.R.R.
  - Phase 1 of Reed Canary Grass pilot treatments. They are trying different types of treatments. Ms. Crane asked how long it will last. They are needing to watch it. There is box cardboard over the area to hinder UV light.
- Field activities completed for funds 146 and 148
- Closed 131—BIA Endangered Species Project Grant
- Closed old BIA fisheries base grants (102, 141,164)

Fisheries Program Ongoing Projects

- 1341—S.O.A.R.R.
  - Lower Mahogany Creek Restoration-reed canary grass
  - Multispecies Conservation Plan
  - Observation network
  - Paleoclimatology (154)
- 1507—Watershed/Climate Modeling
- 1164—Began project for fish trap upgrades

Spawning Run Still Stable (Data)

Ms. Dufresne showed the 2024 spawn run and historical numbers. It shows the trend over the last ten years.

It is lower historically but pretty stable. This shows the harvest should remain the same. The redds were considered in this count.

Most spawners utilize the lower watershed instead of the upper watershed. The 5 stars show pit tag readers divided into areas. Most spawning is below the fish trap. It is important to show what areas the spawners are using.

Then there is a visual of the lake level since 2008. There was a peak in 2012. 1.62 ft lost in 2024. It shows the drops and peak with an overall loss of water level..

### **Sage-Grouse Population-- Mr. Piasecki**

#### 2024 Summary

2024 was a great year for grouse and in terms of the NRD sage-grouse team.

During 2024 there were 52 lek counts. The prior 10 years had a total of 63. A significant increase in habitat surveys. These are very important to understand the spatial use and to track change in the landscape especially for sage-grouse. It was great having a full staff. They also increased the number of monitored leks. There was a good capture effort collaring 39 hens. They are tracking a lot of them. Provides reproductive, survival, and movement data.

They discovered a new lek on the reservation which had a high count of 58 males on morning. This lek is also on the observation network. Spatial use for sage-grouse has not changed much since last year's report. The southwestern corner is a high use area for sage-grouse. Habitat is good. In the summer it is the western side and down by boat dock and along lower Mahogany Creek that are also high use areas.

This information was factored into project planning which may disturb sage-grouse, they can reduce the impact based on special use information.

#### 2025 Fieldwork

- High lek count effort
- Reservation-wide lek survey with drone
- Nest/brood monitoring
- Robust tracking effort
- Habitat surveys
- Feather collection for genetic analyses
- Install sage-grouse markers on BLM fence near Tollhouse Canyon 2 lek
- Collaboration with Sheldon, NDOW, USGS
- Improved population model/estimates

Multi-species Conservation Plan: Sage-grouse

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Umbrella species

Highlight cultural importance

Develop adaptive, practical tools for conservation and management

Evaluate and address risks to sage-grouse

Ensure periodic assessments of population and habitat

Leverage future funding

The intent is to create a document to use.

The Wildlife Society-Western Section Bi-state Sage-grouse Workshop

- March 26, 2025
- He was asked to make a presentation regarding Tribal Conservation/Management: Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
- Focus on importance of sage-grouse at Summit Lake and methods
- No data, some maps and NRD photos
- Not recorded.

### Population Estimates

Integrated Population Model (IPM)

- Accounts for imperfect detection and variations in lek attendance (the animal was there, but was not detected)
- Combines GPS/VHF collar data and lek count data to assess more than just population size (survival, recruitment, population growth)

They do not see all the sage-grouse out there. This model accounts for the sage-grouse they do not see.

### Sage-grouse Populations Estimates.

Three scales of range. They are fairly similar. The trend has been rising over the last few years. They are more certain of data.

The general trend is still decreasing, but an increase around Summit Lake.

### Harvest Recommendations State and Summit Lake

In state areas near Summit Lake were only open for two days (September 21-22, 2024) with a daily limit of 2 birds. NDOW will keep it about the same for this year.

The Summit Lake harvest recommendation is Limited Harvest\* with the season restricted to September 1-30, 2025 with a limit of one bird per adult member per season. Harvest reporting is encouraged.

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\*Limited harvest of sage-grouse at Summit Lake by Tribal members is unlikely to have a significant effect on the local population. It is important culturally.

The decision is up to Council. They can bring a resolution in March. The Council did not need to decide at that time.

Range Activity Updates: EQIP

They are working with NRCS to do some thinning of sage brush density. The sage brush is abundant. There were no disturbances in years. It is using up the moisture in the soil.

- NRCS Plots/Recommendation
- High fuel loading/fire risk
- Dead fuels
- High canopy over

It will improve forage for game and sage-grouse and reduce fire risks. It is intended to do a mosaic pattern. It will employ mowing and some tilling. So, it improved habitat.

The EQIP program

- Budget \$26,526.02 (no herbicide/seeding), \$63,538.54 (including post-treatment herbicide/treatment) Seeding is expensive.
- Three-year post treatment process ~ two to three weeks following project review by NRCS.

It is a reimbursement within two to three weeks after view. It will be SL-5-2025 later.

Native Seed Program

Phase 1: Working a native seed project. Collection and storage. It is phased into the range program. 1. Collect seeds sourced at Summit Lake 2. Cleaned by UNR and 3. Stored by SLPT. SLPT and use for restoration.

Phase 2: Infrastructure: to build in capacity

They can propagate and expand the capacity and do plugs for post fire, restoration. That want to identify culturally important seeds/plants for tribal members. They are looking for funding for this phase.

Phase 3: Local Producer

There is a demand for native seeds in Northern Nevada. It could be a source of revenue for the tribe or at least pay for itself.

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Mr. Simmons says they can talk to BOR for some funding. It is a possible revenue idea.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if the time clock was working. The issue is not cleared up. They lost access to the time clock. It was hard to talk to the time clock company. PacState says they need the access code.

**Numu Namagah Nobe-Pantry Report:** Christina Lomaintewa (read by Ms. Trejo)

- In the last four weeks 53 families came into the pantry for food. She delivered food five times.
- January 17, 2025: she moved the lobby furniture around and cleaned.
- January 21, 2025: she went shopping at Walmart and spent \$251.52 and at Save Mart spending \$265.00 using the last of the ARPA dollars with a balance of \$5.62.
- January 23, 2025: she did a Catholic Charities pick up.
- January 24, 2025: moved the office furniture around to make it more accessible to get the food cart in and out when shopping and filling food orders.
- The pantry funding came in from the state. She waited patiently for this day to come, and was happy the pantry managed to get through the past months due to ARPA and shopping resourceful.
- January 28, 2025: a member came in for food pick up and informed me she had covid. She then masked up and disinfected everything after she left. She provided her with masks and hand sanitizer. Mrs. New Moon sent masks and hand sanitizer down so she is offering it as members come in.
- February 3, 2025: went shopping at Smiths and Save Mart and February 4, 2025 she shopped at Walmart.
- February 6, 2025: she sat in interviews for the pantry worker.
- She has been doing all the cleaning and disinfection in the lobby, restrooms, office and pantry areas. As well as vacuuming, taking trash out, rotating food, temperature checks, daily inventory, and maintaining up-to-date food lists for the membership. She even got a compliment on how clean and organized the lobby and office looked several times.
- February 11, 2025: went shopping at Walmart and the bread store Flowers Bakeries Sales of NorC

Mrs. Lomaintewa thanked Ms. Trejo for helping move furniture.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if the 53 was families or total members. The answer was family.

Ms. Crane asked if everything as far as purchase orders and whatnot is getting done correctly. Mrs. Lomaintewa said now they are. In the beginning she was asked by Mrs.

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New Moon and Mr. N. Frank if she was doing purchase orders. She went through the paperwork from the previous Pantry personnel and they had not done purchase orders for shopping. Mrs. Lomaintewa asked the former Finance Clerk if purchase orders were necessary and was told that they were not, but only for a check over \$600. Mrs. Lone Eagle told her she was misinformed. She is now doing purchase orders. Mrs. New Moon showed her how she did purchase orders. It makes accounting easier. She thought she did not need to do it for purchasing groceries. It also makes her work easier as well.

Mr. Simmons was wondering if the State was sending funds. The answer is that SLPT has received the first request amount.

Mrs. Lone Eagle since they received the first funds, to the State, NIC and DA NAA the first request was the only request. SLPT has sent more but with different dollar amounts of estimates of three months. They questioned this. She is not sure if this goes back to documentation, reporting, what was being submitting. They keep changing it. After the first money came in, there was another meeting on reporting: how to do it, who should do it, what needs to be on there, Everybody should be on the same page.

The other tribes had the same questions and concerns. Why do they not give it to them up front. Why are they waiting. The funding is supposed to be streamlined. They are supposed to release the money for December-January-February, not including missing months of September-October-November.

SLPT needs to account for everybody from the very start of the program to now. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked for the money up front because the Pantry knows where the money can be spent, They know where they are looking to spend. They would still do the monthly reporting as is instead of requesting funds as a reimbursement request. She said that was never the intent of the original award. They changed it to reimbursement knowing the tribes do not have money available as reimbursement. Mrs. Lone Eagle asked Ms. Montooth herself if they could have the money up front. She is still waiting for a response.

Mr. Simmons said this is an unequal playing field. The federal government can give money directly to the tribes; why is it that the state cannot. Mrs. Lone Eagle stated that she does not think the state ever wanted a collaborative working relationship with the tribes anyway. Mrs. New Moon said that even in the submittal stage, the application which should have been simple was turned into a long complex application, multiple applications. It almost seems like the tribes were set-up for failure. Mr. Simmons feels that the state is benefiting from it in some way by building up the infrastructure.

Mrs. Lomaintewa said since she was not doing purchase orders, she is wondering if there is anything else she should be doing that she is not. Ms. Crane said she does not

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know what she does, but if she is unsure, ask or communicate with Mrs. Lone Eagle. Mrs. New Moon said the only other thing she can think that needs to be done are the things detailed in the Partnership Application with Food Bank of Northern Nevada, which she knows they have already started implementing like daily temperature checks, and inventory. Mrs. Lomaintewa dates everything as it comes in. She also needs an Amazon account. Mrs. New Moon has already added Mrs. Lomaintewa to the existing account. Mrs. New Moon will send her a new link to add herself to the account. She can choose by invoice and then an invoice will be generated and sent to her. This is used to create the purchase order. She will not need to use a credit card. If she has any questions, ask Mrs. Lone Eagle.

Mrs. Lomaintewa has questions about buying eggs. The prices are up and some places have limits to the amounts to buy without added charges. Then the bird flu has been found in the area. She would like to hold off buying eggs until it can be more controlled. This is concern for people's health and the pricing. Mrs. New Moon said there is nothing written that they need to provide specific foods.

Ms. Crane agrees with the decision to hold off on the eggs.

Mrs. Lone Eagle agrees with what everyone has said. Just communicate with her with questions. If she does not know, they will figure it out together. Just ask. She only asks that people communicate. Do not leave her out.

Chairwoman called one hour for lunch at 12:35 pm to return at 1:35 pm.

Council returned from lunch at 1:45 pm

**NRD report continued:**

Mr. Simmons asked the Council how the NRD presentations were. They thought both people did well.

Item 1: SL-3-2025: Signing USFWS Landowner Agreement—The SLPT Council approved SL-26-2024 for the NRD to partner with NDOW and the USFWS on a grant application to the USFWS Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program for an aerial cheat grass treatment and reseeding project on the northern end of the Reservation. NDOW was awarded the grant, entitled "Northwestern Nevada Large Scale Rangeland Restoration FY25". To Participate in the project the SLPT must sign a Landowner Agreement containing the terms the USFWS, NDOE, and SLPT must follow for the project. It outlines each entity goals and responsibilities for the project. Nothing can be done on the Reservation without approval of NRD. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the Resolution SL-3-2025.

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**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-03-2025 Approval to Sign Landowner Agreement For the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Partners for Fish and Wildlife Program Project Entitled “Northwestern Nevada Large-Scale Rangeland Restoration FY25” with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-03-2025 enacted at 1:51 pm

Item 2: SL-4-2025: Western Native Trout initiative grant—The Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI), a public-private Fish Habitat Partnership that works collaboratively across 12 western states to conserve (protect, restore and enhance) 21 native trout and char species, announced a FY2026 Request for Proposals (RFP) for the National Fish Habitat Partnership Program (NFHP) , which funds locally-based efforts that raise awareness for the importance of native trout and focus limited financial and human resources toward the highest-impact, locally-led, on-the-ground projects. With the uncertainty of the things at the end of January, they decided to apply, but the deadline was in three days, so they already submitted the application. The NRD requests to apply to the staff time and tools to remove up to 1.5 miles of the instream infestation of reed canary grass in lower Mahogany Creek to improve the instream habitat for lake and stream resident populations of LCT. The project would be done next year. The budget is \$50,000. NRD requests the SLPT Council to grant approval to apply to the RFP. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of the Resolution SL-04-2025.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-04-2025 Approval to Apply for a Western Native Trout Initiative (WNTI) Grant—FY2026 National Fish Habitat Partnership Program (NFHP) with the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-04-2025 enacted at 1:58 pm.

Item 3: SL-5-2025: NRCS EQIP grant – Sagebrush treatment: NRD requests approval to apply for a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) to improve the sagebrush habitat in the projected area for the benefit of sage-grouse and other sagebrush species. Mr. Simmons went over the program details. It is a reimbursement grant. He read the pertinent parts of Resolution SL-5-2025.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-05-2025 Approval to Apply for a NRCS EQIP Program Grant for a Sagebrush Habitat Improvement Project with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman



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**Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.  
Resolution SL-05-2025 enacted at 2:01 pm.**

Item 4: SL-6-2025: FY26 EPA grants—NRD requests approval to apply for the FY2026 Environmental Agency (EPA) General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act Water Quality (Fund 106), and Non-source Point Pollution (Fund 319) Program Base grants to continue the work in these areas. NRD requested the Council to approve the application for the EPA base grants. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of Resolution SL-6-2025.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-06-2025 Approval to Apply for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) FY2026 General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act Water Quality (Fund 106), and Nonpoint Source Pollution (Fund 319) Program Base Grants with the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-06-2025 enacted at 2:06 pm.**

Item 5: SL-7-2025: SOARR proposals –He grabbed number but even though he has presented this plan to NFWF, he has not received approval yet. Once he gets approval from NFWF, he will bring the resolution to the Council for approval. **Tabled**

The next three resolutions pertain to the BOR Fund 150, which is broken into several projects with their own grant number from 150 to 1511. There are 11 or 12 projects under one contract. The following resolutions are tied to Funds 1506 and 1505.

Item 6: SL-8-2025: Wildscape – Vegetation Management Plan—NRD wants to study the plant communities on the Reservation to inform management actions to be implemented to protect and maintain a healthy plant ecosystem and the water bodies on the Reservation. SLPT has received a grant (Fund 1506) from the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) to develop a vegetation management plan for all of the Reservation. Wildscape Engineering possesses the skills to advise NRD on developing the plan, providing a detailed scope and work plan that meets the specified budget, and anticipates completing the work by September 30, 2025. He listed some of the things the vegetation plan will cover. NRD requests that the SLPT Council approve entering into an agreement with Wildscape Engineering for this project. Mr. Simons read the pertinent parts of Resolution SL-8-2025.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-08-2025 Approval for Wildscape Engineering to Assist NRD with Developing a Vegetation Management Plan with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman**

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**Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED.  
Resolution SL-08-2025 enacted at 2:12 pm.**

Item 7: SL-9-2025: Wildscape – Mahogany diversion removal—Lower Mahogany Creek has a large concrete defunct irrigation diversion structure that provides suboptimal habitat for LCT. SLPT has received a grant (Fund 1505) from the BOR to remove such structures to improve LCT habitat. Wildscape Engineering and its partners possess the skills to remove the structure, provide a detailed scope and work plan that meets the specified budget, and anticipates completing the work by September 30, 2025. NRD is requesting that the SLPT Council approves entering into an agreement with Wildscape Engineering for this project. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of Resolution SL-9-2025.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-09-2025 Approval for Wildscape Engineering to Remove Irrigation Diversion on Mahogany Creek with the reading. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-09-2025 enacted at 2:16 pm.**

Note that Wildscape has worked with NRD a lot in the last couple of years including diversions.

Item 8: SL-10-2025: Wildscape – Snow Creek Assessment—lower Snow Creek does not consistently support lake spawner or stream resident LCT due to degraded habitat. SLPT has received a grant (Fund 1505) from the BOR to perform a restoration assessment on Snow Creek to determine how to improve LCT habitat. This is really big. Currently fish only have Mahogany Creek to spawn. This would provide a second place for the fish to spawn. Wildscape Engineering and its partners possess the skills to perform the assessment, provide a detailed scope and work plan that meets the specified budget, and anticipates completing the work by September 30, 2025. NRD requests that the SLPT Council approve entering into an agreement with Wildscape Engineering for this project. Mr. Simmons read the pertinent parts of Resolution SL-10-2025.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-10-2025 Approval for Wildscape Engineering to Perform a Restoration Assessment for Snow Creek with the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-10-2025 enacted at 2:22 pm.**

Item 9: SL-11-2025: National Fish and Wildlife Foundation America The Beautiful

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Phase II: Mr. Simmons requested to table and keep the same resolution number. This one was prepared in advance thinking they would have the contract for the next phase of the America the Beautiful grant. They do not have the contract from NFWF yet. He will reintroduce it when they get the NFWF contract. Completed Phase 1 at the end of January. They were awarded Phase 2 to implement Phase 1. The award is \$2.4 million. They got the award notification in November. They are working through the mechanics of getting the award and the contract. Once the contract is ready and sent over, he will put this resolution back for approval. **Tabled**

Item 10 was already covered- CCS Program Review: Nevada Conservation Credit System review.

Item 11: Fund 1341 SOARR Project Extension proposal was already discussed.

Item 12: Fund 150 Member list for newsletter and harvest permits. He already talked to Mrs. Gonzalez, and she will get the list for him.

Item 13: BLM Winnemucca Co-stewardship agreement: He sent the draft Co-stewardship to the Council. The BLM Winnemucca office is interested in partnering with the tribe in a co-stewardship agreement. This to notify the Council and get feedback from the Council. No decision is requested yet.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if the BLM has ever had other agreements draft with other Nevada tribes. Mr. Simmons said that was a good question. He will go to Darren Greyeyes, the Tribal Liaison, and ask him if they have signed this agreement with anyone else.

It is not like a buy-back program. The difference in a co-management agreement is that both parties share decision making authority and share resource management with funding. Co-stewardship is an overall care and conservation of the resource and does not guarantee any funding. Any management authority decision remains with the federal agency. They want to have co-stewardship agreement to enhance consultations and incorporate indigenous knowledge. The goal is to establish a collaborative approach to managing cultural sites, including site monitoring and preservation.

They are also interested in developing interpretive materials and programs reflecting tribal perspectives and stories related to these sites. This is the first time BLM Winnemucca is implementing these ideas. They are primarily concentrating on co-stewardships for now.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said they cannot put consultations and those types of things under the same agreement or document. She said that would be a way of checking off the box that the agreement means they have had consultation with the tribe. Mrs. Lone Eagle

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will take more time to read it over to see if there are more questions and have them come to the next meeting because this whole tribal consultation thing where the tribe has a definition and the BLM has a different definition. It is always talked about at all conventions, seminars and trainings. It is government to government.

Mr. Simmons main purpose was just to bring it to the Council per the BLM's request. He will see if he can get them to come to the meeting to talk to Council in person about this agreement. The Council has copies so they can review it.

Item 14: Fund 150 Reservation event dates. He wants to start talking about whether the Council wants to do another event at the Reservation this year. If so, what dates should they look at. NRD thinks that it would be appropriate to something like last year. Some of the feedback was not to do it on graduation weekends. The last weekend in May or the first weekend in June should be good times for the event. The fish are still running in the trap.

Ms. Crane feels it is something the tribe looks forward to. Mr. P. Frank said that it would be warmer.

He will have to crunch the numbers, but it looks like NRD would be in good shape to cover the event costs. There is funding for this year in the BOR grant for outreach.

At the event he was talking to Daphne Hooper at UNR, if the Council recalls, they were trying to get a MOA signed between the University and the Tribe. One suggestion is to get the agreement finalized so that they can have a signing ceremony at the event in June. That would be a big thing between the tribe and UNR. They would not be able to get Brian Sandavol, but could get his second-in-command, Jeff Thompson would come up to the Reservation. The Council and the Vice-Provost would have signing-ceremony with the membership and UNR professors present to be part of the ceremony. The professors would also be presenting their research done on the Reservation. By March they should lock down a date so they can start getting communication out. The newsletter will go out by the end of March. Ms. Crane said the decision should be at the next meeting.

Between now and then they will need to decide if they want to do the whole weekend: Friday through Sunday morning or a one-nighter, going up on Saturday and come back Sunday. They can put out a survey and ask the members which weekend they can attend and whether they prefer the weekend or the one-night on the Reservation. NRD will do this and bring the information to the next meeting.

He was thinking about doing it on social media or mail it out. Ms. Crane said to do both.

Item 15: Fund 1506 UNR herbarium partnership. This is part of the Vegetation plan.

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One idea they had was having an arrangement or agreement with UNR Herbarium. There is a gentleman there named Jerry Thiem, a local expert on Nevada plants. 27 plants are named after him. He runs the Herbarium (plant museum). They would like to see if they can get him to help develop the vegetation management plan at least in terms of identifying the plant on the reservation. They reached out to him. He is interested but had requests that any plant specimens gathered on the Reservation also be stored at the UNR Herbarium as samples. He would give NRD a protocol. They would collect the plant samples per his protocol. Those plant samples would be stored at the Herbarium as plant samples from the Summit Lake Reservation. He and his staff would be identifying the plants. He requested a donation to the herbarium. He suggested \$5,000 this would help cover his staff's time while working on the Reservation. Mr. Simmons will reach out to BOR to see if that is possible. At a later meeting, they would have a resolution if it comes to that.

Item 16: NRCS consultation letter: They sent out three letters regarding projects are that being done in the local area. Previously, it was requested by the Chairwoman and Council that NRCS notify SLPT of all projects they do in Nevada whether or not they are within the 75-mile radius of influence. They sent requests for three projects. One done at the Walker River Irrigation District, one at Truckee-Carson Irrigation District watershed and one in Douglas County-Smelter Creek Project. They want to know if the SLPT Council would like consultations.

Mr. Simmons said Walker Basin Conservancy has been buying up water rights so they can get more water into the lake. The lake level is too low and is not high enough to support fish. They are trying to get more water into the lake to support LCT again.

Mr. Simmons asked if the Council wants consultations. This is outside the 75-mile radius of influence.

Ms. Crane said it is good to know what they are doing. He will contact them and set-up the consultations.

Item 17: Employee to buy laptop: This covers a couple topics. They discussed what to do with the old Tacoma trucks.

First question is, can a NRD employee buy an old computer. There some old computers that NRD has that are no longer in use. The question is, can the employee buy one of the old computers for personal use. That also brings up the question, if they get the new vehicles, can they sell the old vehicles.

He no longer knows what fund the laptop was purchased under. When it comes to the vehicles, Mr. Simmons can determine which fund that vehicle was purchased under, go back to that agency and ask the agency what the rules are in selling it. He knows they

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can trade-in the vehicles. They did that once, but got the approval from the BIA and the Council first and kept the paperwork. If the BIA gives their approval, he will come to the Council to see if they can put it out to sale. They can put it out to the membership first. If no members what to buy them, they can put them out for public sale.

When it comes to the laptop, it is a small item, not worth very much. Mr. N. Frank asked how old it was. After three years it is fully depreciated. Mr. Simmons is fairly sure it is at over three years old and probably even older.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said to check. It needs to be on the inventory. Whether it is a smaller purchase or a large purchase like the vehicles and any other things on the Reservation. Everything purchased for the tribe has an inventory ID tag so they can check that threshold. He will double check on how old it is. If it is over three years, does the council have any concerns selling it to an employee. Ms. Crane said just as long as inventory is considered. Mr. Simmons said they will make sure the transaction is recorded in the inventory.

Mrs. Lone Eagle commented that there are things listed on the inventory that they do not have any more. Why are they still on the list? They need to make sure everything across the board is current and correct, especially if it came from a grant that is closed.

Mr. Simmons was talking earlier to Mr. N. Frank. NRD is doing a full inventory this spring to clean up the inventory list and make it current. That is everything in the office and at the Reservation. So, this spring they should have a completely updated inventory.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that Mr. Burdette mentioned that he did a partial inventory list, but she did not think it was submitted prior to the auditors. There was a finding. Under corrections of their opinions, it was noted that NRD would be handling inventory. She does not know who has Mr. Burdette's partial completion of the inventory. It was completed somewhere but not a complete inventory list. Mr. Simmons will contact Mr. Burdette to get his list and they can factor that into the NRD inventory this spring.

Mr. Simmons will circle back to Mr. N. Frank and check the age and fund on the computer and if old enough, he will work it out with the employee.

Mrs. New Moon also commented on this. She stated that she had previously talked to the Chairwoman about her old laptop before getting a new one. She is sure it is over three years old. They never really discussed it but she did offer to purchase it for her personal use.

Mr. Simmons asked how much does something have to cost to be on inventory. Mr. N. Frank said to be an asset it would be over \$5,000. Under that they would be an

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expense.

Mr. Simmons said than computers (less that \$5,000) did not have to be on inventory.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said that she remembers the old inventories, which should be on the common drive, listed everything and anything that was purchased. She is sure computers were on the list. She had to inventory all the laptops for the Capitol fund project.

Mr. N. Frank said it must be for internal purposes, but not for assets. Mr. Simmons commented about accounting vs. an internal list of what you have in equipment. It might not show in accounting

Mrs. New Moon was looking at the previous Finance Directors drives. There are lists of inventories over \$5,000, equipment less that \$5,000, Computer inventory and more. It looks like everything was put on some list.

Everything under \$5,000 was not shown as an asset on the financial statements. There would be inventory of things under \$5,000 which are considered as expenses in the financials.

Mr. Simmons will let the Council know how old the laptop is and what fund it came from. He will talk to his employee to set a price and then bring it to the Council for approval.

Item 18: Funds 154/1341 Paleo climate science publication approval. There are several research projects with UNR under these two funds.

They took sediment cores from the bottom of Summit Lake. They are analyzing the sediment cores to reconstruct the history of the lake and the climate of the watershed to see how the lake changed over time, the last 10,000 years. UNR this year will give a full presentation to the Council on all the results of the research.

In the meantime, they had a graduate student that was focusing on one part of that research. That one part of the research was analyzing the diatoms in the sediment core. Diatoms are a specific kind of algae found in water.

UNR is notifying and asking approval to publish some of the results in a peer reviewed scientific journal or paper. This is one part of this paleo project.

He showed a picture of a diatom. It is an algae with a hard case around it. This paper is focusing on the diatoms and the results that came out of this study. At a certain point in time, the lake did dry up completely. In the last 7500 years there has been water in the lake. They also saw in the 1950's and 1960's they say a spike of sediment in the lake.

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That could be, though they are not sure, due to past agricultural and grazing practices around Mahogany Creek coming into the creek and flowing into the lake. There was one graduate student who did most of the work. They would like to take these results and put them into a scientific paper and send them a journal for scientific publication. That is the request to the Council to give approval to publish the work.

Mr. P. Frank is okay with it and Ms. Crane thinks it is a good thing.

This is one piece of that project. Later this year, all this work will end this June under the S.O.A.R.R. grant and grant 154. In the fall he is expecting the full team to come and give a full presentation on all results of the project.

He heard that what they have done is to pinpoint the age of the lake, when it was formed. 10,000 years ago, there was a landslide that formed the lake. They will be able to talk about how the watershed changed over time, how the lake was high and how it dried up and then came back.

NRD will be using a lot of this data. They have the past covered in Fund 1507. UNR is trying to forecast what the lake will be like in the future. By the end of the year, they should be able to put both pictures together. They will basically reconstruct the past climate and connect it to what they think the future is going to look like. There will be a big picture view from the formation of the lake to 25 or 50 years out what the climate will be in the watershed. There will be a lot of cool things presented to the Council in the next year in terms the history of the lake and the future of the lake and the watershed. There are exciting things to come. This is just one small part of it.

They have been going for several years and it is finally coming to an end and close.

He will let them know that the Council gave approval.

He has his action items. He will contact BIA and get more information and set up consultations with NRCS projects.

Mrs. Lone Eagle received a message from Superintendent Lavel. It said Happy Retirement Cudo Board for Marilyn Bittisillie 638 Awarding Official. She read the email. Ms. Bittisillie retired February 28, 2025. The Chairwoman and staff were invited to express their appreciation and well wishes for her contributions to the Indians Self Determination program in BIA and the tribes of the Western Agency. There was a brief summary of her outstanding career and they were invited to send her messages.

There is two-day leadership conference. Ms. Hooper did get back to her. Mrs. Lone Eagle had sent a message asking for the upcoming February 25 and 26, 2025 conference cost to attend so she can confirm with the Council who want to attend. The



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cost is \$275. They do have some scholarships options if needed. Let her know. Mrs. Lone Eagle thinks it is at the Innovation Center, not sure if it is at UNR. She would like to confirm who wants to go. Ms. Crane said she would go if the Chairwoman was going. It is with Arizona Native Nations Building Seminar; University of Arizona's Native Nations Institute that are putting it on. If they can get scholarships, Ms. Crane will go. Mrs. Lone Eagle tasked Mrs. New Moon to handle the registration and obtaining scholarships. She will talk directly to Ms. Hooper and register Mrs. Lone Eagle, Ms. Crane, and Mr. P. Frank.

She will send the email regarding Ms. Bittisillie to everyone so they can send messages to the Cudo Board.

NCI—she will not be there.

EPA is the following week, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 18-20, 2025. She will be attending virtually. This winter session has all the Regions.

Mr. Simmons confirmed that NRD is functioning and has money. He has not heard anything about funds being closed. They drew down money last month.

A reporter talked to the Chairwoman about the NCI. She was sick but thanked him for asking. He called back a couple of days later and asking about what happened. She told him she was not there so she has nothing to tell him.

Right now, no one in government is talking about what is happening regarding Indian County.

NCI did roll out with the Coalition, NARF, and other organizations and Non-Profits. It was geared more toward the larger organizations and non-profits, not to any single tribe or tribes itself. They sent a letter to the President saying we are a different identity. You cannot put us in a box. They listed thing that they did, and why they should not be including in the same demographic category. She was not sure of the outcome. There have been no updates from the board.

Mr. Simmons asked the Chairwoman a question. They will be submitting an application which the Council approved. There are a couple of forms that she has to sign and it is due the next day. She asked him to give them to Mrs. New Moon and she will bring them to her. Mr. Simmons will have them ready for her the next day.

Ms. Gonzalez' son, who the Chairwoman believes is a member, is incarcerated and wanted to ask Mrs. Lone Eagle if they could provide ceremonial or traditional items or purchase them to send to the facility where he is. She knows that she has access as Tribal leader and representative to communicate to any said facility that any one of the tribal members who are incarcerated to because she does not talk to the Chaplin. She

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does know that there are some things happening there. They could be any location as well. Native men and women have certain rights even though they are incarcerated. Things are not being handled properly. Their stuff is basically destroyed without the presence of the Chaplin. That should not have taken place. With her being sick and with the baby she will draft up something or reach out to them first and actually set up a meeting or whatever she has to do. There are other members of other tribes. Then he can tell them what to do or who to talk to. It is a federal camp. They are allowed sweat lodges. The new CO came in and the sweat lodge and thing were destroyed and their things were locked up with no access. It is a federal law that they do have rights just like any other minority group. Ms. Gonzalez talked to the Chapin and he is aware of what happened and knows something is coming. The man who runs sweat is going to file a suit on them. She also talked to Gemma Benton who is married to a man who used to work for the Department of Prisons. He is in California helping run a non-profit called Native Raising Voices. They will go into prison systems. They will advocate for these men. She is waiting for a list of things to get and for the process. They have to send things however the prison dictates.

She gave member lists of the children to Mrs. New Moon, of the membership to Mr. Simmons, Mr. P. Franks new ID card and gave Mr. Simmons the staff id he needed.

Mrs. Lone Eagle asked if Ms. Gonzalez had an update from the Enrollment Committee, or pending applications. Ms. Gonzalez talked to Mrs. Lomaintewa and was told she had to wait until she talked to Ms. Linton. She has one application ready. She needs to know when they want a meeting. She left the meeting.

Mr. Burdette, due to his work schedule, asked to move the Council meeting so he can attend for Wednesdays March 26 and April 23, 2025. Council voted to approve the change of dates.

## MEETINGS

- Regular Council Meeting on March 26, 2025 at the Council Chambers Building, Sparks, Nevada Office.
- Regular Council Meeting April 23. 2025
- BOR meeting on March 21, 2025 at 10:00 am- 11:00 am
- Mr. Simmons would like to set a date for the NRCS consultations. On March 21,2025 after 11:00 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for one minute. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 3:36 pm**

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**Council returned from Executive Session at 3:37 pm.**

Ms. Trejo asked if there is something the Tribe can do since our elder, Ms. Thalia Dick, was in the news being honored for her accomplishments.

Mrs. Lone Eagle suggested a gift basket with snacks or take her to lunch or have one at the Council Chambers. Everyone should think about it and talk about a date.

It was brought to the Chairwoman's attention NRD wanted to borrow a table cloth forgetting today was the meeting. She suggested looking into where they bought them from, get a price and purchase another one or two table cloths. That way they can take them to them to their events. She would like permission to buy two new table cloths. Mrs. New Moon knows where they got them and they already have the artwork. They would just need pricing. She will look up the name for Mr. Simmons. He will ask for pricing. They should also get two flags. Mrs. New Moon said there are people looking for patches of the logo. They could sell them.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Cherice Trejo seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Philip Frank., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the February 12, 2025 Regular Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting March 26, 2025 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.

3/26/25  
Date

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Summit Lake Tribal Council

