

ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION
of the
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE, NEVADA

ARTICLE I - TERRITORY

The lands of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe shall extend to the territory within the confines of the Summit Lake Reservation, and such other lands as may be added thereto.

ARTICLE II - GOVERNING BODY

Section 1. The Governing Body of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe shall be known as the "Summit Lake Paiute Council" to consist of five (5) members, elected for a three-year term, including a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and two members, and shall have the following powers and duties, subject to any limitations imposed by the applicable statutes of the United States and the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior, made pursuant thereto and published in the Code of Federal Regulations.

- (a) The five (5) present members of the Business Council shall serve the first term.
- (b) To represent the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe in negotiations with Federal, State, and local governments, and other corporations, associations, partnerships or individuals, and to cooperate with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Department of Public Health, and various departments and agencies of the State of Nevada in matters of welfare, education, recreation, and social services.
- (c) To acquire, manage, lease, or otherwise deal with tribal assets.
- (d) To employ legal counsel, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.
- (e) To veto any sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands or other tribal assets, without the consent of the tribe.
- (f) To make assignments of Summit Lake Reservation lands or interest therein and property improvements thereon.

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- (g) To regulate inheritance of assignments.
- (h) To establish a membership roll, enact regulations governing the loss of membership, future membership, and the adoption of members into the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, and the adoption by written instrument may resign from the Summit Lake Reservation without prejudice to any action of the Summit Lake Paiute Council theretofore duly taken affecting his interest.
- (i) To assess fees on the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe for payment of tribal expenses, or to finance any project which it deems beneficial to the interest of the Summit Lake Reservation as a whole.
- (j) To determine its own rules of procedure.
- * (k) To take such actions as are necessary to carry into effect any of the foregoing powers and duties.

Sec. 2. All final decisions of the Summit Lake Paiute Council on matters of general and permanent interest shall be collected and printed or mimeographed annually, and be open for inspection by all. All final decisions of the Summit Lake Paiute Council on matters of temporary interest shall likewise be collected and be open for inspection by all, but need not be printed or mimeographed. Actions on annual budgets, petitions to the Secretary of the Interior or Congress, and matters relating to particular individuals or officers, are among the matters to be considered of temporary interest.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. The membership of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe shall consist of persons who can qualify under the following categories, provided that such persons have not received an allotment of land with some other tribe or band: Ownership of an allotment or an interest in an allotment acquired through inheritance or purchase shall not disqualify a person from membership.

- (a) All persons whose names appear on the Census of the Summit Lake Reservation as of January 1, 1940, except that those persons whose names are preceded by the notation "N. E." shall not be eligible for membership.

(b) All persons whose names are listed on the Allotment Schedule for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe as approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

(c) Descendants of persons in the above categories, provided that such descendants possess at least one-fourth (1/4) degree Paiute Indian blood.

Sec. 2. Enrollment for persons qualifying for membership under (a) and (b) of Section 1, is automatic and they shall not be required to file an application. However, such persons may be required to furnish personal information necessary for roll preparation. All persons qualifying for membership under subsection (c) of Section 1, shall file applications for enrollment on forms adopted by the Summit Lake Paiute Council.

Sec. 3. Residing upon or receiving benefits from Public Domain allotments shall not be considered as enrollment in another tribe, and shall not disqualify a person for membership.

Sec. 4. Any person who is eligible for membership under subsection (c) of Section 1, and has maintained membership or affiliation with some other tribe or band, shall be required to relinquish such membership or affiliation, in writing, which shall become effective upon approval of the enrollment application.

Sec. 5. Persons adopted as members under these Articles of Association shall enjoy full rights and benefits of tribal membership.

ARTICLE IV - ELECTIONS

Section 1. Any member of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe twenty-one (21) years of age or over shall be entitled to vote.

Sec. 2. The Summit Lake Paiute Council shall prescribe election regulations with respect to the dates thereof, polling places, election committees and their duties, absentee balloting and any other necessary requirement thereof.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 1. All elected officers shall take office on the Monday following the election, be installed therein by taking an oath to perform the duties of their office, and serve until their successors have duly qualified and have been installed.

Sec. 2. The Chairman of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall preside over all its meetings. He shall perform all duties of a Chairman and exercise any authority delegated to him by the Summit Lake Paiute Council.

Sec. 3. The Vice-Chairman of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall assist the Chairman when called upon to do so, and in the absence of the Chairman, he shall preside. When so presiding, he shall have all the rights, privileges and duties, as well as the responsibilities of the Chairman.

Sec. 4. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall conduct all tribal correspondence and keep a complete and accurate record of all matters transacted at the Council meetings. It shall be his duty to submit promptly to the Superintendent, appointed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and having jurisdiction over the Summit Lake Reservation, copies of all minutes of all regular and special meetings of the Summit Lake Paiute Council. It shall be his duty to accept, receive, receipt for, preserve and safeguard all funds in the custody of the Summit Lake Paiute Council. He shall deposit all such funds in such banks or elsewhere as directed by the Summit Lake Paiute Council. He shall make and preserve a faithful record of such funds. He shall report on all receipts and expenditures and the amount and nature of all funds in his possession or custody, such report being made in writing to the Summit Lake Paiute Council at each regular meeting and at such times as requested by the Summit Lake Paiute Council. He shall not pay out nor authorize disbursement of any funds in his possession or custody, or in the possession or custody of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, except when properly authorized to do so by majority vote of the Summit Lake Paiute Council.

The books and records of the Secretary-Treasurer shall be audited at least once each year by a competent auditor employed by the Summit Lake Paiute Council, or by a Federal employee appointed by the Superintendent of the Nevada Indian Agency of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

The Secretary-Treasurer shall be required to give bond satisfactory to the Summit Lake Paiute Council and the Superintendent of the Nevada Indian Agency.

Sec. 5. Appointive officers. The duties of all appointive committees or officers of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall be clearly defined by the Summit Lake Paiute Council at the time of their creation or appointment. Such committees and officers shall report on their

activities and decisions from time to time, as required by the Summit Lake Paiute Council. Their actions and decisions shall be subject to review by the Summit Lake Paiute Council.

ARTICLE VI - VACANCIES AND REMOVAL

Section 1. If an officer or member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall die, become insane, resign, be removed from office, or state in writing that he is permanently leaving the Reservation, or shall be found guilty of a felony or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, in any Indian, State or Federal court, a vacancy in his office shall be automatically created and the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall at its next regular or special meeting, appoint someone to fill the unexpired term.

Sec. 2. The Summit Lake Paiute Council by the affirmative vote of a majority of its members present at a meeting, may expel any member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council for neglect of duty or gross misconduct in office, but before any vote for expulsion is taken, such member shall be given a fair opportunity to answer any or all charges. The decision of the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall be final.

ARTICLE VII - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings of the Summit Lake Paiute Council shall be held twice a year, to be called by the Chairman during the month of May and October of each year.

Sec. 2. Special meetings may be called by a written notice signed by the Chairman of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, or by written notice signed by a majority of the members of the Summit Lake Paiute Council. Such notice must specify the purpose of the meeting, and no other business may be conducted without unanimous consent of all the Council members.

Sec. 3. No business shall be transacted unless a quorum of three (3) members are present.

Sec. 4. Order of business shall be as follows:

- Roll call.
- Reading the minutes of the last meeting.
- Unfinished business.
- Reports.
- New business.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

These Articles of Association may be amended by a majority vote of the qualified voters of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe voting in an election called for that purpose by the Secretary of the Interior, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election, but no amendment shall become effective until it shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to call an election on any proposed amendment at the request of a majority of the Council members, or upon presentation of a petition signed by one-third of the qualified voters of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe.

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

Pursuant to an order approved July 15, 1964, by the Assistant Secretary of the Interior, the attached Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Nevada, was submitted for adoption to the qualified voters of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe and was on October 24, 1964, duly adopted by a vote of 7 for, and 0 against, in an election in which at least thirty percent of those entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance with Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended by the Act of June 15, 1935 (49 Stat. 378).

/s/ JOSEPHINE TOWNSEND
Chairman, Summit Lake Paiute
Business Council

/s/ JOSEPHINE TOWNSEND
Acting Secretary, Summit Lake Paiute
Business Council

RALPH B. ARMSTRONG
Acting Superintendent
Nevada Agency

APPROVAL

I, JOHN A. CARVER, JR., Acting Secretary of the Interior of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority granted me by the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat. 984), as amended, do hereby approve the attached Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe, Nevada.

Approval recommended:

JAMES E. OFFICER

Associate Commissioner
Bureau of Indian Affairs

JOHN A. CARVER, JR.
Acting Secretary of the Interior
(SEAL)

Washington, D. C.

Date: January 8, 1965