

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
General Council Meeting
Saturday, October 15, 2022
Administrative Office, Summit Lake Reservation, Summit Lake, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the General Council Meeting of Saturday, October 15, 2022 to order at 10:24 am.

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

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator, and Vinton Hawley, Tribal Coordinator

MINUTES:

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, September 17, 2022 with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved: 10:28 am.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Wednesday, September 29 2022 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 10:29 am.

Welcome to Ms. Gonzalez and Mr. Hawley who have recently joined the administrative staff. They will help to keep thing flowing and going.

Council Reports:

Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle stated that the Finance Director was removed from her position on September 26, 2022. Dan Howard was referred by Robert Half Company to be of temporary assistance in the interim until a new Finance Director can be chosen. He has worked with the Tribe's CPA, Mr. Carslaw before. During the few days before Mr. Howard started, Ms. Lorretta Wales handled things including payroll. A big thanks go out to her. Things are a bit unsettled in the office while Mrs. Lone Eagle has mostly been out of the office traveling or ill. Now that she is back in the office she will work to get everyone one back on the same page and working as a team and move forward in a positive direction.

The Chairwoman thanked Ms. Crane and Mr. Mace for coming into the office and assisting with the transition of personnel. They will get through the next few weeks and make sure everything is above board.

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The Audit has been finalized and sent to the Clearing House. The final documents have been submitted. Ms. Lone Eagle has been in contact with Ms. Gemma Han, with Bluebirds, CPA. That was the end of September and the Council is waiting for the final Exit Interview. There was one finding that still does not sit well with the Chairwoman. To Finance it was minor but to the Council it was a big deal but the audit is done. There is the one finding which is not a big deal but is a big deal. This means the auditors will look more closely next time to make sure the funds are drawn down in a timely manner monthly. She is putting it out there to make sure things are transparent. She had only one applicant for the Finance Director position which is Dan Howard who has applied for the position.

Currently he is on a contract basis through Robert Half. The contract is for 30 days. She reached out to his agency and wanted to follow up to see how he is doing by talking to the Tribe's CPA, Mr. Carslaw. Mr. Carslaw does not see any concerns with Mr. Howard at the moment. Since her office is in the next office Suite, she does not see the struggles or difficulties or questions that he is asking as reported by the Finance Clerk.

Mr. Mace is concerned about Mr. Howard's rate of pay and some questions on Mr. Howard's ability. Mrs. Lone Eagle read a note from Mr. Carslaw after spending time with Mr. Howard. He feels Mr. Howard has the necessary skills and experience for grant accounting. He was struggling a little with one MIP due to unfamiliarity but they had a good session working with it. Mr. Carslaw felt everything was up-to-date including payroll and its posting done correctly, IRS Taxes are ready to submit on time. Mr. Carslaw recommended doing the draws in a timely manner and will stop by to check that things are running smoothly. He feels the short-term problems are well-in-hand.

Mr. Hawley commented that Mr. Howard probably has more questions about the internal processes, the processes established by SLPT. Mr. Simmons agreed that he might not be familiar with the different programs or the versions and processes SLPT has.

Mr. Howard provided Mrs. Lone Eagle a copy of the September budget report for the month but was unable to calculate and book indirect cost and adding in-kind costs. The report will give an idea where the programs stand financially.

Mr. Simmons commented, in regarding the reports, that Mr. Howard was trying to get the reports done for the General Meeting but did not know how the previous Finance Director generated her reports, what her process was, how things were done. He helped Mr. Howard with what he knew and showed him examples of the financial documents he had. Mr. Simmons felt that Mr. Howard was just thrown into things with no one spending time with him to give him explanations and when he asked questions the financial person he was working with said he should know all this. Mr. Hawley said

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he probably did not know all the fund codes. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she was given the information on her desk top and it is set-up the way the former Finance Director like to work with it. She also has talked to both Mr. Howard and the finance assistant and said they need to work together. The finance assistant talked to the Chairwoman and Mrs. Lone Eagle repeated that they had to work together and defined their rolls and where they fit in the Tribe and do the work that needs to be done together. She does not think that it is working at this time. Mrs. Lone Eagle recommended to Mr. Howard that if he had questions he could contact Mr. Carslaw as he worked with the Tribe for a long time and worked hand-in-hand with the previous director so he knows the ins and outs of the finances of the Tribe.

Mr. Hawley said there are lots of different parts to the finance system. Everyone should work together. Mr. Simmons tried to tell the finance assistant that there is a transition period for anyone coming new to learn the processes particular to the Tribe or company. Payroll is done differently place to place. It does not mean there are no skills, they just need to learn the new processes.

Ultimately the Chairwoman has the larger goals in mind for the whole tribe and ensuring things are done properly for the Tribe verses the little stuff.

Mr. Mace emphasized that the Council makes the decisions and does the hiring of personnel and that it is not the duty or right of an employee to dictate to the Council about hiring personnel.

Things Done by the Chairwoman:

- September 1, 2022 she was at a meeting.
- Did a tribal ID card.
- Talked to the Enrollment Chair
- Did an interview
- Had a meeting-and-great with the Native Voters and the Governor and Tribal Leaders
- September 12, 2022 she had a meeting with the Housing Manager in regards to her day-to-day functions and what was going on with her department. She found that with HUD and Housing, in general, there are some issues accessing the reporting platforms that were used before. The ERA is due on Monday and Ms. New Moon cannot get into the program. Neither can Mrs. Lone Eagle. They are trying to get this fixed so they remain compliant with the US Treasury.
- Between September 18 and 22, 2022 Mrs. Lone Eagle and Secretary Treasurer Mace attended the NAIHC Conference in Washington D.C. which was the first time for SLPT. They met with their Congressional delegate Mark Amodei, and Catherine Cortez-Masto and talked about some things and said they will streamline things and talk more about Home Means Nevada Initiative that has come out. They talked about HUD, Housing, Infrastructure, economic

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development etc. On the whole it was a great conference.

- September 24, 2022 SLPT held their Native American Day event at the office. It was a good turnout. Kudos to the Natural Resources Department (NRD) and staff for putting on a great event. Mrs. Lone Eagle commented on some of the highlights of the event.
- September 28, 2022 regarding Mr. Howard coming on board with Robert Half. She has a call into the lady at Robert Half for an update on Mr. Howard to see how things are going.
- September 29, 2022 Mr. Howard came on board and has subsequently applied for the position. Between travel and things, the Chairwoman has not been able to interview him. She will have to review the contract with Robert Half because she remembers something about if Mr. Howard came on board permanently, SLPT would need to buy out the contract. She will have to look into that.
- September 29, 2022 there was a Special Council meeting with Housing. NRD was unable to attend so they tabled Resolution SL-43-2022. There were also interviews for Enrollment Coordinator and Tribal Coordinator who were hired.
- September 30, 2022 Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a public forum with the Washoe County Health District to go over survey they conducted to see how they could become more involved with the tribal communities. She networked with other people in the community. Mental health, suicide, healthcare were the top priorities within the public and tribal communities.
- There were two letters sent to a tribal member's parents in regards to the status of the applications that were sent out.
- An ID card was sent out.
- Codes and keys were given to Mr. Howard.
- Created two more codes for the new hires for the NRD.
- Delgadina Gonzalez's first day was November 10, 2022. She received her codes but has yet to get her keys.
- Mr. Hawley will also need keys and his own alarm code. He reviewed the policy and procedures, the usual day-to-day, assisted with the inventory of the laptops which are part of the Library Project.
- Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Crane attended the ICWA conference from October 11 to 13, 2022. Mrs. Lone Eagle became ill. She was still ill at this meeting.

There are some dates coming up in October for tentative meetings and webinars and she would like to know if anyone would like to attend.

- Wednesday, October 26, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm eastern time program stream about Medicaid enrollment. Notice of proposed law making.

Mr. Crane asked what Mrs. Lone Eagle needed for the computers. She commented that they needed to be tagged with inventory ids before they can be taken out. They also

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need to check that all the programs are installed. There have been two members who have asked for laptops. There is already a form created. They have to keep track of all the computers. When they are ready, something will be sent out that they are available. Mr. Hawley said they have to stay on the asset list and will be needed to tracked. They will need to review that grant. There is a check-in/check-out sign-out sheet. It should be put out on the social media when it is ready. There was a discussion of the procedures to keep track of the laptops.

Mrs. Lone Eagle did create Resolutions for enrollment which were reviewed and given recommendations by the Enrollment Committee at the last committee meeting. There are a couple of new applications to be reviewed.

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed the MIP program access passwords got confused due to a forwarding from another email and how access needed to be cleared up and given to the proper people. They will need to call them. The previous finance director needs to be removed from the finance programs. They need to have her return the laptop.

A tribal member had a conversation with the previous finance director. Mrs. Lone Eagle needed to contact her about what happened. The member said he had not received both of the tribal relief checks as he had moved. When he went to cash the one, it was reversed since it was over three months old. There was discussion on how the office tried to track the checks which were issued and not cashed. Mrs. Lone Eagle contacted Ms. Quinn and asked her about the situation. Ms. Quinn replied the old checks were stopped and that there is a need to issue him two new checks from ARPA. It was noted that the first check was from the Cares Act and the second check was from ARPA and, at this time, the Cares Act money is already gone so it cannot be reissued. There is confusion. Due to the transition in the finance department, they need to review the records tracking the checks to determine was is actually due. There was a discussion. Mrs. Lone Eagle will let the tribal member know that the Council has talked about the situation and that they are reviewing the matter since the person he talked to is no longer with SLPT.

The Chairwoman called a break at 11:28 pm.

The Council returned from break.

Mail:

- October 5, 2022 IEC (with the Naval base) Letter from Chairman Torres regarding the upcoming meeting for the notice of the next Public Intergovernmental Executive Committee meeting on October 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm. SLPT will participate and will send the reply off to them. Ms. Crane was designated at the alternate person.

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- October 11, 2022 they received a letter from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs federal justification for reports at the end of the 2022 fiscal year due December 21, 2022. It was determined this was for Mr. Simmons.
- October 4, 2022 a letter received: Draft notice of the disposition of the Native American Human Remains. Mrs. Lone Eagle read the letter regarding unidentified Native American Human remains. It was recommended that a general response be sent.
- NASA sent a letter recognizing and respecting the sovereignty of the Indian Nations and their right to self-determination and self-government for consultation. They will contact again to discuss areas of shared interests. They are asking for a contact person.
- Two additional applications for enrollment were received.
- US Department of Transportation for National Traffic Safety Administration notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement to analyze potential environmental impacts of fuel efficiency standards models of medium or heavy-duty trucks or Phase 3. They are seeking comment on the EIS. There are no comments. Mr. Simmons will handle.
- Department of Interior to notify Summit Lake that recognition has considered the recent job response project in watershed assessment and planning. The project did not score high enough to approve the project. Mr. Simmons explained it was a grant proposal submitted for watershed assessment draught planning. It was not funded. Mr. Simmons will follow up on the scoring so that they can do better next time.
- Cosco Marketing delivering goods to office. There were many conditions. The Council is not interested.
- ICWA related letters. It looks non-affiliated. It will go to Ms. Gonzalez. Ms. Gonzalez commented that in Progeny, regarding the family tree files, many are not complete with missing data. Once all the data is filled in, they will be easy to use for ICWA verification.
- High tech minerals: follow-up request a discussion regarding GendoTech Minerals. This to follow-up on comments on the Gendo Tech Resources subsidiary which has submitted a proposal exploration plan of operations to the Bureau of Land and Management to continue exploration of lithium near the Oregon-Nevada border and the McDermitt Calgoria. They are requesting a meeting to introduce themselves and discuss their projects and to discuss the places in the project area which are especially important to SLPT. They are still in the relatively early stages. It is important to talk together about this. They will send it off to their Attorney, Will Faulk, since it relates to lithium like Thacker pass. Mrs. Lone Eagle will reach out to them to schedule a meeting next month. They have already started work on the project.
- Bureau of Reclamation is seeking feedback on the Inflation Reduction Act. It was sent to the wrong address first.

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- She was sent a lot of electronic or paper communications which she forwarded to the Council and appropriate staff.
- The only ones to get back to her are Ms. Crane and Mr. Mace.
- The texts are getting better.
- There is one they will need to verify to see if SLPT belongs to the Affiliated Tribes of Northwest Indians. They were asking for dues, but no checks were sent to them since 2014.
- Reno-Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC) newsletter with updates. Lithium Nevada Corp.—Thacker Pass—had begun digging up portions of Thacker Pass for bulk sampling. RSCI has a THPO. Bulk sampling despite the fact consultation is still ongoing between Bureau of Land Management and Regional Tribes over Cultural sites. Will Faulk, Attorney for the SLPT says it is a violation of federal law. Massacre Pass cultural site was discussed.
- Mrs. Lone Eagle still has some work to do on completing the SLPT THPO submission.

Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane commented that since the last Regular Council meeting on September 17, 2022, she attended the September 24, 2022 SLPT Native American Indian Day event.

September 26, 2022 the Finance Director was terminated and she and Mr. Mace sat in on NRD interviews.

There was a Special Meeting on September 29, 2022 for the Housing Department.

October 11, 2022 she went to the 5th Annual ICWA Conference hosted by the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in Tucson, Arizona. They discussed the following:

- Ethical Consideration in Child Welfare—There were a lot of great speakers and professors, lawyers and judges. She mentioned a woman who was adopted and her daughter who was adopted who both found their native roots and their family. It concerned four generations.
- Foster Care Recruitment and Retention: Looking for Native foster families for Native children.
- Overcoming Bias in reunification of families or returning families to families.
- Two Spirits-LGBTQ. This was a good one. She liked the speakers. One speaker, Elton, made it humorous but got his point across. Also, Darrel was brought up in the foster system and was Two Spirit too. It was to help the children feel welcome about what they are, who they are and how they identify themselves.
- They talked about boarding schools. People want to tell their stories and it always get emotional and sad. They talked about trauma and trauma care in the cultures. There was a lot of information in a short amount of time so it went fast.
- The Violence Against Women Act and also talked about a Two Spirit case where

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they could not prove they were a couple so could not call it domestic abuse. They talked about possible policy changes.

Ms. Crane is looking forward to her next trip to the EPA Conference in Lake Tahoe on October 24, 2022

She was available for check signing.

Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr. said he attended the September 29, 2022 Special Council meeting.

He can in when he was requested to assist in the termination process of the Finance Director.

He sat in on NRD interviews.

He thanked Council for allowing him to go the Washington D.C for the National American Indian Housing Council. It was very enlightening. Some of the priority things they were working on was re-organization, resource funding, and more. He met with some Senators. Mr. Mace said Catherine Cortez-Masto came by for a couple minutes with her representative, Carol, who spent time talking to them. He spoke to her about splitting the funds up to the larger tribes and how small Tribes like SLPT have just a much need and is so isolated. He put it her to give more to the smaller tribes in need. He learned that a lot of problems the tribes are having are road conditions, like SLPT. Then they went around to the Memorial Navy service for Native Americans.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said it was a great trip. Carol, whom Mr. Mace talked with, said to call her and reach out to here. Her goal was to have Indian land put into trust. She was about how to get the Tribes "at the table". She was willing to help. They talked about Housing and obtaining land and putting it into trust. They talked to Amodei. They talked about the USGS Lake Project. Amodei was surprised SLPT was not on the list and Mrs. Lone Eagle said he had to do that. There was a talk about how tribes felt about having a place at the table. They visited the Smithsonian and verified that the SLPT flag will be officially shown in the Smithsonian.

Council Member Philip Frank he signed checks and attended the Special Council meeting on September 29, 2022.

Council Member Steven Crane attended the September 29, 2022 Special Council meeting.

The Chairman called for Lunch at 12:55 pm.

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Council returned from lunch and 1:37 pm.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the General Council Meeting of Saturday, October 15, 2022 back to order at 1:37 pm.

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

STAFF: James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator, and Mr. Hawley, Tribal Coordinator

Enrollment Report by Delgadina Gonzalez, Enrollment Coordinator

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL- 44-2022 Tribal Enrollment of Minor #334 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-44-2022 enacted at 1:38 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-45-2022 Tribal Enrollment of Minor #336 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-45-2022 enacted at 1:39 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-46-2022 Tribal Enrollment of Minor #335 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-46-2022 enacted at 1:40 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-47-2022 Tribal Enrollment of Adult #337 with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-47-2022 enacted at 1:41 pm.

Ms. Gonzalez stated she had just started. She took a day to clean up the Enrollment office. There was a member who came in to get a new ID card. She got her picture and signature and there was an issue with the printer tape, but with the assistance of Mr. Hawley they were successful in printed the ID card. There was also five minors and one

adult who came in and got ID cards made. There was a total of seven ID cards issued. She looked at the employee cards to determine what needed to be changed.

She said she had a difficult time using the computer because of the many duplicate files. She is going through the data entered in the files to make sure everything is there and to organize.

There are some files that are missing documents. She can reach out to the families to get those things especially for those who are deceased, but if they do not have the documentation, Ms. Gonzalez asked if there was funding for her to obtain documentation.

Mrs. Lone Eagle explained to Ms. Gonzalez that funds for the Enrollment Department come from CTPG and does not have any separate funding and it depends on what portion of CTPG funds are budgeted to Enrollment, which is small. Ms. Gonzalez mentioned that in attending webinars and things, they might talk about mini-grants and wondered if it was okay to look into that. Mrs. Lone Eagle said it was okay.

Finance Department Report by Randi Lone Eagle, Chairwoman

Mrs. Lone Eagle discussed the report with Mr. Howard. She explained that the Council typically gets a month-to-month view of where SLPT stands financially with the numbers of what they have from grant to grant and the government and those numbers typically do not change that much. Most changes are when NRD is closing a grant, or there is money to expend or extend, those types of things. Other than that, things should be the same. She told him that two months ago they did get the 2023 budget was reviewed with the Council in regards to next year, based on what they expect to be awarded which is typically the same amount from year to year under consolidated. She explained what was included in line items. She also mentioned Ramah and ARPA funds.

He might want to change how it is compiled and how the report is arranged so it might look different. This will depend on whether they keep Mr. Howard or look for another person. She does agree with Mr. Mace that they are paying a good chunk of money for him on his contract. Mrs. Lone Eagle explained the process of how he gets paid and how she has to approve his time on an application.

LACTF is being used for the Chairwoman's money. They did not ask BIA for more money. She reached out to Marlys Hubbard to let her know. She said that the deadline for extra funding was near. Mrs. Lone Eagle said Council had not made a decision yet.

Mr. Simmons told Mr. Howard what the monthly process was. He said that a summary statement would be printed out and there were manual calculations to update the spreadsheets. The way indirect was taken out was confusing at only once a year. Mr.

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Simmons would like an update monthly so he would know exactly where they stood each month.

Housing Department Report presented by Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle

Updates:

- Traveled to Washington D.C. for the National American Indian Housing Council.
- Attended the Development Infrastructure Training for Possible Future Development
- Assisted in the day-to-day duties as needed
- Filing as needed.
- Showed the Tribal Coordinator around the office explained some of the duties that she knew of
- Increased in the HAP application since they sent the flyer out
- Continued to pick-up pantry items weekly. The Christmas box items are beginning to disappear.

Housing Emergency Programs:

- US Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): Original funding has been 100% expended. For \$64,489.02. Ms. New Moon submitted for first reallocation and was approved for additional funding in the amount of \$2,288.11 which been fully expended. She submitted for another reallocation on August 19, 2022 requesting \$10,000 and the Treasury approved the \$10,000. Notice was sent out October 11, 2022. This money needs to be expended by December 2022. Total monies received was \$76,730.13 through the ERA. Reporting is due October 17, 2022. Ms. New Moon has experienced issues logging into IDME to submit the reports.
- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF): six applications received: Five paid, one denied. An ERO for HAF. A plan is needed for modification. She is having issues logging into IDME to submit the update.
- National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Covid-19 Housing Assistance Program (C19HAP): Total monies awarded is \$44,000. Granted an additional one-year extension as of October 13, 2022. There is \$17,356.33 remaining which to be expended by November 30, 2022. Cleaning supplies are eligible so Ms. New Moon has been ordering supplies which is roughly costing \$300-\$370 for cleaning supplies for each applicant. There are nine more families to order supplies for. The program does have a \$5,000 cap per applicant.
- Indian Housing Block Grant Program American Rescue Plan (IHBG-ARP):. The total award was \$35,007. SLPT Housing has expended 100% of the funding received. Finance needs to know to prepare a final SF 425 to get the grant closed. There is no reallocation for this program.
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Funding has not been utilized yet. They are working to expend all of the other sources of a funding.

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Paiute Language Class:

First class began July 14, 2022. Classes continue twice a week on Tuesday and Friday at 11:00 am. Classes are uploaded to the SLPT YouTube channel. Subscribe to the You Tube channel to be able to see the classes later on.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for review of rental assistance applications. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council in Executive Session at 2:00 pm.

Council returned from Executive Session at 2:06 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance in the amount of \$375 per month. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:08 pm.

It is the consensus of the Council to deny one Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance due to being over income.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Recertification in the amount of \$500 per month for one year beginning November 2022. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:09 pm.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve Tenant Based Rental Assistance Recertification in the amount of \$500 per month which has previously denied, however the income has decreased and now qualifies. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 2:10 pm.

Natural Resources Department Report (NRD) from James Simmons, Director

Highlights for the Month

Mr. Simmons and the Chairwoman did interviews Program Coordinator and Biologist positions. Offers were extended to both. Megan Munn accepted the Program

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Coordinator position and will start October 24, 2022. An offer was extended to Lauren Wheeler for the Biologist position, but she is out on worker comp so Mr. Simmons is working with her to find a start date. He wants to wait for her.

They have been catching grouse to collar them for tracking. They have caught eight grouse--this is good, plus they are only half way through the season. They are hoping to put on all the collars, 20 to 25 of them, by the end of the season.

They are in the process of wrapping up the fall lake sampling. They have completed two weeks and have caught 112 LCT in the lake so far with one week to go. If they stay on track they may end up with 160-170, which is pretty good for this time of year.

There was a horse gather with the BLM out of Winnemucca. They used helicopters and were able to get quite a few horses off the reservation. They still have some hold outs on the western side. Garrett Swisher said he will try to come out on horseback to get those out of there. There are some on the southern end of the reservation that they will not attempt to get until the fence in the area is repaired.

They have a lot of projects going on before they close the field station for the winter, so there is a lot of activity on the reservation

- Noxious weed treatment with Great Basin Institute the week of October 17, 2022 and then for a week in November.
- The BTAZ fence project to fence around the BTAZ property on the western side will be done in mid-November.
- The lake bubbler will be installed the last week in October
- The irrigation diversion on lower Mahogany Creek will be ripped out and restored and the Snow Creek culvert that will be replaced and restored. They are having a meeting the next week to finalize the plans, and then Monday, October 24, 2022 and the following two weeks the plan is to do the actual construction work. Mr. Cowen asked questions about the materials and work to be done. Since Mr. Simmons had reports to be done, he will contact Mr. Cowen next week. A Tribal member mentioned that all the work being done made it inconvenient for those Tribal members who wanted to hunt and camp on the reservation. The member wants to be informed in advance of work being done. There was a discussion about this situation.

Discussion Topics

1. Approval of Vender to Purchase New Side-by-Side Utility Vehicle: Mr. Simmons passed out a comparison sheet of different models of utility vehicles and a picture of the one he recommended. Can-Am and Polaris are the two biggest brands in the market and then Honda. He got a quote from Can-Am with a vehicle with wind shield and back shield and other accessories. Mr. Crane asked about John Deere vehicles. Can-Am is

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\$30,000, Honda is a little less and Polaris is \$15,000 which is half the Can-Am. When you look at the features, the Polaris has half the features as the Can-Am, things such as horsepower, bed length, lower bed capacity and tilt, and so forth. The Can-Am can be used for things around the station, but can also be used for wildlife studies and range work. It can also go into the rough areas. You pay more but get more. There is approved funding through the budget modification of the range grant. Mr. Hawley asked if it had the accessories. It does have most of them and is included in the \$30,000. The vender is Michael's Reno Power Sports.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-43-2022 Approval of Vender to Purchase New Side-by-Side Utility Vehicle with a waiving of the reading. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-43-2022 enacted at 2:31 pm.

2. Approval to Reduce New Employee Probation Period from 180 to 90 days: This came up in discussion. Currently the probationary period is 180 days. This was discussed when trying to revise the Personnel Manual and is part of the revision. Mr. Simmons would like to break this piece out. Mr. Hawley said that 90 days is accepted across the board and is considered a normal probationary period. Mr. Simmons is asking for it to be retro-active to June 1, 2022.

There was a discussion of the changes that they had proposed to make in the Personnel Manual. In review a couple of things were not supposed to be done at all. Mr. Simmons is looking into health programs.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-48-2022 Approve to the Personnel Manual to Reduce New Employee Probation Period from 180 to 90 days Retro-active to June 1, 2022 with a recommendation to amend resolution with the edited correction. Secretary/ Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-48-2022 enacted at 2:44 pm.

3. LTRFCA :North Lake Tahoe Fire Annual paramedic Refresher on November 30 through December 2, 2022. The whole team was trained in Wilderness First Aid. It is important for the whole team to have this training. The new people coming on will be getting the Wilderness First Aid training. Mr. Simmons feels this Paramedic Refresher is a little above what NRD needs. So NRD will not be going to this.

4. No-cost extensions for funds 88, 120, 122:

- Fund 88 is a long-range transportation planning fund. NRD was not able to get to

it this year, but the SLPT long range transportation plan has expired being over ten years old. Although Mr. Cowen was under the impression this was a 20-year long range plan, in talking to David Smith, the BIA engineer for this region, Mr. Simmons learned that the long range plan was a ten year plan and has expired. He believes this funding was used to play for the current plan. He would like to revamp the plan over the next year to update it and so they can have another ten year window to do transportation improvements on the reservation.

- Fund 120 is another transportation fund that NRD wants to extend because it is part of the TIP approved this year and it is reserved for the equipment building next year.
- Fund 122 is the NFWF grant to LCT Viability Analysis and Restoration work. There is a good chunk of money still in the fund and Mr. Simmons would like to continue the sampling efforts in the Lake. Also to improve the modeling for that PVA model and submitting an amendment to set aside some money for contracting because they will need some help with the modeling. He wants to get ahead of the game and submit the amendment to NFWF. There is approximately \$250,000 to \$300,000 left of the original 2014 award.

He asked for a consensus of Council to he can submit the requests to the program officers.

It is the consensus of the Council to move forward with the submittals for extensions.

5. Proposal based on NFWF opening up grant applications for improving big game habitats in western states: There is a total of \$3 million dollars to spread out over six to eight projects in the western states. This can include fence removal, putting up fences, restoration, invasive plants, anything which involves improving habitat for big game such as antelope, mule deer, etc. and other species. Rebecca Carniello, NRD Fish and Wildlife Biologist, brought this to Mr. Simmons with the idea it would be good to apply to. The idea would be that that they could treat anywhere from 2,000 to 4,400 acres of the reservation and to get rid of cheatgrass. There is a pretty big infestation of cheatgrass with a large impact on sage grouse and habitat for big game. Mr. Simmons explained the proposed process of using herbicide to get rid of the cheatgrass and possibly reseed with native vegetation to improve the habitat for the wildlife. They can do this through a NFWF grant or do this work through Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS). They have an EQIP program NRD can leverage. Mr. Simmons is shying away from NFWF because they require a one-to-one match on the awards. NRCS will be tight but SLPT would not have to worry about a match or in-kind. NFWF would make it a two-year program while NRCS could be rolled into a multi-year, multi-phase project with this work being just one of the items.

Mr. Mace commented that he is not comfortable with the spraying of herbicide. The

project should take it slow. The herbicide planned to be used is one that is the least toxic. Mr. Simmons felt it is a long time goal removing the non-native vegetation that is crowding out the native vegetation and the cheatgrass is not benefiting the large animals at all. It will eventually return it to its natural state. The NRCS is also more flexible and can start with a smaller section to see how it works first.

Mr. Mace asked how it would affect the waters and the fish which is very important. The deadline for submittal is November 8, 2022 for NFWF. There is a concern over the herbicide harming the native vegetation and the water and fish. Mr. Simmons would rather check out the herbicide and its affect on the water and land and then bring this project to NRCS.

Mr. Crane also asked to start with clean drinking water for the people on the reservation. They can look at NRSC and Bureau of Reclamation for this.

It is the consensus of the Council to further investigate the effects of the herbicide on the water life and aquatic systems and if that is good, to move forward with looking at the NRCS EQIP program.

Ms. Gonzalez asked what the Council wanted her goal to be. Mr. Crane said fix it. Ms. Gonzalez just want to make all the records complete. Mrs. Lone Eagle wants a copy of Ms. Gonzalez's schedule to post on the website. Ms. Crane would like to see an audit. Ms. Gonzalez said they should get the files organized and complete first. Mrs. Lone Eagle said they have never done an audit before especially being a small tribe. Ms. Crane said she just wants SLPT and the BIA to be on the same page.

NEW BUSINESS

Polling location is posted to the Housing Page and added to the Website. The sample Ballot has the Suite address wrong. Mrs. Lone Eagle let them know that the information was wrong, that they were to provide her with equipment and everything for a polling place. She asked them to repost the information 1. They are looking for poll workers, 2. That the polling is at Suite 401 not 402 as the flyer states. 3. It is not only for the tribal members but also a voting place for the public. They also should supply the signage for October 22, 2022 through November 4, 2022. The front parking from 401 down will be for those who are voting. Staff and additional people will park in the back from 401 to 403. She will touch base with Ms. Melendez next week. She does want a meet an greet event in Suite 401 prior to kicking off the early voting to have Mercedes and whoever is running for Q and A. They would do the funding. It would be good Tuesday or Thursday. They want to find another worker. The more people the better. They will do the training.

- Early voting is October 22 through November 4, 2022 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Election Day November 8, 2022 from 7 am to 7:00 pm.
- Workers will arrive one hour prior to the poll opening and stay 30 minutes after

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the polls close.
Mrs. Lone Eagle read the pay rates for the workers.

OLD BUSINESS

- ARPA—tabled next Council meeting
- SSBCI—Mrs. Lone Eagle will get with Wendy and Mr. Howard next week. The SSBCI must be submitted by the end of October.
- Finance Position duties—There has been only one applicant for the Finance Director position.

Next Meetings:

- Regular Council Meeting, Saturday, November 19, 2022 at the Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am.

A letter was received regarding something about Nevada State Bank. They will need to find out when the referenced person passed. In 2005 this person personally verified that they were personally known to a person and signed a document. It referenced a loan with Great Basin Bank of Nevada. Mrs. Lone Eagle said to take it back to the office and try to track this person.

The Council was given homework from HUD to complete the Housing survey. Be sure to get it done.

Ms. Crane had information for Enrollment and will leave it in the Enrollment office.

Mr. Simmons asked how Pyramid Paiute Tribe pays for medical insurance for its employees. Mr. Hawley said to contact the insurance providers and they can provide plans and options. Usually it is paid 50—50. Mr. Simmons asked how does Pyramid pay their part of the insurance, where does the funding come from. Tribe does not pay anything. The employee chooses what level of insurance and they pay for their own if they chose to have insurance. Mr. Simmons is looking for a source to help pay health care insurance as an incentive. He needs to find funding for the long term. Mr. Simmons has been checking into it and has found some plans. He would like to be able to have SLPT pay 50%. He would like to at least offer a plan.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Steven Crane. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Rand Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

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CERTIFICATION

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the October 15, 2022 General Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting November 19, 2022 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.

Date

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