

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, August 21, 2021  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 402, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Meeting of Saturday August 21, 2021 to order at 8:12 am.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director; Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; Alissa Marshall, Enrollment Coordinator; James Simmons, Natural Resources Director; and James Waddell and Wyatt Plumlee, Natural Resources Department

Ms. Lone Eagle welcomed James Simmons who started in his position as Director of the Natural Resources Department on August 8, 2021.

BLM is on the agenda. They have not met with SLPT practically since the pandemic started. Ms. Lone Eagle called to contact the Mark Hall of the Black Rock Field Station and was coordinated to communicate with a Shannon Deep with the BLM Winnemucca Office. SLPT has not communicated with the Applegate/Surprise Valley BLM office for some time now. They talked about communicating quarterly. SLPT does receive many emails with EISs and project documents requesting comments. Mostly these are directed to NRD. If they are outside the SLPT area of interest (75 Mile radius), it generally not commented on as it is too time consuming. It is nice that the BLM wants to come to the table and talk. SLPT and other agencies do support each other when possible. Currently there is a letter regarding the EA for the Calico Complex Wild Horse and Burro Gathering Plan.

**Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** stated the from last month to this month, she has been handling the emails, text messages, and phone calls from staff. On the week of August 2, 2021, she was notified that the Housing Manager was out sick. On August 8, 2021 she was notified that the Housing Manager had lost the sense of smell and taste and had been diagnosed with COVID. The staff members who had exposed to her were informed. Ms. Lone Eagle reiterated that staff members are to wear masks before entering the building and at all times when in the building even if distanced or alone in an office vaccinated or not. She does not take it lightly. Ms. Marshall and Ms. Reese were sent home until they tested negative to COVID. Ms. Marshall has since returned to work. There was a question raised if these people would be paid because they were sent home due to COVID. At the August 14, 2021 Special Council meeting it was decided to pay them for time out for COVID until they had tested negative and had no symptoms and could return to work.

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Council Member Steven Crane entered the Meeting at 8:22 am.

There was a Special Council meeting August 14, 2021 where the Council dealt with many of the day-to-day things Ms. Quinn needed to handle prior to this Regular Council Meeting of August 21, 2021. Another meeting has been coordinated for Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

If items come up that need to be dealt with before the Regular Council Meeting on the third Saturday of the month, a Special Council meeting can be called. The Chairwoman must be contacted with the issue. Ms. Lone Eagle can call a Special Meeting if there is money for the Tribal Council to be compensated for the meeting, and if it must be dealt with prior to the Regular Council meeting and as long as Ms. Quinn is notified in advance and a majority of the Council is aware of it.

There are a couple meetings coming up. One concerns the Personnel Manual which had been brought up previously. There were questions and concerns from the Council and from the Finance Department. This is still ongoing. There will be changes. Also, SLPT is small and unique so some of the "usual" things do not apply.

She came into the office to sign checks. She took care of email. She signed documentation for the purchase of the building next door as well as a partial check.

She signed an ICWA letter. In regards to the Straub case, Ms. Lone Eagle heard from a CPS person in regards to the minor child (new baby) who has not been enrolled yet. This case is still in a pending status and the child has not been fully removed from the home yet. Ms. Lone Eagle gave Ms. Marshall a heads-up that there will be things coming on this case. She asked for the documents be sent to SLPT.

August 2, 2021, Ms. Marshall informed Ms. Lone Eagle that the data printer was not working. Ms. Lone Eagle, in lieu of an ID card, sent a letter for one member to their school as verification. The data printer issue has been resolved.

James Simmons was given the same pay increase as the rest of the employees in regards to what was approved prior to August 14, 2021 and prior to his start date.

The Chairwoman received a request from a Tribal Member looking for assistance and permission to use the water faucet or spigot near her land assignment at the Reservation. She is retiring and plans to live on the Reservation full-time on her land assignment. She is in need of water and housing assistance. Ms. Lone Eagle is not sure where this land assignment is.

There was an email from Sherman on behalf of the ATCCC pertaining to the ACECS Department of the Interior and BLM. They are trying to coordinate to make sure there

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are tribal consultations informing tribes of the different things they have coming up such as laws that are out there

Tribal Historic Preservation Monitor certification or recertification is taking place September 14, 2021 and September 17, 2021.

Video was received from the US Department of Justice for their Criminal Information Services highlighting the benefits of a specific program sent to all the tribes.

Nevada State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) presented SLPT with the SHPO plan for 2020-2028.

There will be discussion on the Telecommuting Policy adopted by SLPT on March 21, 2020.

She had a phone call with James Waddell regarding personnel issues. This has been addressed by the Tribal Council and is now aware.

ITCN and a gentlemen named OJ has been working with Desiree Quintana in regards to the Broadband grant out in Indian country and where it fits in and how it benefits SLPT as a tribe either on or off the Reservation and assist their members. This was touched on in the survey that was set out to the members. She was surprised at the turn out and the questions and concerns writing back that some felt it would be beneficial, some did not since they did not live on the Reservation. There is a tentative draft of a resolution where SLPT could be in support of ITCN doing the leg work on their end or for the Tribe to it. It would be a \$500,000 grant. The deadline is September 1, 2021 for the resolution. The grant has several options available. DTS, SLPT's IT company, is already working with Ms. Quintana. Ms. Quinn said that it would be impossible for her to gather up all the necessary information in time to make the Grant application. Ms. Lone Eagle said that there could be issues with the partnership. ITCN will be the receiver of the Grant.

**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** reported she attended the Special Council meetings on July 21, 2021 and July 28, 2021 on the American Relief Act and the Personnel Manual which is ongoing.

On the August 13, 2021 she was going to attend an ITCN which was cancelled for not meeting quorum. It has been rescheduled for September 10, 2021, which she intends to attend.

August 14, 2021 there was another Special Council meeting for Policy review.

She was available for check signing.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr.** attended the August 14, 2021 Special Council meeting. He signed checks. He and Ms. Quinn went to Nevada Recovers.com meeting.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended the Special Council meetings on July 21, July 28 and August 14, 2021.

**Council Member Steven Crane** stated he also attended the Special Council meetings on July 21, July 28 and August 14, 2021.

Ms. Lone Eagle thanked Ms. Quinn, Ms. Reese and Tribal Member Melissa Eller for picking up for the pantry. They heard from some members that said they could not come into the pantry during work hours; and asked if the pantry be open on weekends. They are discussing ways to resolve the issue such as mailing, delivering packages, opening up one weekend. Ms. New Moon said upon request she is willing to be there on the weekend. Ms. Lone Eagle discussed some requests which SLPT just cannot fill.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

James Waddell joined the meeting via phone at 8:50 am.

### **Natural Resources Department by James Simmons**

Mr. Simmons introduced himself as the new Director of Natural Resources Department. Mr. Waddell and Mr. Plumlee are present to assist with the report where necessary.

Mr. Simmons passed copies of the report, a resolution and documentation on ATVs to be removed from inventory in some way.

Ms. Lone Eagle explained to Mr. Simmons that, in regards to his report, the Council will review the written report, but now they are most interested in the bullet points, executive sessions and discussion topics to streamline the meeting report.

### **Discussion Topics**

1. Resolution: There is an environment assessment currently being worked on with Great Basin Land and Water (GBLW) and RCI who is doing the study for ordinary highwater mark at the Lake. It is the shoreline of the Lake in 2006. This resolution proposes to adopt this as the Ordinary Highwater Mark of determination for the fence project which will encircle the private property of BTAZ. Mr. Simmons presented the attached map to show where the highwater mark was and the placement of the fence with a 20-foot buffer at the shore and then to encircle the rest of the private property. The resolution is to approve this proposed action for the fence. Once this is approved, then it will be made part of the environmental assessment and then it will already be approved for the final

assessment.

Mr. Crane asked about how many cattle guards the fence will need to cross. Ms. Lone Eagle said that looking at the map, there appears to be one existing cattle guard and that there would be three new ones. Mr. Waddell explained that this was as planned and approved previously. Council agreed.

Ms. Quinn asked why SLPT did not try to buy the land. Ms. Lone Eagle gave Mr. Simmons some history on the land and why SLPT has not been able to buy the land. BTAZ would sell but for well over market price which SLPT cannot due per grant stipulations. Mr. Waddell stopped by the ranch the day before and met the new ranch boss named Cole and his wife Loran. They are communicative and wants to work with SLPT.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-50-2021 Support for the Proposed Action Contained in the Draft Environmental Assessment Required for the Summit Lake Reservation Fence Project 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. Resolution SL-50-2021 enacted at 9:12 am.**

Mr. Simmons explained that this is one part of the Environmental Assessment which also contains a Biological Assessment which Mr. Waddell is working on and then would be reviewed for the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR). There is also a Cultural Assessment has been drafted and already in review by the BOR. Once approved it will be reviewed by SHPO which has a 60-day review period. If the review timeline goes as planned, the draft Environmental Assessment can be brought for Council review and approve for November. Once in place, they can arrange for fence installation the next Spring.

2. Equipment Building: They are trying to get it in before the Field Station closes for the Winter. The pad will need to be extended by one third to 45' wide by 60' long. The building needs to be ordered and delivered. It needs to be installed. The bay doors will need to be purchased and installed. Most custom builders have no steel due to COVID until wintertime. Mr. Waddell found a company, VersaTube, which can provide a standard-sized kit SLPT can have with all the components in three to four weeks. If it needs to be customized it will take six to seven weeks. Currently they are working out what size is required. This is all in progress. They will check with Finance to determine the funding source(s) and amount. He asked for how to go about the approval process since the project was already approved.

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Ms. Lone Eagle explained the history of this project and that it would require a resolution.

3. Roofing Installation Contractor: Mr. Waddell discussed getting installers to reroof the buildings (Trailers) at the Field Station. The materials are already on site. Professional installers need to be hired to install the roofing. They will look for some bids. Ms. Lone Eagle said in order to move forward they need to get bids, telling the contractors what the project entails, where the site is located, and ask for the proposed costs. They will need to verify the funding source. Then bring it to the Council for approval.
4. Move structure Next to the Boat Shed: This structure was proposed to be moved over to where the new equipment building will be. Mr. Simmons is asking for the Council's opinion. They were thinking that when there are people on the Reservation to install the new equipment building, NRD might ask them to do a few other things like this. Mr. Simmons want to know if it is okay to move the structure and where to move it. It was decided that it was up to NRD to move it where they felt it would be most useful.
5. Weather Station Purchase Approval: Mr. Plumlee has been putting together a purchase order for the weather station. He worked with Ms. Quinn to make sure things were assigned to the correct funds. He has a quote from Innovative Hydrology. These people are already doing the maintenance and purchase of the equipment for the network at the Lake. The quote is for \$18,347.25. They are looking for Council approval to move ahead this the purchase order and project. The Council said it had already been approved. Ms. Quinn explained where the funds were coming from. It is good to update the weather station. Its data is important to the research for many projects. They are determining the new location, closer to the Lake for better data. This is the last piece to the original projects and this will also use up the grant funds. New funds have been added for new projects. \$20,000 for new PIT tag monitoring system, \$57,000 for the genetic analysis, \$40,000 for primary protectivity, and \$20,000 for repair and maintenance of prior water quality equipment. It is the consensus of the Council to move forward with the project and purchase order.
6. Feral Horses and Trespass Cattle: In the last few weeks there has been cattle on the Reservation. There have also been many feral horses. Mr. Waddell has been in contact with Soldier Meadows Ranch and contacted BLM to make them aware. Mr. Waddell flew a drone over the fence line and found some holes where they are coming in. Dustin will be on the Reservation next week to fix the holes. Mr. Waddell has been coordinating with BLM to drive the horses out that are over by the Tule Springs area. They come every year and trample down the fence and

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devastate that area. He intends to keep on BLM about that. He wants to review the SLPT Wild Horse Plan to see if NRD needs to take action. He suggested looking into the range land grants for funds to possibly get contractors to fix those fences. It is a huge issue.

7. **ATV Sale:** Mr. Simmons referenced the packet he passed out. The packet details the specifications and detail of each ATV. They will keep the 2016 ATVs but need to know what to do with the older ATVs. Also included are Kelly Blue pricing for the 2000 and 2002 models. Mr. Waddell suggests putting them on the website to auction them off. Several retailers were consulted and they do not want the ATVs because of age. The Kelly Blue book says \$1000 each but Mr. Waddell suggests starting at \$500. They need to go. He also suggested first come, first served just to get them off the Reservation so the shop can be made functional again. There are already five people interested in them. There are five ATVs which will be brought down to storage. It was decided to put them on the website and have an auction where people will bid on the ATVs with bidding to start at \$500. Auction is open to Tribal Members. Mr. Plumlee volunteered to organize, coordinate and administer the auction.
8. **Tribal Court:** Mr. Simmons was talking with Tom Schossler, the lawyer working with NRD on Treatment of State for the EPA. He suggested that SLPT join an intertribal court system to help deal with BTAZ and possibly get them to the table to negotiate. Mr. Simmons proposed that Council call Mr. Schossler to discuss this. Ms. Lone Eagle discussed the history of the Council's efforts in being represented as a CFR Tribal Court, using the BIA and the BIA law enforcement. At this time to be part of an Intertribal Court would not be a benefit to SLPT. It is better to be a CFR Tribal Court and utilize the BIA resources. Mr. Mace would like to have the Tribal logo on the NRD trucks to be a visual that there are people on the Reservation.
9. **Fire arms policy:** Now the policy is that there are no firearms on the compound. Mr. Simmons was wondering if this could be reviewed to allow firearms for protection only. 22 shells have been found on the compound and there are stories of strangers coming into the compound late at night knocking on the doors of the staff buildings. This was thought of an issue of safety. Some staff have been properly trained and own their own fire arms. It would be required to have verifiable training before bring guns on the Reservation. The staff feels like sitting ducks. Ms. Lone Eagle said she does not care if the staff has their own fire arms, on the Reservation no staff, no Tribal Member is allowed to have fire arms in the Field Station area. She does understand how they feel, but it would be a problem if Tribal members could not have fire arms and the staff can. This is a big deal and Ms. Lone Eagle is concerned. There was a discussion of the situation. The prevailing opinion is not in favor of fire arms but does acknowledge

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that the staff should feel safe.

Ms. Lone Eagle brought up a past idea of finding funding to have someone stay out at the Reservation who could keep an eye on the Field Station and Reservation who could be certified to care a fire arm. They would not really be security.

This is the first she is hearing it about this issue. This discussion will be tabled for another meeting. Mr. Simmons said the general idea was that if a staff member felt they wanted to carry a fire arm they would be required to adhere to requirements like verified training before bringing it on the Reservation. No one would be forced to carry a gun. Mr. Waddell said the next time this comes up they will try to have a plan. They will propose something at the next meeting with Council and NRD.

10. Tule Springs Paleo Discovery-Should they have an expert look at it? This is regarding the find of fossils out on the Reservation. Mr. Waddell has pictures. Ms. Lone Eagle stated that this was a topic previously considered. It was discussed whether they should have an expert to dive into it. Also considered was that this would open this up to the public. There may or may not be some historic information and this would bring it to the public attention and whether or not SLPT wants that attention to the Reservation and have everyone wanting to come and see. It was pointed out that by law paleo discovery is also considered a cultural resource relative to SHPO. It falls within resource protection statutes. Since it is SLPT land it would be SLPT's fossil and it would not be opened up to everybody. It would be up to the Council's discretion.

The photos were put on the screen. The photos were described. This is north of Tule Springs. There are probably more fossils. Some bones seem opalized which would make them older than the historic landside. It could be nothing or something. They do not have that expertise but knows it could be significant.

Ms. Mace and Mr. Frank felt as long as the information was not publicized, this could bring protections and information. They are curious. The landside is estimated to have occurred 17,000 years ago.

Mr. Simmons said if they just want someone to look at it, he can contact University of Nevada Reno (UNR) and find the appropriate person to look at it. Ms. Crane said she is curious, but if they were to talk to Elders, they would say to leave it alone.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to vote to have an expert to look at the Tule Paleo Discovery. Council Member Steven Crane seconded**



**the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 10:35 am.**

Mr. Simmons will follow-up on finding the appropriate person at UNR.

11. Star-link Internet. Although it was discussed, no decision was made. The costs are \$500 for equipment and then \$99 a month. Ms. Lone Eagle asked what fund would pay for this. It was asked what fund pays for the current internet service. Ms. Quinn says it varies. The NRD Director chooses which grants have communications allowances to fund the service. The charges were passed around the various grants. CTGP does not cover this cost. Mr. Simmons stated the reasons to have a greater speed, better internet services. It would be of personal moral and communication benefit. The bandwidth needs to increase.

Ms. Quinn state that is why she wants to work with ITCN on the Broadband grant as Ms. Quintana says Star-link as well as fiber optics and other options are available with this grant. This to get the best out there. Mr. Simmons said there should be a short-term and a long-term phase. Mr. Waddell said they need to order the service now so that when it comes online by the end of the year, they can have it in service quicker.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the Star-link internet for the Reservation start-up fee and monthly costs. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion approved 10:49 am.**

12. Cubicle Cabinet Move: There are cabinets in the NRD area on the walls. These were from the old office and installed above the new existing cubicles. These double cubicle walls block light from the workstations. They are using up space unnecessarily. They want to know if Council has a use for them in the new building. The Council said no. NRD can do whatever they want with them.
13. Mr. Simmons is giving a heads up for a purchase order to rent some equipment. There is a profiler system scheduled for installation at the Reservation in September. They need to rent some vehicle to move the equipment. It will be \$1,500. The profiler equipment will be delivered to the office. They will need to rent a forklift and a truck and trailer to deliver it to the Reservation. It is coming out of Fund 102 (1028). Ms. Quinn suggested to have things delivered to the Reservation because then there are no taxes. Ms. Lone Eagle explained what questions she will ask with every expenditure request.

There were no further questions.

The NRD report concluded.

**Enrollment Report: Alissa Marshall, Enrollment Coordinator**

ICWA: There were two ICWA requests. Both were non-affiliated. Letters were signed by the Chairwoman and mailed certified.

407 non-affiliated ICWA files have been scanned and saved to the external drive. Two drawers in the file cabinet are now empty with a third only a quarter full. One drawer is full. This cabinet should be emptied of non-affiliated ICWA cases (scanned and saved) by the end of the year.

Membership Related: There is one new member as of the last Regular Council meeting. Total enrolled members are 177. She created five new member files including the new member and four members who were given member numbers but had incomplete files, who now have completed files as of the last Regular Council meeting. Enrollment approval letters have been sent certified to all five members .

Five additional enrollment applications were sent out.

Ms. Marshall presented the enrollment tally sheet. 11 applications remain unreceived. She has been in contact with the members. One member wanted four applications but returned the previously sent applications blank. Ms. Marshall will send a third set of four applications. The member said they will be sure to fill these out and send them back. SLPT will have sent her a total of 16 applications. Ms. Marshall asked if she should create a policy regarding multiple mailings. She said this was the only case she knew of with this many copies of the application send. Ms. Lone Eagle said no, it was not necessary.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked Ms. Marshall how she knew what the next membership number would be. In the past the numbers came from Progeny but that there were issues of members with the same number. Explained the history of the numbers and some of the issues. Ms. Marshall was told by the last Enrollment Coordinator what the next number was. Ms. Marshall said she will check all membership numbers, active, deceased, relinquished, etc. in the files with the Progeny database.

Four of the enrollment applications that are still out were given a second extension with the approval of the Chairwoman. Ms. Lone Eagle said to wait for reply. Another seven applicants were contacted via email and phone with no response. She emailed them a second time and gave them 25-day extension if they would get in contact with her. Nothing has been received. Four applicants were granted 60-day extensions due to an issue with their ability to obtain social security cards which will take six weeks.

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Everything else for the applications are complete. Two or three applications are incomplete.

Ms. Marshall asked if the application is filled out by a sponsor (minors) can the application be completed by another family member or must it be the initial sponsor only. The application has a definition of Sponsor vs Family member. Sponsors are for minors that are adopted or not of age to fill out the application themselves. Whoever starts the applications must complete the application. It is not the job of the Enrollment Coordinator to fill-out any applications. It must be completed by the applicant if of age or a parent or sponsor if a minor.

There was an issue with the completion of an application by a different family member who was local and felt that it was the job of the Coordinator to fill out the application. It is the responsibility of the one requesting the application not a staff member.

Three applications are complete and ready for review by the Enrollment Committee. Ms. Marshall expects five additional applications to come in by the next meeting per the intake policy.

Five address changes were received, entered into Progeny and updated on the mailing list on the common drive. Five member ID cards were printed for members. The card printer is working now. There were two members who need ID cards. Ms. Marshall tried contacting one with no email on file and a phone that always seemed busy. She could not get hold of them. The other one who had his name changed, will need to send in a photo. Ms. Lone Eagle stated that they will need to come in and sign the card in order for it to be official. He is sending his signature.

She updated the tally sheet and control logs.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for ten minutes for Enrollment issues. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The Council went into Executive Session at 11:22 am.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 11:37 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-43-2021 Accepting Application for Enrollment for Danny Albert Wilson as a Tribal Member 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. Resolution SL-43-2021 enacted at 11:39 am.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-48-2021 Accepting Application for Enrollment for Benjamin Michael Pimentel as a Tribal Member 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-48-2021 enacted at 11:40 am.**

### **Housing Report by Austin New Moon, Housing Manager**

Ms. New Moon is out due to a mild case of COVID. She hopes to get test results and come to work on Monday, August 23, 2021. This was totally unforeseen. She did not want it to happen.

She does have one application completed. She would like to be put on the agenda for the next Special meeting to present it for approval.

She has been handling emails and phone calls. She is trying to do what she can from home. She is limited not having access to everything she needs.

She does not have the Emergency Rental Assistance spreadsheet done as the applications are in the office. She will bring it to the next meeting.

There is also a spreadsheet for HUD so the Council can see everyone that Housing has been able to help so far. It should also be ready for the next meeting.

She was working with one member with the Reno Housing Authority. She decided to vacate. She was approved for a new place and has moved in. It is nice.

Ms. New Moon has a member waiting for a Section 8. She does not have an update.

When she gets back to work she will hit the ground running. She is thankful for everyone there. Ms. New Moon left the meeting.

Ms. Lone Eagle called for Lunch at Noon to reconvene at 1:00 pm.

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

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**GUESTS:** Mark Hall, Black Rock Field Manager; Shannon Deep, Native American Coordinator; and Kathleen Rehberg, Humboldt-River Field Office Field Manager of Winnemucca BLM

Ms. Lone Eagle introduce the SLPT Council and staff members present.

**Consultation: Winnemucca BLM**

Shannon introduced the BLM people present.

Ms. Lone Eagle talked about the COVID situation necessitating electronic communication and how she was glad they could come together this way.

She stated that Mr. James Waddell, NRD staff member who had already left the meeting, had a question wanting to know when the grading of the road would take place and also the handling of the horses which is always ongoing. BLM has coordinated with SLPT to remove the horses.

Mark Hall said regarding the roads, currently the BLM and Humboldt County are working on a new agreement. Considering how dry it is, they will need to wait to work on the road until winter. They cannot haul enough water to get it wet enough to be able to do any work on it.

In the case of horses, Mr. Hall said Garrett will be back on September 25, 2021. He is now in Ely, Nevada on a horse gather. He will coordinate with Mr. Waddell to better handle on the problem, to determine the best way to move the ones that are there off the Reservation.

Ms. Lone Eagle referenced the recent mailing SLPT received on the environmental assessment of the Calico Complex. She would like to discuss this. Mr. Hall said that it has been decided. There will be a gathering in Fiscal Year 2022. It also included permanent sterilization of both mares and stallions. There are about five more days to protest this. The decision he signed has a low AML for the whole complex. Majority of the horses will be permanently sterilized.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked if the BLM representatives had any questions or comments.

They asked to share their screens to show a couple maps and show current projects that might be of interest to the Tribe.

1. The Pueblo Fire Station: It is an EA to build a fire station to house equipment and take care of road maintenance in the area. It also included a land purchase of land currently privately owned. This is county fire department.

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2. Jackson Mountain horse gather: They are working on an EA for a horse gather at Jackson Mountain. There will be an emergency gather there any time now because there is no forage. The body condition of the horses is going down quickly. This is a 10-year EA.
3. There are two geothermal projects in the early stages: Magee and Pinto.

Ms. Deep announced the new personnel including herself and Ms. Rehberg, as well as Amber Koski, Deputy District Manager.

COVID The District Office is currently open to visitors with masks. But due to safety protocols, in-person meetings are restricted so on-line meetings are what they will be doing.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked Ms. Deep to send her the current names and position of the new personnel.

Ms. Rehberg would like to have meetings more regularly. Ms. Lone Eagle explained that the SLPT Regular meetings are held every third Saturday of the month either in the Sparks office or at the Reservation. They are typically via Zoom. Ms. Lone Eagle explained the process for getting on the agenda and for the Zoom link. She extended a standing invitation to the BLM. Ms. Rehberg would suggest once a quarter.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked if there was Burning Man considering COVID. Mr. Hall said Burn Man cancelled. Some of the dye-hard Burners created a Plan B or Non-Event Event. Starting August 23, 2021 BLM will have law enforcement and people out on the playa checking whoever is camping. The air quality is not good. They implemented some restrictions. No roads will be closed. Restrictions are things like no dumping of black water or erection of structures.

That was all they had and signed off the meeting.

Mr. Simmons asked if those projects were close to the Reservation and told they were in fairly close areas.

#### **Finance Report by Linda Quinn**

1. Budget Summary: Spreadsheets of all grant expenses and remaining balances as of September 19, 2021 were presented to Council and staff.
  - o Fund 131 received an additional \$195,000
  - o BIA FY 2021 Annual allocations of grant funding received for Fisheries, Roads, Range and Higher Education.
  - o Higher Education received a new application from Kaleb Barr, but Ms. Quinn was unable to speak to the school to see if a Music Certificate is an

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actual education qualifying degree or just a class. A letter will be sent to the applicant to clarify the issue.

- Award Officer Marilyn Bittisillie, Carson City BIA, informed Ms. Quinn that she is working on SLPT's request for the Housing Improvement Plan (HIP) for \$64,194.00 as outlined in Resolution SL-36-2021.
- Grant fiscally closed: Fund 127, Sage Grouse, A16AP00256. NRD to prepare final program report and finance has completed final SF-425. Grant has a zero balance.
- Grant 126 closed with unobligated funds of \$2,995.57. Funds were returned, check # 30113 to Glenn Shafer, BIA Western Regional Office, Phoenix, AZ. Ms. Quinn was unable to return funds through ASAP. Multiple inquiries to Glenn Shafer requesting where to send these unobligated funds were unanswered.
- Fund 145, Bat Inventory, all funds expended and In-Kind posted. Grant closing date September 30, 2021.
- EPA Water Pollution Control, 99T77319, \$80,000 for October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022. E-mail states, "should you disagree with the terms and conditions or do not wish to accept EPA funding, your authorized representative must send a notice of disagreement to the EPA award official within 21 days of the award mailing date via Region 9's dedicated email [GrantsRegion9@epa.gov](mailto:GrantsRegion9@epa.gov)."

Corona Virus Relief: ARP – CRF – SSBCI:

- US Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) received \$147,769.00, which was placed in FUND 1401 needs to be spent by December 31, 2021. COVID wage loss paid with this funding.
  - Second US Treasury payment (based on the 2019 tribal employment numbers) for \$1 Million due this month.
  - ARP Native Language Program Funding with the Health & Human Services Administration sent an e-mail regarding the SLPT application. They requested a revised SF-424 with grand total reduced to \$82,609.00. Ms. Quinn also sent them SLPT's 2021 indirect cost rate. Application is considered complete.
  - State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) Program has extended their deadline to complete the Notice of Intent process from August 16 to September 16, 2021
  - Successfully completed the ERA1 and ERA2 Quarter 2 reports. Ms. Lone Eagle will need to be set up on reporting system for the other grant reports.
2. Purchase Agreement for 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste 401 and check for \$25,000 earnest money will go to Tricor Title Company on Monday, August 23, 2021. They will order an inspection. Burgarello Alarm at Suite 401, Ms. Quinn asked Council if they want to assume the balance of the five-year contract. Ms. Quinn was

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directed to check into the cost of the alarm system and the cost of also installing a system in the current office (Suite 402) to presented at the next meeting.

3. \$500,000 grant request for broadband access on the reservation: ITCN has a contract with Native Connections to assist with writing this Grant project application. Individual grants of up to \$500,000. Resolution required for group application. SLPT will need to provide information. It is due September 1, 2021. There was a discussion of what information and who to talk to in order provide the correct information. A meeting will be set up with OJ and Ms. Quintana to discuss the details.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-49-2021 Coordinate with the ITCN to Apply for Broadband Connectivity Program Grant with a waiving of the reading. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconds the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-49-2021 enacted at 1:55 pm.**

4. Request for School supplies from member with high schooler. Needs were a backpack, five spiral notebooks, pens, highlighters, mechanical pencils, pencil box, loose paper, scientific calculator. This was purchased at Office Depot for \$58.31. This is the only request SLPT has received. It was shipped via USPS. Also shipped were three Fire tablets to three minor members in Seaside, California.
5. BlueBird CPA Audit update: She should have a final by the next meeting.
6. The Nevada Governor Steve Sisolak invites the Council to join him at the Stewart Indian Boarding School in Carson City, Nevada on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 11:00 am. Mr. Crane and Ms. Crane are interested.
7. Broadband Webinar on August 18th. Ms. Quinn listened in and picked up that there is lots of information for grantees on the Broadband USA website. The recorded webinars have all been recorded, and can be found on the Broadband website. Deadline to apply for \$500,000 is September 1, 2021.
8. The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and partner organizations convened a Tribal Leader Town Hall on Wednesday, August 11, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. EDT. The purpose of the Town Hall was to discuss H.R. 3684: The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, which is the \$1.2 trillion bi-partisan infrastructure package passed by the U.S. Senate.

Ms. Quinn listened in and there was a lot of political speak and basic



grandstanding. Light on details, heavy on praising each other. Each state will determine the projects they want to fund.

9. The scanner position: Ms. Quinn was unable to contact Shayanne Williams. The number she listed was not hers. The position will be posted for Native preference.

UPDATE:

- Julie's Sign Shop: They are still waiting for the monument location sign
- Personnel Policy (Employee Handbook) temporarily on hold.
- Indirect cost rate is accepted at 21.59% for 2021 and 23.93% for 2022.

Ms. Quinn has been very busy.

## MINUTES

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Thursday, July 8, 2021 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 at 2:06 pm.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, July 17, 2021 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 at 2:07 pm.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, July 21, 2021 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. Motion approved at 2:08 pm.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of Wednesday, July 28, 2021 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 at 2:09 pm.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked if they could put the minutes after Roll Call and before Reports on the Agenda next month. Council was in agreement.

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For the Council's Information, Ms. Lone Eagle currently has the Tribal suburban while her vehicle is waiting for a repair part. Ms. Quinn was informed. She should have it back to the office by Tuesday, August 24, 2021.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman moved to go into Executive Session for five minutes for the Scanning position application. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried.**

Council returned from Executive Session.

Ms. Lone Eagle asked where the member's land assignment is that wants to use the water spigot. Mr. Frank said it was next to the compound near the willows. She is also requesting housing assistance. It was suggested that they have Ms. New Moon contact her as far as housing assistance. The Council agreed to let her use the spigot temporarily until a permanent solution can be found.

Christopher Townsend, who they could not find, has come into the office. His mother changed his name when in elementary school to Gilbert. His real name is Christopher Gilbert. He is a member and wanted his Ramah settlement. Ms. Quinn cut him a check. He is also eligible for the 2021 \$1400. COVID-19 payout. She processed this also. Ms. Quinn got all his documentation for enrollment. He will return for his ID card.

Ms. Quinn will take the \$25,000 check to Ticor on Monday, August 23, 2021

**Next Meetings:**

Special Council meeting Saturday, September 2, 2021 at Administrative Building-  
Council and Natural Resources Department

Regular Council meeting Saturday, September 18, 2021 at Administrative Building,  
2255 Green Vista Dr. Suite 402, Sparks, Nevada and via Zoom at 8:00 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 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 August 21, 2021 Regular Council Meeting were approved with correction by the Council during a duly held meeting September 18, 2021 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.

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