

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Monday, September 27, 2021
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Monday, September 27 2021 to order at 4:48 pm.

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

STAFF: Austin New Moon, Housing Manger

HUD Indian Housing Plan (IHP) by Austin New Moon

Ms. New Moon asked if everyone had a copy of the IHP and if they had read it. She asked for any comments or questions.

Ms. Crane asked about the Rehabilitation Assistance Program and whether it had ever been used. She asked if it could be applied elsewhere. Ms. New Moon said that they could look at applying it elsewhere.

Ms. New Moon introduced the existing programs.

- 2022-1--Down Payment and Closing Costs: The program provides up to \$25,000 per family for down payment and closing costs after a home loan is secured. It is down to two families for a total of \$50,000. She has no issues with it. The Council consensus it to leave it as it is.
- 2022-2—Rehabilitation Assistance Program: Currently for 2021 it is set for \$15,000 per family. It was budgeted for two families for a total of \$30,000 for ADA accessibility. Although Ms. New Moon had one person inquired but wanted the roof replaced which was ineligible. This program has never been used. The Council decided this program should be eliminated.
- 2022-3—Tenant Base Rental Assistance: This for up to \$500 per month in rental assistance per person for a total of up to \$6,000 per year. This is only for geographically local (State of Nevada) locations since an inspection by Ms. New Moon is required. It can serve up to seven members. It is provided for a year and then case-by-case after that. There are currently four people recurring on the assistance. Elders qualify to continue past a year. Of the recipients, some are elders but some are young. The decision was to leave it as it is, but look into options through other sources (Reno Housing Authority, other HUD programs, etc.) which may be more beneficial, especially for elders.
- 2022-4—Housing Management Services Program. This covers any counseling services for home ownership, renting, credit management, budgeting as well as cover helping people look for their places, anything and everything to do with housing loan processing, application processing, inspections, etc. The current membership total is 177.

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- 2022-5-Job Training for Participants: This for anything the member needs in order to further their employment experience or education. It covers things like CPR, first aide, OSHA 10 and OSHA 30, basic home repair, food handlers, and so forth. It is for anything as long as it is related to their job. There is no dollar amount cap in this. She put \$20,000 total for this program, estimated at up to \$1000 per training but could be higher with Council approval. This is to promote self-sufficiency, to help them obtain their career goals so later they will not need SLPT's aid. This will remain the same.
- 2022-6—Security Deposit and First Month's Rent Assistance: This is up to \$1000 to security and up to \$1000 to first month's rent for up to a total of up to \$2000. It provides aid for the initial cost of moving. The program hopes to support five families. The reason is to prevent overcrowding and prevent homelessness. This is case by case. Ms. New Moon recommends raising the assistance to up to \$1500 for security and \$1500 for first month's rent for a total of \$3000 per family. This is not geographically limited because inspection is not required. There is a need to consider the rents in the various areas. There was a discussion about rents. The Council agreed to change it to up to \$3000 per family for five families.
- 2022-7—Sports Registration and Equipment: This is in hope to aid tribal members to refrain from alcohol, crime, drugs, a criminal life and be healthy. This is for tribal members ages 4 to 17. It is for \$500 per sport for two sports a year or \$1000 per minor per year. There was one member, a gymnast, that did cap out at \$500, but others came in under \$500 for their sport registration and equipment. It was originally envisioned for seasonal sports, but gymnastics is a year-round sport.

This might be considered for a change. It was asked about activities like band or choir. It was decided to change the title of the program to Sports and Extracurricular Activities Program and will be for the cost of registration and equipment. It will be \$500 per activity. It is a re-imbusement program. It is set for 30 tribal members. Ms. New Moon will work on wording to allow the year-round activities to be able to get the opportunity for the total of \$1000 per year.

Ms. New Moon asked if the Council had any ideas for a program to replace the one eliminated. She had a few questions from members about Boys and Girls Clubs. The concern is that it is a weekly cost with an upfront cost. With a five-day week it is \$40 per child.

There was a discussion on the different types of programs allowable under HUD. It was decided that childcare had too many concerns especially with overlapping programs from other agencies. Transportation was considered to be too messy in implementation.

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Possible new programs:

- Homeless prevention activities which are short-term subsidies to defray rent and utility bills.
- Payment for foreclosures on a home.
- Youth activities which can also cover salaries for staff and expenses for youth sports programs

Model Activities allowed

- Construction of an office building:
- Construction of maintenance, warehouse or storage space
- Housing materials
- Construction of a daycare center
- Construction of a Community building or center
- Construction of college housing
- Operating costs for NHASDA assisted rental units
- Construction of an Administration facility and/or training center

Ms. New Moon asked again for any ideas or they can just submit with the six programs.

Mr. Mace suggested that they think things over and see what requests are made.

Ms. New Moon talked about building tiny homes. They could create a subdivision of Tiny Homes.

Ms. New Moon said they need to get lots of funding to buy an old hotel.

In 2022 SLPT will not have a model activity.

Mr. Mace said that SLPT will need to get professional screens, projects, etc. to set-up the new building as a conference center. There are lots of things to get. He asked how many people could the new building accommodate. He was thinking maybe 50 to 100 people. It was pointed out that there is not a lot of parking available and COVID distancing guidelines. Ms. New Moon will look into how much HUD can help.

Government agencies cannot have meetings/trainings in casinos and, if available, they would be required to use a tribal space over a hotel. Ms. Lone Eagle estimated it would hold smaller groups of up to 25 people. Ms. New Moon said that HUD trainings are usually smaller than that. The space could be used for community events or training like CPR or the Native Language classes. People would need to apply for use of the space and schedule a date.

Ms. New Moon stated they should look at upgrading with new computers in the Housing computer lab for use for any member to use especially for on-line training as well as

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having a place to use a computer/internet to type and print letters, etc. She also has a source for a refrigerator and a freezer for the food pantry when they are available.

She will work on the IHP and work with Ms. Lone Eagle to finalize the IHP with her approval. It is due October 18, 2021. The Council is good with this.

Self-Monitoring

She has a sheet for the monitoring. Ms. New Moon and the Council filled it out together. It does not go anywhere, but Ms. New Moon is required to keep a record of it. This is a HUD requirement.

- First was a series of questions about IHP preparation and all the answers were positive.
- IHP series of questions regarding if the plan information/data were all answered in the positive.
- Financial resources other than HUD funded grants available as stated in the IHP.
- Organization and activities: All questions except for the audit questions-any findings and has a copy of audit been received which are both no, were answered yes. Facebook, website, bulletin board and mail were used to communicate to the members, the staff and others.
- Reporting questions were answered in the affirmative.
- File Management questions were all answered in the positive except where the question was not applicable.
- Personnel Policies all answered with yes.
- Policies, General questions all had yes answers.
- Insurance questions answered in the affirmative.
- Annual Performance report was submitted on time.
- Yes the Annual Performance report complied with the IHP.
- Environmental review was not applicable.
- Project Management questions are answered as yes unless the questions were not applicable.
- Indian Preference questions were yes.
- Procurement: There is not a higher number of contracts to the same or affiliated businesses otherwise the answers are yes.
- Fiscal Management answers are yes where applicable except there have been no funds returned due to excess downs.
- Monitoring information questions are yes.

The Council all signed one copy.

Ms. Lone Eagle was asked in regards to a member putting in request for rental assistance and utilities for a member. She has applied for the C19HAP which is the

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program for mortgages. Ms. New Moon is working on it. The approval is done by National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) not SLPT. She also applied for C19HAP for utilities. Ms. New Moon will reach out to her on September 28, 2021 to have her apply for the ERAP to expedite the utilities. Ms. Lone Eagle will tell her that Ms. New Moon will contact her.

Ms. Lone Eagle discussed the current state of the meeting budget. As long as there is a quorum, there can be a meeting.

Ms. Lone Eagle has asked for time off to attend the Symposium in Las Vegas in December. She advised the rest of the people going to book their flights, and other arrangements.

On October 5, 2021 Immunize Nevada will be at the office from 10:30 am to 11:30 am for those who have not been vaccinated. This should be put out on the Facebook page.

Ms. Crane mentioned that Stacey Montooth wanted them to review the Nevada Indian Commission policy to promote collaboration between State agencies and the tribes. Ms. Lone Eagle said to let her know that SLPT does not require any changes and ask if they need to send a resolution of support. Ms. Lone Eagle will contact Ms. Montooth.

Ms. New Moon talked about cheaper air fare on Allegiant Air and the days to fly in and out. They will stay at the Mirage. Ms. New Moon will book for the definite attendees and confirm with the undecided at the November meeting. There was a discussion of flight times and other arrangements.

Next Meetings:

- October 1, 2021, Special Council Meeting; NDEP Consultation at 6:00 pm; Sparks, Nevada Administrative Office
- October 5, 2021 with Tribal Alliance Inc. with Immunize Nevada , Special Meeting at 10:30 am; Sparks, Nevada Administrative Office
- October 5, 2021, Special Council Meeting, Consultation with NDEP re: Hycroft Mine; Sparks, Nevada Administrative Office
- October 16, 2021, General Meeting, Admin Building, Field Station, Summit Lake Reservation, Nevada. Meet at Administrative Building, Sparks, Nevada at 5:00 am and BYO lunch.

MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 6.25 pm

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I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the **September 27, 2021** Special Council Meeting were approved with corrections by the Council during a duly held meeting October 16, 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.

11/20/2021
Date

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