

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, August 20, 2022  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, August 20, 2022 to order at 8:16 am.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUESTS:** Tyre Gray, President Nevada Mining Association and Daphne Emm-Hooper, UNR Director of Indigenous Relations

**MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Council meeting of Saturday, July 16, 2022 with corrections and 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 8:17 am.

**MOTION:** Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to approve the minutes of the Special Council meeting of Wednesday, July 13, 2022 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 8:18 am.

Mrs. Lone Eagle announced that there would be a presentation from the Nevada Mining Group regarding Lithium mining.

**Council Reports:**

**Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle** attended the Nations Tribal meeting with Governor Sisolak and Tribal leaders. They asked him questions. They talked about elections and the how to of things. She met Mercedes Krause, the first Native American woman in a Congressional seat for District 2. She also met Assembly Woman Sara Peters who gave the Chairwoman a resolution for a consultation process with the Tribes. Mrs. Lone Eagle would like to adopt this process by resolution next week. Ms. Peters asked why SLPT was not at meeting with Thacker Pass. Mrs. Lone Eagle believed members of McDermitt Tribe were there. It was the same day as the meeting with the Governor.

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She attended the July 21, 2022 meeting on the water project with Ms. Crane and Mr. Simmons. They asked questions like what does water mean to you and what is impact of water. For Mrs. Lone Eagle water is life, water is important. Mervin Wright was there and he was knowledgeable.

On July 22, 2022 there was a meeting with Carmen, Jamie and Josh regarding putting in a ballot box in the SLPT Conference office, Suite 401. SLPT will have it for fourteen days in November. SLPT was approved. Tracy Melendez from the Governor's Office asked if SLPT would like to be an official site of a ballot box location for everyone, not just the SLPT members. The State may pay the box watchers. Mrs. Lone Eagle will confirm this. Mrs. Lone Eagle has another meeting with Ms. Melendez August 24, 2022 too make sure people within the counties understands that Tribes have the right to vote. There are several ways people are trying to suppress the Tribal vote including saying that the tribals IDs are not official documentation of identification. They say they must have full addresses, not P.O. Boxes. It needs height, weight, hair and eye color and such. As far as the SLPT ID, it is only missing two things. To make those changes would not be difficult and they should move forward on this.

Mr. Mace wondered if being an official drop box facility would interfere with the Language classes or with Council meetings. Mrs. Lone Eagle does not believe it would interfere. The Council agreed to be an official election site. It would be an honor and let people know the Tribe was there.

Language classes continue.

Mrs. Lone Eagle interviewed someone for the Enrollment Coordinator but they declined. There is another person interested.

There were four ICWA cases which were all non-affiliated in July and one in August so far.

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended the FEMA Region 9 Partnership Workshop. This region covers California, Arizona and Nevada. They have trainings available. Many of the courses are online.

She talked to Mr. Simmons on having a preparedness contract. She also heard from a guy from Pyramid Lake who wants to send a MOU that, in case of fire, Pyramid Lake can be point of contact for Fire Management for SLPT as partners. Pyramid Lake has recently purchased land leading up to the SLPT Reservation, to a point near Soldiers Meadows.

This was the Chairwoman's first time at a FEMA conference. They had all kinds of things; money and grants. She wondered how SLPT could utilize that. She talked to a

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young guy from Emergency something. He was interested in talking to the Tribe. She learned about requirement for grants. It is based on population, land base, size, and what is considered to be hazard and so on. There is only one tribe in Nevada that used FEMA grants. They discussed climate change and emergency management. It was a good conference.

There was a listening meeting with the BIA regarding the HARTH Act. There will be another presentation on October 27, 2022. She believes it is in regard to homelessness.

There was an issue in the office.

Language Class: The main member is Jeff Bart. Friday's class will be games which is a learning style. The little children are back in school.

Mr. Simmons asked if he could possibly get a map of the new Pyramid Lake's land purchase to see where it actually is. Mrs. Lone Eagle will ask.

ITCN finally got a quorum to hold a meeting at 9:30 am.

On August 15, 2022 the application for THPO came back. Kim Greenwood, Program Manager wants additional information but said they did a good job for the first go-around. She wants the resolution restated. It needs a name not a position to avoid kick-back. Ms. Greenwood would like the THPO to go out again in two weeks. They were misinformed during training in April. SLPT would be an official THPO this winter but would not be funded until 2024. They must involve Elders as Traditional Cultural Authorities. Mrs. Lone Eagle went over the changes to be made to the application. Things like how SLPT does things. They need a MOU.

Letter to the BLM had already been received by August 18, 2022. SLPT sent comments opposing Thacker Pass and were in support of Reno Sparks Indian Colony (RSIC). There was a lack of consultation. These items were mentioned to an attorney regarding Thacker Pass. He suggested a letter from him to the BLM as well as a letter from SLPT asking them to stop the construction at Massacre. SLPT is still opposing the same things and are still in support of RSIC. There have been no consultations at all since January. There was a member online who questioned the Thacker Pass situation. Mrs. Lone Eagle tried to explain the complex situation.

The Council discussed an old clip from a documentary from about 10 years ago. The same person, William Smith, wants to know if the Tribe wants to do another documentary. This time he wants to highlight drones and their usage. They watched the original documentary. Mr. Simmons says that NRD currently uses drones. Mr. Mace wondered if the data from ten years would be valuable today as a comparison.

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Mrs. Lone Eagle confirmed Friday, August 26, 2022 at 1:30 pm there is a meet and greet with Catherine Cortez-Maestro at RSIC.

ITCN meeting will be in-person.

ICWA Conference for Mrs. Lone Eagle and Ms. Crane October 11-14, 2022.

Check request for McBain Associates and Wild scope Engineering was signed. SF-425 were signed. Mrs. Lone Eagle handled three tribal ID requests. One needs a picture and a signature.

- Fund 147 all funds received and closed. Signed timesheets, housing payments
- Talked to Ms. Greenwood regarding revisions to THPO application.
- Phone call with Michon Eben.
- Did the HATCH Act overview

Enrollment: In June four applications went out. In July there were eight and Three applications were sent out and received in August.

The Enrollment Committee is talking about when to have the next meeting.

There are two pending applications since June. In July eight applications were sent out but have not been received back yet. There is one pending on an incarcerated member. He does have rights. Mrs. Long Eagle will work with his mother

There were no new members in August.

Mr. Simmons helped her with the printer ribbon.

Finance asked for a new count of minor members to keep track of the tablets.

When people fill-out forms on the website they go to the admin email. Regarding the admin email address for the Tribe, Ms. New Moon said these emails can be sent directly to Mrs. Lone Eagle. She is not sure where these emails go. It was noted that Ms. New Moon has access and can forward them as needed. Mrs. Lone Eagle will have access to Admin email.

Mr. Simmons asked if anyone knew how Pyramid Lake was able to purchase the property near SLPT Reservation. He wondered if they bought it from the BLM. Mrs. Lone Eagle said she did not know. She heard it from the Fire Management guy from Pyramid Lake.

Burning Man will be held again this year. The plane is back out and setup. There was a

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discussion of the difficulties with getting to the Reservation and dealing with Burning Man.

Letters received by Mrs. Lone Eagle:

- The Chairwoman received a letter from the Navy that they had found remains to be repatriated. Two Native Americans were found in a gravel pit at Fallon Naval Air Station. They are currently in the Nevada State Museum.
- MK Election Services are conducting multiple polling sites, ballot inspections, etc.. SLPT is using the State.
- Letter from Department of Interior Fish and Wildlife Services: They are initiating a Section 106 Consultation for Desert NWUR automatic entrance Gate installation. No response
- Letter Corn Creek Split Rail Fence Construction in Clark County-No response
- Letter from Holy Troxell-She has 35 years of experience as a litigator/mediator of Civil Disputes-Not sure about this
- Letter from John Eckelhart, Native American Rights Funds (NARF) In February the Supreme Court decided to combine ICWA cases of Native American minor members being adopted from foster care to retain their Native rights. Information-SLPT did send to be part of AMICUS brief.
- Children's Cabinet: Regarding Education for Indigenous Children. Meetings on the August 23 and 25, 2022. Mrs. Lone Eagle will handle this.
- Curtis McCall-Regarding Medicare Insurance-No response.
- Marketing brochure Right Track web database regarding Social Services-No response
- A thank you card sent for a \$100 donation to the Tribe

Mrs. Lone Eagle attended a meeting with Claudia who came to introduce Itzayana Montoya from the Washoe County Heath District. She asked questions like sharing which communities they identify with, represent or feel a part of. She asked health related questions regarding the community and talked about many different health aspects. There was a discussion about how SLPT utilizes the local clinics. They touched on a lot of different things. It was a good meeting.

She has one meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2022 and two on Friday, August 26, 2022.

She assumes things are okay with the staff until someone notifies her of issues. Then she talks to those involved.

She talked about the FEMA Conference and commented that there was good networking.

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**Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane** attended the July 21, 2022 Zoom meeting regarding the Water Rights Project. She also attended the August 6, 2022 Special Council meeting for ARPA.

She came into the office at the Chairwoman's direction when an issue arose in the office.

One of the scanners went back to school. The Scanner position will be reposted. They will see if any Tribal members can work.

**Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace Sr.** attended the August 6, 2022 Special Council meeting. He signed checks. He also sat-in videos on SSB loans.

**Council Member Philip Frank** attended the July 6, 2022 Special Council meeting for ARPA and signed checks.

**Council Member Steven Crane** attended the July 6, 2022 Special Council meeting for ARPA.

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

#### **Updates:**

- Hunter Shelter Homes: She contacted Tom Costa to let him know that SLPT is still working through the final decision. She did let him know they might have switched gears and tossed around the possibility of one-bedroom units. He would really like to work with SLPT and ensures that he can get the product to the Reservation. One-bedroom units are 12' x 28'. Council watched a video.
- Lego Homes: She has emailed them to schedule a meeting. She is waiting to hear from them.
- Tribal members inquired about getting a large dumpster on the Reservation. Their home is uninhabitable and they would like to clean it out, however, they would need a large dumpster. They are looking for assistance for this. She thought it could be called a clean-up day for all members to be able to dispose of stuff they cannot haul. She will look at HIP for the individual plus also for Hunter Shelter.
- Ms. New Moon completed an inspection in Winnemucca, Nevada on Thursday, August 18, 2022. She was scheduled for two but had a last-minute cancellation.

#### **Housing Emergency Programs:**

- US Department of the Treasury Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP): Original funding has been 100% expended. Ms. New Moon submitted for first reallocation and was approved for additional funding in the amount of \$2,288.11. She submitted for another reallocation on August 19, 2022 requesting \$10,000

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since the last reallocation she asked for she asked for a much larger amount and received a very small amount.

- US Department of the Treasury Homeownership Assistance Fund (HAF): six applications received: Five paid, one denied.
- National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) Covid-19 Housing Assistance Program (C19HAP): Have the funding; She has begun using the fund to absorb and try to use it before the end of the year since SLPT was granted an extension.
- Indian Housing Block Grant Program American Rescue Plan (IHBG-ARP):. SLPT Housing has utilized almost 100% the funding for this program. It can be closed out as soon as funds fully expended. Ms. New Moon met with the IHBG TA team and they do not anticipate funds to be reallocated for this program which just started in April.
- SLPT American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA): Funding is still there. Since funding for the other programs is running low, they will start utilizing these program funds. She met with ARPA Technical Assistance and there is no more money coming.
- There are five programs here and none are HUD.

**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 YouTube channel and the website. Binders were purchased for the class. There are three or four regular in-person participants and up until school started, they had about six or seven via zoom. A small package was sent out to the Zoom participants. Ms. Judy has been great with the learning sessions and has created some awesome games in her presentation such as Who Wants to Be a Millionaire and Jeopardy. There is a great turnout which is mostly adults.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to go into Executive Session for fifteen minutes for review of rental assistance applications.  
Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion.  
Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 10:40 am.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 10:55 am.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to deny Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance due to an income increase.  
Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion.  
Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:07 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Approve Application for**

**Security Deposit and First Month's Rental for Tribal Member. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:08 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Approve Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Tribal Member. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:09 pm.**

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to Approve Application for Tenant Based Rental Assistance for Tribal Member in the amount of \$367 per month. Council Member Philip Frank seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 1 ABSTAINED. Motion carried at 12:10 pm.**

**Chairwoman Lone Eagle called Lunch Break until 1:00 pm.**

**Council returned from Lunch.**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Regular Council Meeting of Saturday, August 20, 2022 back to order at 1:07 pm.

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

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director; James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director, Austin New Moon, Housing Manager; and Anne Macko, Contractor

**GUEST:** Tyre Gray, President of Nevada Mining Association(NVMA); Daphne Emm-Hooper, UNR Director of Indigenous Relations

**Presentation: Tyre Gray with Daphne Emm-Hooper**

Mr. Gray began with a "Safety Share" which is done first for every meeting. During the summer season people should 1) Hydrate and 2) Watch out for children on the roads.

Mr. Gray wanted to go over what the Mining Association is, an overview of mining in Nevada and a discussion on lithium.



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He stated that NVMA is the public face, the public voice of Nevada's mining industry. Their mission is to educate, advocate and serve as the voice of modern mining industry. They want people to be comfortable with what they are doing. They want to show responsible mining. Why mine? If it is not grown, it is mined.

Mr. Gray provided some information on mining.

- Mining foot print is less than one half of 1% of all Nevada land is mined.
- The principal minerals mined in Nevada are gold, silver, copper and lithium, but there are over 20 essential minerals mined.
- Mining is very regulated and safe.
- There are multiple federal and state agency regulations.
- Nevada people are more aware of the air, water and ground quality because of mining regulations.
- Health and safety are important.
- Mining can also be dangerous.
- Mining contributes is “fair share” taxes to Nevada – 3% Gross Domestic Product and 7% of the state’s budget.
- Mining is first in line to put in a share for K-12 funding
- Green revolution – it may take years. The technical green revolution needs to source the materials to be self-sustaining.

### Lithium Mining

Lithium is unstable on its own. It is used in batteries.

There are three proven methods of mining lithium:

- Hard rock
- Brine (water)
- Clay
- Direct Lithium extraction is being studied now.

In regard to Thacker Pass Lithium mining there are many steps to actual mining.

- Research
- NEPA EIS processes must be done
- Water rights must be secured
- 300-acre pivot
- Sulfur which is turned into acid on site.
- Estimate 46 years mine life

Mining will find a way to gain people’s trust.

- Do all reclamation

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- Environment
- Bonding to cover closure costs
- Regulations-restrictions-oversight
- Connecting with community to build strong relationships

NVMA is trying to be the facilitator between communities and mining. They want to find people to work environmentally. They are looking to promote economic development on the I80 corridor—funds, grants and loans to assist small businesses.

Nevada law says that if water is moved from one place to another, the water must be filtered.

It is Mr. Gray's understanding that the right of decision is part of the consultation. In regard to Thacker Pass he understands that some of the process is not being properly done in consultation. Mr. Gray says the responsibilities for consultation are not always respected.

Ms. Emm-Hooper asked what process is in place, if any, for new information to be addressed. Mr. Gray says there are obligations that must be met. Record of Decision and supplemental EIS is required.

Ms. Emm-Hooper said that the tribes do not get direct benefits of mining taxes. She asked what mining can do to benefit tribes; is there any way to help the tribes. There is a legislative issue. None of the property taxes or consolidated taxes go to the tribes.

Mr. Gray says this is an interesting concern. Ms. Emm-Hooper said it is a complex issue.

Mrs. Lone Eagle said the tribes want a seat at the table. They are always left out. Historical sites and legacies need to be considered.

Mr. Gray offered to be a point of connection between tribes and mining companies.

Mr. Simmons thanked Ms. Emm-Hooper for information on tribes not getting any benefits. This may be an opportunity for mining to think of where the money is going and lobby for fair distribution of funds.

At Mr. Simmons request, Mr. Gray commented on where the top lithium mines were located. Currently one in Nevada, and one starting in North Carolina. In five years, there will be five lithium mines in the USA: three in Nevada, one at Salton Sea and one in North Carolina. Lithium can be found in many states by is unstable to be mined under current methods.

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Mr. Gray explained how sulfuric acid is used to process clay to lithium bicarbonate. The heat created from this process is used to power the turbine.

Mr. Simmons had question about environmental concerns, process by-products and whether it was a closed loop system. Mr. Gray will check and let Mr. Simmons know.

Ms. Emm-Hooper said she knew one operation that shipped clay elsewhere. Thacker Pass process will not need to do that so it will not hurt reclamation .

Mr. Gray and Ms. Emm-Hooper left the meeting at 2:42 pm.

Mrs. Lone Eagle had communication from Osmus Garfield with questions including whether the Tribe can help with a bus ticket, whether Higher Education and Housing rental assistance payments can be paid directly to him. All answers were no.

The Native American Indian Housing Council Legislative Conference is in Washington D.C. September 19-21. It is a chance to meet with Nevada Government representatives. Registration is \$300 plus flight and hotel. Mrs. Lone Eagle, Ms. New Moon and Mr. Mace, Sr. plan to attend.

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

1. Budget Summary: CTGP funds were explained. It is correct on the June budget sheets, wrong on the July budget sheets, and correct again in August. Yes there is money. There was an explanation of how the meetings were funded half fund 140 and half indirect.
2. Direct Deposit forms sent through US Bank for Health and Human Services for the language class money draws. Draw-downs were completed and pulled down reimbursement funds, all the grants. Great Basin was invoiced for the second quarter. They did get the checks.
3. Ms. Quinn did finish the ICWA reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Tax Reports, NDOT reports, 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter SF 245 are all completed.
4. :Lorretta is continuing to learn the Tribe's A/P functions amount other things..
5. Local Assistance Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) can be used for anything but lobbying. The drawdown function is currently subject to the "Buy America, Build American". The Treasury is waiting for approval of a waiver of the "Buy America, Build American" regulation. They are requesting if Tribes want the funding now or want to wait until the waiver is approved. The difference would mean if used for construction the Build American, Buy American" rules would apply if received before the waiver. Council's intended use was for salaries so the regulation would not apply and requesting the money now was preferred.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution**

**SL-39-2022 US Treasury Local Tribal Consistency Fund Application for Funding 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-39-2022 enacted at 3:17 pm.**

6. Continuation of several lengthy conversations were concluded with the offer to increase the Chairwoman's stipend to \$6,000 per month for full time services as the administrator for the Summit Lake Tribe.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to accept and approve Resolution SL-38-2022 Approve Increase of Tribal Chairperson's Stipend to \$6000 with corrections and 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-39-2022 enacted at 3:30 pm.**

7. Ms. Quinn explained the NTBG funding Grant available for Broadband Consultation. The Grant of up to \$175,000 to hire consultant to prepare a feasibility study for Broadband access at the Reservation was explained. She requested permission to apply for the additional funding was granted.
8. Setting up Amazon Business Account will save them money on prime fees. She will set it up under the admin email. Ms. Quinn suggested a new separate and private email strictly for enrollment. Ms. Quinn will notify people of the password.
9. Laptop bids were reviewed for the purchase for Capitol Grant project laptops. Ms. Quinn felt the best deal was from Dell at \$1,200 per unit for a Dell Latitude 3420, I7 intel processor, 8GB/16GB hard drive, pre-installed with Windows Pro Home and Business 2021 and anti-virus. DTS, SLPT's IT provider could not match that deal. It is the consensus of Council to move forward with purchase of laptops for Capital Grant project from the Dell quote.

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10. SSBCI has a September 1, 2022 deadline. Consortiums will not work for SLPT. Mindy said Plumas Bank would take SLPT on.

Scanning is still ongoing. Mahenna went back to school.

Pitney-Bowles wants to update the machine from \$30 to \$44 to rent.

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New RICOH printer is installed and is now setup. It is quicker than the old one which is in Suite 401 now.

Library: There are 277 books. A member dropped off two bags of books. Ms. Quinn would like to purchase two more bookcases.

They assisted eight minor members with school needs. Urban Indians gave them backpacks but very little supplies.

The fireproof lateral file cabinet is coming.

Higher Education packet sent out to an Oregon member for tattoo school.

Dennis has not shown up yet.

Funding opportunity SLFRF—can buy land/apartment building. It is a funding opportunity. It could be used for affordable housing rental property. It is something to look into to apply for.

They talked to Marlys Hubbard (BIA) for additional funding. They can apply for a one-time allocation. They have to show it is needed. Since the funds are no longer needed. It is the consensus of the Council not to request the funds.

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

NRD submitted a grant proposal to the National Fish and Wildlife (NFWF) America the Beautiful Challenge grant program on July 21, 2022. Their partners are McBain Associates and SWCA.

The Program Coordinator and Fisheries Biologist positions are still open. Ms. Simmons may know of a Biologist but it is hard to find a Program Coordinator.

Tule and Slide Springs Fencing project is officially getting funding. This will be done next Spring.

The new Nissan Frontier truck arrived. The new GMC Sierra should arrive the week of August 22, 2022. The team will be discussing care of the vehicles.

#### **Discussion Topics:**

1. Mr. Simmons would like approval to virtually attend at the National Tribal and Indigenous Climate Conference (NTICC) on August 29, 2022 through September 1, 2022. The cost is \$50. Council gave their permission. Registration is due Monday, August 22, 2022.

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2. Mr. Simmons received a request for the 2018-2022 LCT fish trap data from Eastern Washington University Professor Allan Scholz. He already has the data from a public science journal article on line for the years up to 2017. It is a Council decision to give total counts for each year 2018 to 2022. Mrs. Lone Eagle mentioned a data share agreement. He is doing this on behalf another tribe. The Council consensus is let him use the data only for the designated report.
3. A letter was received about a post-doctoral Fellowship proposal to use ancient LCT DNA to answer question about past population size, fish Community structure, and genetic diversity over time. For the paleo project SLPT is pulling cores from the Lake. The post-doctoral fellowship would use the cores already being taken. The three science questions she wants to ask are: how the past climatic extremes affected the LCT population size of the last 3,000 years; how are the changing LCT population sizes related to the overall fish diversity in Summit Lake; and how have fluctuating population sizes affected the overall genetic diversity of the LCT in Summit Lake. This research would be published in scientific journals which would make the data public. Most of the work will be done in a lab. This is also relevant to the paleo project NRD is doing. Mr. Simmons considers it very important. The data would be shared with SLPT. It is the decision of the Council to give permission to use the data.
4. U.S. Army Corps of Engineering's letter requesting comments on the scope of the Owyhee River Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study. They are asking for comments on the study area. It is a little far north but would not mind seeing the results of the study.
5. USFS Community Wildfire Defense grant program: The projects emphasized are development of and revision of community wildfire protection plans and implementation of the plans. First deadline is in October with another done in February 2023. Mr. Simmons informed the Council that they do not have a specific wildfire protection plan for the Reservation. They do have a forestry management plan. It talks about mitigating wildfires, but it is a regional plan. They will need a specific wildfire plan for the SLPT Reservation community as step one. Council decision is for Mr. Simmons to move forward.
6. A Letter from Mark Hall, Winnemucca BLM. He is talking about a geothermal operation a mile north of Gerlach. He is requesting for comments or a request for consultation. The Council would like a consultation at the next Council meeting.
7. Look at a funding opportunity. Sudeep Chandra brought this to Mr. Simmons attention. It is a grant through the National Science Foundation (NSF). It is new grant program. NSF is usually strictly a science research organization. They usually do not fund on-the-ground conservation projects. This program wants both science and application to on-the-ground conservation efforts. This project is offering \$8 million worth of funding in four to eight projects. It would be for three years. It would be a partnership with SLPT and UNR to address questions which will have a conservation impact for the Reservation/Tribe. He would like to have approval to look into this and start working on the process for the

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application. Due the beginning of October. Council gave consensus.

Mr. Mace asked about the equipment shed. It will need a new estimate. The funding just got approved in April. This would be done next spring. Prices will go up but Mr. Simmons has options for that.

**Next Meetings:**

- Regular Council Meeting, Saturday, September 17, 2022 at the Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Drive, Ste, 401, Sparks, Nevada at 8:00 am. BLM Winnemucca, Mark Hall to have Consultation

Ms. New Moon will work on travel arrangements for the Washington D.C. Conference.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane move to go into Executive Session for twenty minutes. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Council went into Executive Session at 5:15 pm.**

Council returned from Executive Session at 5:35 pm

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn the meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Rand Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. The meeting was adjourned at 5:49 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the August 20, 2022 Regular Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting September 17, 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.

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Date

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