

Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Council Meeting
Saturday, February 11, 2017
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER: Chairwoman Page Linton called the Special meeting of Saturday, February 11, 2017 to order at 1:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace called the roll: Chairwoman Page Linton, present via-phone; Vice-Chairwoman Randi DeSoto-Emm, present; Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, present; and Council Member Jerry Barr, present.

GUESTS: Enrollment Committee; Christine Harjo, Nedra Crane and William Cowan

2016-2019 Enrollment Committee

Enrollment Committee read their January 30, 2017 meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS – Coordination with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Council on:

Update on Allotment Schedule

Update on information on certified rolls of SLPT
SLPT membership applications and Enrollment Ordinance Review

NEW BUSINESS – None

OPEN DISCUSSION

Discussion of Questions for the Tribal Council prepared by SLPT Enrollment Committee:

1. What is the interpretation of the Allotment Schedule (signed by Secretary of Interior)?

The Allotment Schedule is different from the enrollment census. An allotment is a portion of land that was assigned to some people.

2. How does the Allotment Schedule relate to the Articles of Association – Membership Section?

Regarding the Allotment Schedule the Articles of Association, Membership Section states membership of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe shall consist of persons who can qualify under the following categories, item (b) All persons whose name are listed on the Allotment Schedule for the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe as approved by the Secretary of Interior.

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3. Status of certified rolls? If the tribe has no record of certified rolls, can the Enrollment committee contact the BIA for a certified roll and if none exist should the Enrollment committee start with the 1989 roll (SL-20-89)?

Page wrote a letter asking for both Certified Roll and Allotment schedule which Eugene Mace, Sr. hand delivered to the BIA office in Carson City, NV when Mr. Mace attended legislative meeting on February 14, 2017 in Carson City, Nevada.

4. What has been recently found in the tribe's "boxes" for Enrollment?

The Council has come into the office to go through the many boxes located in the conference room and did manage to find some pertinent information to enrollment including an enrollment application from a long time ago. The Council is continuing to go through the boxes.

5. Why are critical tribal documents leaving the SLPT office?

Article III, Section 2 of the Enrollment Ordinance states where the Enrollment committee considers additional information is needed, it may request such information from the applicant or sponsor and may request such person to appear before the committee for a personal interview. Because the first application submitted to the Enrollment committee is incomplete, the Enrollment committee seeks affirmation of the process to contact the applicant to prevent duplication of effort. Also, the Council needs to acknowledge the Enrollment Committee's role and if they are approached by the enrollment applicants, they should direct the applicant to the Enrollment committee.

Ms. Linton stated there are no critical documents leaving the office. She stated that all enrollment applications will be forwarded to the enrollment liaison first then original will be given to the Enrollment committee. Enrollment committee should be reviewing the applications as they come in.

6. The enrollment Ordinance has the Enrollment Committee making contact with the individuals with questions on application for further information.

The enrollment liaison should still be kept in the loop of what is going on with the enrollment application.

7. The Enrollment Ordinance states applications shall be furnished by the Council or designated persons. Each person furnishing the application requests shall keep a record of names to which forms are given as well as a control numbers of the forms

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and date furnished (Article II, Section 2(a)). The most recent application routed to the Enrollment Committee does not have a control number. This process needs to be discussed so there is one log with control numbers, who furnished the application, and to whom the application was issued.

The Council stated that the control numbers were getting confused with the actual enrollment number for the Tribal Member so the control number was not being used. The Council can look into using control numbers again but have the numbering be different.

8. Does the committee send out applications and issue control numbers?

The Council discussed this and felt that if a person requested an application then office could go ahead an issue enrollment application, otherwise that person would have to wait until the enrollment committee was notified.

9. Questions on reviewing enrollment of individuals between 2012 and present for accuracy.

The Enrollment committee inventoried contents of enrollment files in 2016, as requested by the Council. A number of files were identified as being incomplete or contain information that should not be in enrollment files. The Enrollment committee recommends all irrelevant information be taken out of enrollment files with a notation where the document came from and give this information to the Council to be placed in different files. Also, applications approved by the Council without an Enrollment committee (beginning in 2012) should be reviewed by the Enrollment Committee for accuracy.

The Council felt that the Enrollment committee should not go back and review and just move forward form this point on with enrollment applications.

10. The Enrollment Committee recommends Descendant cards be revoked immediately as there is no supporting ordinance or policy to issue such cards. Furthermore, it is the Enrollment Committee understands, that Descendant cards are formatted the same as Enrollment Cards, creating opportunities for fraud.

The Council had passed a resolution to issue descendency cards. The council would have to go back and look for the resolution.

11. What happens to descendant membership cards issued?

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They are given to the descendants and when no longer associated with tribal member, the enrollment liaison sends out letter requesting card back.

It was recommended to clearly mark "Descendant" on a membership card to make it obvious the holder is not a member.

The Enrollment Liaison would need to check with IT person on how we can change the card to reflect that.

12. Why is it that the membership card numbers issued to individuals have numbers out of sequence and you have young age members with lower numbers than those of elder members?

Again it goes back to the control numbers associated with enrollment applications and at one time in the past; the previous Council had changed numbers on their own.

The tribal council commended the enrollment committee with doing a great job with the enrollment files and letting them know approximately how many files there were for active, deceased, relinquished and disenrollment.

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, Eugene Mace, Sr., Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the February 11, 2017, Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting April 15, 2017 at which there was a quorum present, and the Council voted:

4 - FOR 0 - AGAINST 1 -ABSTAINING, Chairwoman Page Linton did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

4/18/2017
Date

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