

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Special Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 14, 2021  
Administrative Office, 2255 Green Vista Dr. Ste. 401, Sparks, Nevada**

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the Special Council Meeting of Tuesday, December 14, 2021 to order at 10:23 am.

**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:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director, James Simmons, Natural Resources Department Director

The meeting is regarding an update from Natural Resources Department (NRD) as well as going over the BIA budget review for this year and next year and to get it signed off before the December 30, 2021 deadline for 2022. As well as informing the Enrollment Coordinator so they are aware that the official Base Roll will be needed by the December 18, 2021 meeting. Ms. Lone Eagle gave the floor to Mr. Simmons.

Mr. Simmons introduced Resolution SL-65-2021 for Council review in regards to the Great Basin Land and Water (GBLW) Environmental Assessment or EA to be able to put up a fence around the BTAZ property at the Reservation. This is a current project. GBLW contracted NRD to do the Biological Assessment part of the EA. The previous Resolution SL-92-2020 that was approved by Council to have the agreement with GBLW so that NRD can do the Biological Assessment and they provided funding for the staff to be able to do that. This resolution is to extend that agreement since the previous one ended at the end of September. The Biological Assessment has not been completed. The draft was submitted to BOR and they just received BOR's feedback. NRD needs the time to incorporate all the feedback and get the draft back to the BOR for review. This resolution is to extend the agreement until February 2022 and to provide additional funding for the staff to do the work of the Biological Assessment.

Mr. Simmons read the resolution. Ms. Lone Eagle questioned if he is asking for an extension, and has a new resolution but adding a portion of the previous 2020 resolution. This resolution is to extend the sub-agreement and gives them more funding. When the EA is done, they can start doing the fencing, hopefully next year. This does not address the discussion of who owns the water rights and the lakebed.

This can be confusing. Mr. Simmons talked to Kevin of GBLW a couple of weeks ago. GBLW contracted RCI to establish the ordinary high-water mark which was used as the "boundary" that they would put the fence around on the lakeside. This would be the boundary for the BTAZ land on the lakeside. They used the ordinary high-water mark as the boundary because high water mark is usually used as a boundary for navigable water. A problem here could arise because Summit Lake is a terminal lake and not used for commerce, and thus not considered a navigable water. In speaking with Tom Schlossler, the SLPT legal firm, the whole concept of water rights and who owns the

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lakebed is a muddy issue and still up in the air. Mr. Schlossler feels the fence is a low risk so NRD should go ahead and put up the fence. Ms. Lone Eagle said SLPT is 50/50 as being truly sovereign. All of it is up in the air in a legal perspective. Nothing is clear.

There was a discussion about how the membership would feel about this whole situation and Ms. Lone Eagle felt they should not ruffle feathers. She does not want to dive into the ownership issue. She also discussed the history of the idea of fencing.

BTAZ refused to sell that plot of land to the Tribe. Ms. Lone Eagle also gave the history regarding trying to purchase the land. The time to use the money set aside for the purchase was running out and Ms. Youmans worked to reallocate the funds so as to be able to use the funding. There were a number of extensions.

There was a discussion on extensions and being behind on the reporting. The grants do need to be spent and grants closed. The government is talking about audits. So, record keeping is important. Ms. Quinn talked about a running record and keeping current track of what and how funding is spent.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to accept and approve Resolution SL-65-2021 Approval of Amendment Number Two of the Agreement with Great Basin Land and Water for Biological Assessment for Reservation Lake Fence Construction with the reading of the resolution. Secretary/Treasurer Eugene Mace, Sr. seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR, 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Resolution SL-65-2021 enacted a 10:59 am.**

Mr. Simmons left the meeting.

There was a discussion about having a Christmas Pot Luck White Elephant gift exchange at the Regular Council Meeting.

Ms. Quinn passed out the BIA budgets.

First is the 2021 budget. The BIA has said not to ask for \$160,000, but to ask for \$150,000.

The next is the 2022 budget which does have some changes. Finance Clerk salary is split 50/50 between CTPG and Indirect. The Enrollment Coordinator went from 1000 hours to 1924 hours because she works 74 hours per time period. It was budgeted for 40 hours a time period in 2021. This salary cannot be split. Enrollment related expenses cannot come from Indirect.

The Budget has a justification. What you are doing, the number of hours, rate of pay, etc. all need to be justified.

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She reduced Enrollment Committee fees from 15 meetings to 12 per year plus one member at Council meetings.

Professional businesses stayed about the same. She did remove \$10,000 for a Grant Writer.

Thalia Dick sent in an application for the language teacher position. Ms. Crane also talked to Jamie and believes she would also be interested in this position. She will contact her to see if she wants to apply. The Council feels the combination of the two people would work well. Ms. Lone Eagle talked to someone else about curriculum and was asked a lot of good questions about what to do remember and how to present the class.

Ms. Quinn discussed all the changes.

Fast Glass ordered two new windows, but neither fit so it will need to be factory ordered in order to fix the damaged vehicle. The tarp is working for now.

Election Committee expenses have been removed for 2022.

The 2022 Budget still needs to be reduced. She voiced some options to make the necessary adjustments.

The Council reviewed the budget. There were no questions.

Ms. Quinn discussed Natural Resource Department billing of projects. One project did not finish but it funds have been used up. She said that she does let them know when the funds are running low.

The Council has asked for a meeting with the NRD. They are still waiting . There was a discussion of how NRD was billing projects, especially noted was the legal assistance.

Ms. Lone Eagle if finance was good to go regarding reporting. Ms. Quinn replied that she did get the inner reports. All the reports are done. The narratives are due in January.

Ms. Quinn did get into the site to draw down some funds.

Ms. Lone Eagle got a communication with the 2022 IHP enclosed. The IHP was in compliance. Ms. Quinn said they have accepted it. Ms. Lone Eagle said they did request a letter from the Chairwoman giving her authority to talk to them on the behalf of the Chairwoman.

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Ms. Quinn and the Council will watch a seminar scheduled for Noon.

**MEETINGS:**

Regular Council Meeting Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 8:00 am Ms. Lone Eagle will be late. There will be a pot luck with white elephant gift exchange for lunch.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 3 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 12:03 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of December 14, 2021 Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting January 15, 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.

03/15/2022  
Date

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