

**Summit Lake Paiute Tribe  
Special Council Meeting  
Sunday, December 5, 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 Sunday, December 5, 2021 to order at 2:17 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, present; and Council Member Steven Crane, present.

**STAFF:** Linda Quinn, Finance Director

The Council received a copy of Resolution SL-64-2021. The Chairwoman asked if they had a chance to review it.

Ms. Lone Eagle noted a typo on the back page attachment. Ms. Quinn will make the correction. She had believed the specifics of negotiations, etcetera were in the Articles of Association. Ms. Lone Eagle said the specifics are in the Policies and Procedures under the Duties, Goals and Responsibilities of the Council Members. Ms. Quinn was trying to give enough information to see how the Tribe operates and who has the authority.

Ms. Quinn read through the application to see what they specifically wanted in information, what letters to upload. She also tried to put Tribal Start-up Program and two Consigned set programs into the resolution to kill two birds with one stone. The name of the person of authority must be submitted which is Ms. Lone Eagle and Ms. Quinn.

Ms. Lone Eagle read the responsibilities and authority of the Council Chair and the other Council Officers and Council Member from the Policy and Procedures and the Articles of Association.

Ms. Quinn stated what changes she had made to the rest of the resolution. Removing two "Whereas" sections and adding Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle as sole authority for signing.

Ms. Quinn said that they will need to find a loan agent like a bank to be a partner in handling the small business loans.

Ms. Quinn continued to go through the online application noting there were places where the information was still undetermined.

Ms. Lone Eagle had some questions because they still do not know how to use this except for accepting the funding and utilizing it for small business loans. She wants to know how do they utilize the funds so that the Tribe does not get in trouble for it. Ms. Quinn said there are a lot of rules. They must create criteria, eligibility loan review. This is why they need to partner with a small business credit business because they have

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already established this procedure. Ms. Crane asked if the Tribe will require a person to be in charge of this. Ms. Quinn said if the Tribe deals/partners with a bank, then they would not need a person, but the authority can be given to the person hired to handle all the rest of it.

Ms. Quinn talked to the Tribe's CPA, Charles Carslaw and he felt it was a good thing. He cited the success of the Reno/Sparks Indian Colony. Mr. Mace asked if SLPT will meet the qualifications if they use a bank or someone who knows finance. Ms. Quinn said yes and that using a bank would save them money as they already have the procedures and rules established.

Ms. Quinn will forward links to four webinars where people are talking about this grant. They go through it in small chunks. It does help in understanding the program.

Mr. Carslaw felt that this would really benefit SLPT. Ms. Quinn said if they really want to know about how this program works, the Council should spend the time to watch all four webinars. It will help them better understand what this program can and cannot do.

Ms. Quinn also expressed her opinion that they did not need to use this loan program to purchase the items necessary to make the conference area into a conference center small business since they already have funds that are available for "Infrastructure".

There was discussion about the program. They talked about what Reno/Sparks Indian Colony is doing. This program is a federal program with federal rules. Ms. Lone Eagle stated it sounds like a great idea with what they want to give the Tribe. Across the board all the other tribes have gotten it. SLPT is on the other end where they have never had any type of revenue, any type of business, any type of loan to go out that has worked in their favor. On the other end, helping their Tribal membership with benefits for them and grow their business, or start something they may want to do or buy a strip mall or something totally off the wall, SLPT has never dived into that. Coming to the table today and ongoing, it is an ongoing process, she does not want to be spending and spinning their wheels using their resources and time to decide whether they are going to do this or not. At the end of the day, they are there to make that determination if this will be something to benefit the Tribe as a whole, and be utilized by the members who may ask about it. She has not had anyone ask about it.

Mr. Mace commented that they, more or less, wanted to buy some time and apply for it and then make a decision on it. They have never done it before. Mr. Mace would listen to the seminars and asked Ms. Quinn to send the links.

There was a discussion about how to use and set up the phone hot spot to be able to get WIFI for the computers. Verizon is our carrier.

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Ms. Quinn will get more information from Reno/Sparks and from a bank to tell the Council. Then she can tell the Council what it would consist of and then they can say yay or nay. They could pull the application and give the money back or partner with Reno/Sparks. There are options. She proposed the changes to the resolutions: the first page is fine; second page removes two whereas statements and adds a whereas with Ms. Lone Eagle's information as the person with authority.

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane made a motion to accept and approve Resolution SL-64-2021 Approval to Initiate a State Small Business Credit Initiative SSB-CI Program 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-64-2021 enacted at 2:51 pm.**

Ms. Quinn updated the Council on the Capital Program, the one for the laptops. She had not made any progress on it since the last meeting to implement it. She explained briefly what the program was. It has a write up due in June. Mr. Mace asked if it was the one to provide laptops to the adults 18 and older in a household. Ms. Quinn said that was what the Council had asked for. Ms. Quinn is researching if this can be accomplished. The paperwork from the Broadband people said SLPT could enter into a laptop borrowing program, but did not say they could just give away the laptops. There was a discussion about what another Tribe did and what this program allows.

There was a discussion of badly functioning computer replacement for some Council and staff.

There was a discussion of Natural Resources Department in regards to needing to complete reports for projects and the adjustment of the staff to the new Director.

In order to get the funding for the Language Program, although it is being managed under Grant Solutions but it is being funded through Payment Management System (PMS). This system needs direct deposit sign-up forms which need to be sent to the banking institution. There are three copies of the same form: one for the Government, one for the payee and one more. That has to be signed by the Chairwoman.

Ms. Quinn had asked about creating a contract for Christopher Santner. Ms. Quinn prepared a contract the same as the one for Mr. Del La Luz. Mr. Santner came back with a conversation stating that when he had done side-jobs before, he usually asked for a two-hour minimum at \$100 to \$150 an hour. That would be \$200-\$300 minimum for him to show up. He would still require a minimum, but would do it for SLPT for \$75 an hour or a minimum of \$150. There is really not enough work for two hours at a time. After that he said \$25 an hour. He does not have a business license or insurance, but wants to charge the same rate as those who do. Ms. Quinn asked if they could find another Tribal member who could do typical odd jobs that would be willing to come in to

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put on knobs, etc. There was a discussion about liability and putting a statement in the contract that the contractor is doing the work at their own risk since they are not licensed. The Tribe would not be liable if the contractor got hurt. Mr. Mace asked if there was a guarantee for hours, that the work was on call. There is no guarantee for hours but is at will. Mr. Satner is a maintenance man at the Peppermill. Ms. Quinn could find two hours' worth of work once. There was a discussion on contractor versus employee. Ms. Quinn feels they can get the work done cheaper. They will use Mr. Santner for the work that they have that needs to be done. Ms. Crane said to be sure to add the statement about liability and that he would not be entitled to workers' compensation.

Ms. Quinn described why Mr. Santner was contacted. He does know how to change the electric plate in the floor of the Housing room. She also feels that he is charging too much especially since he has no business license. There is about two hours of work which includes some electrical work. Ms. Quinn will rewrite the contract to reflect the changes discussed. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Ms. Quinn got an email from Christopher Yarrow. He works for the Nevada Department of Transportation, Transportation Planner and liaison for Jennifer Hopki. He requested a copy of SLPT's TERO for their records. She asked him to explain what TERO stood for. He returned saying TERO stands for Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance. The Tribal law and employment rights and opportunities is necessary to implement Tribal Preference in the all aspects of employment. The TERO defines the procedures and policies for implementation of these employment rights. Ms. Quinn read the rest of Mr. Yarrow's explanation regarding Indian preference. Ms. Quinn sent him the personnel manual stating the policy on Indian Preference on hiring in Section 4-5. He replied that the manual would work and to let him know if SLPT had an employment bank for the work and eligible candidates. If not, then they need to know what SLPT's fee assessment is for any transportation work on or near the Reservation. She said they had one large equipment driver who is Native, but all large projects are sent out to bid. Mr. Yarrow explained that TERO is an official agreement drawn-up so that NDOT does not work on roads near any reservation or close by and the contractor needs to pick from the employee bank or pay a fee. Ms. Quinn says she can find no TERO agreement. Ms. Lone Eagle advised her to ask Natural Resources it might be part of the transportation projects. Ms. Quinn will talk to Mr. Simmons and get back to the Council at the next meeting.

Mr. Mace said to give him a copy of the communications and he will talk to Mr. William Cowan if he knows anything about it.

Treasury Tribal Advisory Committee (TTAC) Public meeting has been postponed. The date is to be determined.

Mia Beverly with Administration for Native Americans (ANA) wants to do a feature about SLPT starting up the language program. They are looking for an interview or a

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paragraph written by SLPT. Ms. Quinn said it was a first-time start-up. They said they wanted to talk to SLPT. Ms. Lone Eagle said since SLPT was one of the first to be awarded the funding, they probably want to know what SLPT intends to do. They want to know what are the Council's thoughts feelings about it. It would be put in their magazine. Ms. Lone Eagle said they will come up with something to send them.

Ms. Lone Eagle read the Ethics Standards.

Ms. Lone Eagle said to check the check request forms and be sure to sign them.

**MEETINGS:**

Special Council Meeting Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 10:00 am

Regular Council Meeting Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 8:00 am

**MOTION: Vice-Chairwoman Nedra Crane moved to adjourn. Council Member Steven Crane seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi Lone Eagle called the vote: 4 FOR. 0 AGAINST, 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned 2:17 pm.**

**CERTIFICATION**

I, **Eugene Mace, Sr.**, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribal Council, hereby certify that the Minutes of the December 5, 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