

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Summit Lake Paiute Council
Saturday, May 16, 2009
Bunk House, Summit Lake Reservation

CALL TO ORDER. At 10:14am, Warner Barlese, Chairman, Summit Lake Paiute Council, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese called Roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Ernie Barlese Jr, Jesse Strout, and Lorraine Watson. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and the Council could conduct business. Chairman Warner Barlese reminded everyone that the polling place for the General Council Elections had been open since 9:00am and staffed by the Tribe's Election Committee and tribal members: Jerry Barr (Chairman), Utahna Enriquez and Randi DeSoto and advised tribal member that they had until 3:00pm to cast their votes. Chairman Warner Barlese thanked the Environmental Protection Department Director, Ron Johnny, for putting on another excellent GAP Grant educational program this morning between 9:00am and 10:00am, and said he expected to see a similar educational program during the October 2009 General Council Meeting. Chairman Warner Barlese asked all tribal members, guests, and tribe employees to identify themselves for the meeting.

TRIBAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorieta Cowan, Firman Sam, Art Brown, Lee Townsend, Anita Schacker.

GUESTS PRESENT: Kenny Sam, Phillis and Conrad Sotelo, Vicky Brown, Albert Townsend and his four (4) children.

TRIBAL EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Ron Johnny, Environmental Coordinator and Acting Administrator.

Chairman Warner Barlese advised that as they take breaks and during the Natural Resource Department educational program, everyone would meet that Department's employees: William Cowan (Director), Kent Bloomer, Mike Arend, and James McClure.

READING OF MINUTES.

MOTION. Motion by Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese to waive the reading of the Minutes and table the approval of the Minutes until later. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson. Vote called. VOTE: 4 For; 0 Against; and 0 Abstained. Chairman Warner Barlese who did not vote because there was no tie vote declared the motion had carried.

REPORTS

Council Chairman. Chairman Warner Barlese reported on and discussed the Tribe's efforts to get the Winnemucca District Office of the Bureau of Land Management to recognize the true traditional use (territory) boundaries of the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe rather than relying on Dr. Omer C. Stewart's 1939 article and map which was developed without interviewing any Summit Lake people and only relying on Fort McDermitt and other informants. Chairman Warner Barlese encouraged tribal members to complete the task first started after the March 27, 2009 Special Council Meeting had concluded.

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(Tribal members then walked to the BLM map covered with clear plastic and marked where they believed their people's traditional use (territory) area was based on oral history told them by their Great, Great, Grandparents, older ancestors, and siblings.)

MOTION. Motion by Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese to accept the black permanent marker drawn line, dated May 9, 2009, as the correct boundary of the traditional Summit Lake Tribe traditional use (territory) area based on what Summit Lake People know. Motion seconded by Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson. Vote called. VOTE: 4 For; 0 Against; and 0 Abstained. Chairman Warner Barlese who did not vote because there was no tie vote declared the motion had carried and that the Tribe was to communicate this decision to all federal agencies once the Minutes of this meeting were approved by the Council.

RECESS. At 10:28am, it was the consensus of the Council that the Council would recess until 1:40pm. Chairman Warner Barlese reminded everyone to get their free lunch of Indian tacos cooked by Lone Crutcher before returning to the Council Meeting at 1:40pm, and that tribal members had until 3:00pm to cast their votes in the General Council Election.

(From 10:30am to 12 Noon, the Natural Resources Department's educational program was presented to tribal members and guests on topics of: water at Summit Lake Reservation; measurement of depth of water wells on the Reservation; demonstrating what plants and noxious weeds affect the Reservation; examples of non-source pollutants; the Grant from EPA in accordance with Section 106 of the clean Water Act; and, the Noxious Weed Program.)

CALL TO ORDER. At 1:40pm, Warner Barlese, Chairman, Summit Lake Paiute Council, called the meeting back to order.

ROLL CALL. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese called Roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Ernie Barlese Jr, and Jesse Strout. Absent: Lorraine Watson. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and the Council could conduct business.

TRIBAL MEMBERS PRESENT: Lorieta Cowan, and Firman Sam.

GUESTS PRESENT: Conrad and Phillis Sotelo.

EMPLOYEES PRESENT: Ron Johnny, Acting Administrator.

REPORTS (continued)

(At 1:44pm, Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson entered the meeting.)

Vice-Chairperson. Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson discussed the need for the out-going Council Members to have a chance to meet with the new Council Members elected today and sworn into office at 2:00pm on Monday, May 18, 2009, so the new Council Members could be brought up to date on the many issues that face the Council: Findings and Determinations of nearly \$1 million dollars;

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the Council's appeal of the Findings and Determinations; the Tribe's involvement in the Nez Pierce Tribe case against the federal government, etc. It was not objected to by any Council Member that Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson give the information new Council Members needed right after the new Council was sworn into office on May 18.

Secretary/Treasurer Report. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese read her report.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Tribal Members discussed the negative impacts the proposed route of the Ruby Pipeline would cause to important, historic, cultural and other resources of the Tribe, including burials on the hill to the west of the Idaho Canyon Road. Tribal Members, without exception, told Council Members not to reveal the location of burials and any historic, cultural and other resources of the Tribe, including burials, unless they absolutely had to, to save them since revealing locations of such things in the past had led to taking of arrow heads for allegedly scientific study purposes but to looting like that done by Jack Haroldson and Don and Steve Parker.

(At 1:56pm, the following BLM officials entered the meeting for the 3:00pm Government-to-Government Consultation: BLM Winnemucca District Manager Gene Seidlitz; BLM Black Rock Field Office Manager Dave Hayes; BLM Black Rock Field Office Archaeologist Kathy Ataman; and, BLM Humboldt River Office Archaeologist Sam Potter).

CONSENSUS. At 2:01pm, it was the consensus of the Council to make the Council Meeting mobile to give the BLM officials a walking tour of the Fish Trap and Mahogany Creek area surrounding the Bunk House and the Tribal Compound.

(At 2:20pm, the Council, BLM officials, tribal members and guests returned to the Bunk House.)

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION SESSION

The Council and BLM officials consulted on the BLM Resource Management Plan for Wilderness Areas Surrounding Summit Lake Reservation. BLM officials used maps to assist in the consultation.

(At 3:47pm, Tribal Member and Election Committee Chairman Jerry Barr entered the meeting.)

BREAK. At 3:49pm, it was the consensus of the Council to take a 15-minute Break since the Tribe's Election Committee Chairman had signaled that the Election Committee had completed its count of ballots for the General Council Election and that the Election Committee's large, written and signed, announcement of the election results for each Council Candidate was posted on the sliding glass door of the Tribe's Administration Trailer. Chairman Warner Barlese also reminded everyone that all of the Council Member Elect had to be at the Tribe's administrative office in Sparks, Nevada, at 2:00pm, Monday, May 18, to be sworn into office, sign their Oaths of Office, and conduct the first meeting of the 2009-2012 Summit Lake Paiute Council.

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CALL BACK TO ORDER. At 4:02pm, Council Chairman Warner Barlese called the meeting back to order.

ROLL CALL. Council Member Ernie Barlese as Acting Secretary/Treasurer called the Roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Lorraine Watson, Jesse Strout and Ernie Barlese. Absent: Jerri Lynn Barlese. Chairman Warner Barlese announced that there was a quorum and that the Council could conduct business. Chairman Warner Barlese also thanked the members of the Tribe's Election Committee (Jerry Barr, Chairman; Utahna Enriquez and Randi DeSoto) for doing a great job in preparing for, organizing and completing the General Council Election in a professional, timely, manner.

GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION SESSION (continued)

The Council had more consultation with BLM officials about: BLM offering technical assistance to the Tribe on withdrawing lands to increase the size of the Reservation and a January 2010 meeting with BLM on technical assistance; Ruby Pipeline in general; BLM orchestrated meeting on Ruby Pipeline just before the BLM Listening Session, both at the El Dorado in Reno; BLM's roll in issuing a right-of-way document for Ruby Pipeline after reviewing public comments to BLM on same; BLM 20/40 geothermal leases district wide.

At the end of the Government-to-Government Consultation Session, Council Members thanked the BLM officials for coming to the session and looked forward to completing Consultation on the topics discussed this date.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION. Motion by Council Member Jesse Strout to adjourn the meeting. Council Vice-Chairperson Lorraine Watson seconded the motion. Vote called. VOTE: 3 For; 0 Against; and 0 Abstained. Chairman Warner Barlese, who did not vote because there was no tie vote, declared the motion had carried, reminded everyone of the 10:00am and 2:00PM, May 18, 2009 Council Meetings in Sparks at the Tribe's administrative office, and declared that the May 16, 2009 Special Meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council was adjourned at 4:00pm.

CERTIFICATION

I, JERRI LYNN BARLESE, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby attest that the Minutes of the May 16, 2009, meeting were approved by the Council during the duly held meeting on August 29, 2009, at which there was a quorum present, with the Council Voting: 3 For, 0 Against and 1 Abstaining, and that Chairman Warner Barlese did not vote because there was no tie vote.

August 29, 2009
Date


Jerri Lynn Barlese
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council