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Special Meeting
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
Saturday, March 19, 2011
Summit Lake Primary Administrative Office

CALL TO ORDER. At 9:04 a.m., the Council meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese.

ROLL CALL. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese called roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Ernie Barlese, Jerry Barr, Jerri Lynn Barlese and Randi DeSoto. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT: William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Frances Winn, Finance Director; Ron Johnny, Environmental Coordinator and Acting Chief Administrative Employee

REPORTS – FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Frances Winn, Finance Director, gave Council flash drives containing March 2011 financial reports. Ms. Winn asked Council to return the flash drives to her once the reports have been reviewed. Chairman Barlese asked Ms. Winn if she erases the flash drives once Council returns them. She responded the intent is for Council to return flash drives to be updated. When Council fails to return them, Finance must purchase new flash drives. She asked Council to consider establishing a pattern of either loading the flash drives on their computers at the meeting, or return the flash drives at a later date. Mr. Cowan and Mr. Johnny will receive their financial reports via email.

Ms. Winn asked Council if they were becoming familiar with use of the flash drives. She stated it's important to utilize the reports on the flash drives for their Council meetings. Also, she encouraged Council to ask questions regarding expenditures. Council should be asking where funds are coming from when expenditures are requested. They should be reviewing their flash drives and holding staff accountable.

Ms. Winn reported that Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (SLPT) has received the 2011 Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) contracts. BIA has awarded SLPT \$3,376.00 for 2011 Higher Education funding. She commended Council for distributing Higher Education funds to Tribal Members.

She reported Egghart & Associates will begin the 2010 audit May 2, 2011. Egghart will be on-site May 2-6, 2011. Egghart's 3-year contract ends with the completion of the 2010 audit. Ms. Winn is proposing, after June, to submit another bid for audit services.

Ms. Winn stated The CFO Group, who is SLPT's Indirect Cost contractor, will begin the 2012 Indirect Cost Rate proposal the week of May 23, 2011 or later dependent upon completion of the 2010 audit. The CFO Group's contract will end with the completion of the 2012 Indirect Cost Rate proposal.

Ms. Winn informed Council BIA is sponsoring a training regarding Fiduciary Trust Principles and asked Council if they want to attend. BIA will be conducting additional training for Tribes and Tribal Council Members. The BIA Western Nevada Agency will be sending Ms. Winn a schedule of these trainings. She encouraged Council to participate.

Ms. Winn is requesting Chairman Barlese's approval to attend financial training sessions in March and June 2011.

Ms. Winn will be working with Mr. Cowan and Mr. Johnny on internal pre-audit review of their respective contracts and grants.

Ms. Winn stated she will need Council meetings for the exit interview with Egghart on the 2010 audit and The CFO Group on the 2012 Indirect Cost Rate proposal.

REPORTS – ACTING CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE

Mr. Johnny provided a written report to Council.

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Mr. Johnny requested Council decide what color they want on the SLPT flag. Three flags will be made: one each for the Reservation and Tribal office, and one to be sent to the Smithsonian Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. Mr. Cowan asked what fund was paying for the flags. Mr. Johnny responded it would come from the BIA Aid to Tribal Government contract. Mr. Cowan requested the Natural Resources Department (NRD) have access to the digitized vector image of the SLPT logo to use for making labels, patches for attire, t-shirts, etc. Mr. Cowan voiced concern because the image is copyright protected by the artist. Mr. Johnny disagreed stating the image is different; the fish is facing a different direction.

Discussion followed regarding the background color for the flag.

CONSENSUS: Consensus of Council was to have the flag fabricated with the background being blue for five flags.

Mr. Johnny was asked to get the cost for five flags and to see if there would be a price break if ten flags or more were ordered.

Mr. Johnny reported the U.S. Attorney has emailed him on the status of the Steven and Donald Parker case who stole cultural resources from Nevada and northern California. The U.S. Attorney is proposing a felony Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) conviction for Donald Parker and a misdemeanor ARPA conviction for Steven Parker with a minimum sentence of 30 days up to a maximum of one year in jail. Mr. Johnny stated the U.S. Attorney is requesting whether someone on the Council would be willing to testify in Sacramento prior to the Parker's sentencing on the damage to SLPT from people stealing cultural artifacts.

CONSENSUS: Consensus of Council is to write to the U.S. Attorney stating SLPT has zero tolerance against taking of artifacts and that both Parkers should get felony convictions with the maximum penalty allowed. Also for Chairman Barlese to attend the sentencing to voice concerns about people stealing artifacts.

Mr. Johnny stated Mr. Alan Bollschweiler, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Surprise Valley District Manager, is requesting a government-to-government consultation and a Ruby Pipeline site visit with Council on April 16, 2011. Julie Rodman, BLM Archaeologist, would also be attending. Mr. Cowan stated it is commonly expected by Tribal Members that Council meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month and since Ruby Pipeline business is absorbing much of the Council's time and resources, Council should consider conducting Ruby Pipeline business on any other day or weekend. Mr. Johnny was directed by Council to tell BLM April 16, 2011 was not acceptable for a government-to-government consultation/site visit and BLM will need to select a different date.

Council agreed to hold their April 16, 2011 Council meeting as scheduled. Mr. Johnny asked if Council wanted to hold this meeting in Cedarville or Alturas.

Mr. Johnny provided an update on Ruby Pipeline receiving permission from the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) for Ruby to use up to 50 vehicles on access road 50, from the Cedarville road off the Reservation going west into the canyon. NDOW's approval is for a specific time period and Ruby is not to interfere with active sage grouse leks. The workers for the pipeline will be brought in by bus. Mr. Cowan expressed concern that NDOW had given Ruby Pipeline permission to use roads on the Indian Reservation Road (IRR) system. Mr. Johnny responded Ruby is authorized to use Sheldon Refuge roads but not roads on the Reservation.

Mr. Johnny stated Mike Tinsley, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada's (ITCN) Child Care Development Fund Program Manager, has requested to meet with Council at the April 16, 2011 meeting to discuss SLPT's contract with ITCN to provide child care services. The contract expires September 30, 2011. ITCN needs an acknowledgement from Council that SLPT wants the Tribe to be served by the ITCN contract. Council agreed to invite him to the May 21, 2011 meeting.

Mr. Johnny discussed BIA's Indian Population and Labor Force Report. Because SLPT doesn't collect data on whether Tribal Members are employed, unemployed or underemployed, Mr. Johnny was unable to complete the report in its entirety.

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Mr. Cowan asked Mr. Johnny to discuss the important points that were raised at the Pesticide Budget Work Group meeting. Mr. Johnny stated the Group didn't reach a decision on the budget because Tribes can't agree what EPA should be doing with pesticides. RTOC does agree that EPA needs to authorize Tribes to use, if they wish, restricted use pesticides on their Reservations because EPA regulations currently prohibit this. Mr. Cowan asked Mr. Johnny if this is a new regulation to which Mr. Johnny responded it is an old regulation. Indian Reservations were not added to the list of entities that can use restricted use pesticides and realized there was a problem with Indian country not being authorized. SLPT filed a comment with EPA that SLPT wants to be authorized to use restricted use pesticides if they wish to do so, but SLPT does not want non-Indians to be authorized to use pesticides in Indian country. Region 9 Tribes decided they want to have their own restricted use pesticide training plan rather than being included in the national training plan.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break.

CALL TO ORDER. The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese.

ROLL CALL. Council Chairman Warner Barlese called roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Ernie Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Jerry Barr, and Randi DeSoto. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT: William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Ron Johnny, Environmental Coordinator and Acting Chief Administrative Employee

REPORTS – ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR

Mr. Johnny discussed the spring cleaning event he has planned to recycle metal on the Reservation. He requested Council identify one or two additional locations on the Reservation for Tribal Members to take items to be recycled. Mr. Cowan suggested the metal recycler arrive at the Reservation June 18, 2011 to ensure roads are dry. Mr. Johnny requested Council approval on moving the date. He reminded Council the metal recycling project was a requirement of the 2005/2006 GAP Work Plan but the project has yet to be completed. Mr. Cowan asked if the recycler would be going to the open pit dump to collect metal to which Mr. Johnny responded yes.

Mr. Johnny stated Mr. Cowan informed him a tribal employee wanted to procure the dump truck and John Deere tractor since they are slated to be recycled. The metal recycler also wants to buy the John Deere tractor. Mr. Johnny asked Council to decide if they want to give away, sell, or recycle these items. Mr. Cowan mentioned the John Deere tractor may work and need only minor maintenance such as a battery and some rewiring. He said the last time he saw it functional was 1988. Mr. Johnny stated the purpose of using the metal recycler is to get rid of all old metal.

Mr. Cowan recommended sending notice to Tribal Members this equipment is available for sale. He recommended adding a statement to the notice:

- identifying a specific date by which the equipment would have to be picked up,
- full payment would need to be made,
- the Member is liable for moving the equipment if they purchase it from SLPT,
- if the equipment is not picked up by that date, the Tribal Member would be assessed a fee by SLPT for SLPT having to remove the equipment, and
- equipment must be moved off the Reservation.

Mr. Johnny discussed recycling wood. He stated Pyramid Lake Tribe has a contract with a wood recycler. Their solid waste code allows stockpiling of wood at their dump until the contractor can pick it up. Mr. Johnny is trying to contact Pyramid Lake Tribe to see if they would allow SLPT to bring old wood to their dump.

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Mr. Cowan stated he is not in favor of designating additional pickup locations for Tribal Members to take metal for recycling. It would just be more unsightly piles of junk. He recommended Mr. Johnny stick with his original plan and pile metal in front of the compound. Also, Members must be advised that metal only can be brought to the pickup site. Mr. Cowan stated NRD could stake out the pickup area.

Council agreed for Mr. Johnny to arrange for the recycler to pick up metal on Saturday, June 18, 2011 and to draft a notice for Tribal Members. The flyer will state that if a Member wants to purchase the dump truck or tractor, payment would need to be made to SLPT by May 16, 2011.

Mr. Johnny stated his GAP Project Officer is requiring SLPT to modify the 2011-2012 GAP Work Plan Commitments and he provided Council with a copy of the revised Work Plan. Mr. Johnny is also still working on the 2005-2006 Commitments which includes cleaning up the open pit dump. Someone will need to be hired to test the soil once the open pit dump is cleaned up.

Mr. Johnny will be attending EPA's Region 9 Grant Management training the end of March. He will also be attending two RTOC meetings in San Francisco in April.

REPORTS – NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director, provided oral and written reports. Mr. Cowan reported Mr. Anan Raymond, Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) Archaeologist will be present today via conference call to consult with SLPT regarding a proposed project on the Sheldon Wildlife Refuge. Any time there is an archaeological investigation on federal lands, Tribes should be consulted.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a lunch break.

CALL TO ORDER. The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese.

ROLL CALL. Council Chairman Warner Barlese called roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Ernie Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Jerry Barr, and Randi DeSoto. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT: William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Ron Johnny, Environmental Coordinator and Acting Chief Administrative Employee

GUESTS: Dr. Geoff Smith, University of Nevada Reno (UNR); Anan Raymond, FWS Archaeologist (via teleconference)

Discussion followed regarding Dr. Smith's proposal to the FWS to study rock shelters at the Sheldon Refuge. The project will require an Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) permit be issued to Dr. Smith from the FWS. The ARPA permit process requires consultation with Tribes. Dr. Smith will be researching two archaeological sites at the Refuge. One was recorded in 1974. The other site has never been formally recorded. He estimates these sites date 11,000 to 13,000 years ago. Dr. Smith will be radio carbon dating material from the sites to estimate the actual date of the sites to determine when humans first arrived there. The reason he is coming to SLPT now is this is the first step in consultation on the proposal and the advisability of issuing a permit to Dr. Smith and UNR. The FWS will more formally approach the Tribe for consultation, and, if necessary, talk about ways to modify the proposal.

UNR assessed the potential for studying the site last summer. He will also be assessing the lifestyle of the inhabitants, food remains and other perishable items. UNR will be excavating one or two 3' by 3' holes at each site. Dr. Smith provided a handout to Council describing the project which he is directly responsible for supervising. When UNR completes the project the sites will be restored to their original condition.

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Chairman Barlese voiced concern about cultural resources being disturbed. He stated the most important thing to SLPT is preservation of cultural items. Council Member DeSoto stated SLPT would need a Tribal monitor to inspect the site prior to excavation. Mr. Raymond stated FWS is willing to visit the site along with Tribal Members. In terms of analyses, Dr. Smith stated he would only request radio carbon dating. Dates from bones are not as reliable as dates from campfire charcoal. Dr. Smith can only perform radio carbon dating on items that are organic. A small bag of charcoal will be collected from the campfire. Council Member Barr asked if any artifacts would then be returned to the site. Mr. Raymond stated FWS will include language in any permit issued to UNR regarding requirements for storing artifacts. The standard protocol is the permit holder is required to identify a facility to curate (long term storage) the artifacts.

Mr. Raymond stated any artifacts discovered will be stored in a facility that is ARPA-approved, similar to the Nevada State Museum in Carson City. Per Dr. Smith, UNR also has a facility meeting ARPA requirements. Chairman Barlese stated SLPT would need to see any artifacts to ensure they are not burial or funerary objects. Mr. Raymond stated SLPT could be accommodated to determine whether or not artifacts meet the definition of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). NAGPRA requires federal agencies to determine if artifacts meet the NAGPRA definition. Dr. Smith stated NAGPRA requires federal agencies to work with Tribes to repatriate artifacts. The items would be repatriated to the Tribe and the Tribe can do whatever they think is appropriate. FWS is willing to work with SLPT should this occur. Dr. Smith stated he is not interested in human remains. If human remains are found, he will discontinue excavation and consult with SLPT.

Mr. Johnny discussed the 25 items taken from Sheldon Refuge by Pacific Legacy, Ruby Pipeline contractor. Although they had an ARPA permit, it was not for collection. SLPT was successful working with FWS to have those items removed from the Nevada State Museum to be put back into the ground at a future date. The concern SLPT has is BLM is using NAGPRA against the Tribe in the remains of the two children that were looted from Elephant Mountain Cave. Those items were mistakenly given to BLM by the court and the Oregon police. The remains have never been repatriated. Council is reluctant to rely on NAGPRA with federal agencies because of what BLM has done. When SLPT went to Nevada State Museum with their spiritual leader they saw arrowheads and other items. The spiritual leader felt some of those items were evidence of a prayer or burial site.

Secretary/Treasurer Barlese read a document outlining concerns of Council regarding the proposed UNR study. Council feels the study should not be open to visitors and create further public exposure since SLPT lacks the ability to enforce and protect cultural resources. Dr. Smith stated he wanted to leave the door open for members of the Tribe to visit the excavation site if they wish. Council Member Barr stated these homeland areas were traditionally used by other Tribes such as Fort Bidwell. SLPT's intent is not to restrict other Tribe's access to these areas but to keep non-natives out to prevent theft. Chairman Barlese asked Dr. Smith what security UNR will have in place to prevent visitors from accessing the site. Dr. Smith responded the excavation sites are very remote and difficult to access so the likelihood of the public coming is minimal. As long as the excavation sites are open, UNR will be on-site at all times to prevent damage from occurring. After the excavations, the sites will be backfilled. Mr. Raymond asked if there is a road to the site. Dr. Smith stated the closest road is a quarter mile away and then there is a steep cliff. Dr. Smith said UNR doesn't advertise sites they are excavating. In reports UNR writes, all the location information will be removed. He is willing to share his reports with Council to review prior to publication. Chairman Barlese stated Tribal representation would need to be present for the duration of the dig. Also, the UNR crew would need to sign confidentiality agreements. Dr. Smith stated graduate students are trained to refrain from advertising archaeological digs UNR may be conducting.

Chairman Barlese questioned what protocol will be followed if human remains are discovered. It is difficult to differentiate between human from animal remains in the field therefore bones will have to be removed from the site causing spiritual disturbance that is irreplaceable. Dr. Smith said he's confident in his ability to differentiate human from animal bones. He will also have a physical anthropologist as part of the team who will also be able to identify animal from human remains.

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Council Member DeSoto continued reading SLPT's list of questions for UNR and FWS. Access to the caves should be closed to the public. Tribes should be allowed to visit before any future studies are considered. SLPT requests UNR remove reference to the caves from the internet. She asked why SLPT was not contacted by FWS prior to UNR visiting the sites last year. Mr. Raymond said there is no law or rule that prevents the public from visiting archaeological sites on federal lands. FWS does not have that kind of control. ARPA and the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) require federal agencies to consult with Tribes when projects are proposed which may disturb cultural resources. Mr. Raymond stated a visit on foot and observations made is not considered a violation of ARPA or NHPA. Mr. Johnny stated SLPT is requesting advance notice when a federal agency knows about projects. Mr. Raymond agreed completely that federal agencies including FWS need to improve their communication and consultation on cultural resource projects. When FWS knows about them, they will consult with SLPT. Council Member DeSoto stated FWS may need to consult with other Tribes in the area if FWS doesn't address SLPT's concerns. Mr. Raymond stated it is his belief SLPT has the closest cultural and physical proximity to the site for which the proposal is designed.

Dr. Smith stated his job is to determine when Native Americans first came to the Great Basin, including northwest Nevada, and he doesn't believe this is conflicting with SLPT's traditional beliefs. Council Member Barr stated Native Americans believe they were always on the land.

Dr. Smith will be modifying UNR's proposal to FWS based on the concerns voiced by Council including:

- Before any on-ground work begins, SLPT can visit the site and have it blessed.
- The only destructive analysis to be done is radio carbon dating charcoal from fire pits.
- Artifacts that are not NAGPRA-related will be stored either at UNR or the Nevada State Museum because they meet federal regulations for storage.
- If human remains or NAGPRA items are found, UNR will stop the project.
- Visitation to the site will be restricted to SLPT who is welcome to visit and stay as long as they like.
- UNR will not maintain a private collection of photographs, GPS coordinates or anything else from the site. Dr. Smith can share all GIS sheet files, data and photographs with SLPT.
- SLPT is concerned with a cave excavation project on the Sheldon Refuge being displayed on UNR's website. Dr. Smith can have it removed within a week. If SLPT desires, any future UNR research projects potentially impacting SLPT will not be broadcast in such a public venue.

Mr. Raymond stated he believes the project should only go forward if UNR, FWS and SLPT embrace the project equally. If these parties cannot agree, then it's probably not appropriate to move forward. Mr. Raymond anticipates the FWS will have a representative on the ground most if not all of the time Dr. Smith is on-site. He would hope that SLPT will have a representative on-site as well.

Chairman Barlese stated SLPT needs to work something out with FWS regarding artifacts that may be sent to a museum and not repatriated to Tribes. Mr. Johnny stated as a result of the Ruby Pipeline, the Nevada State Museum has thousands of items in a warehouse of the Museum that most likely will never see the light of day. The Museum doesn't have space to show them or funding for someone trying to make a display. Mr. Raymond stated he is aware of the situation Mr. Johnny is speaking of and he thinks it's very unfortunate what happened. NAGPRA items definitely need to go back to Tribes. He stated the non-NAGPRA artifacts collected in an archaeological project are supposed to be stored for the long term in a federal facility that meets ARPA requirements. The FWS has returned many NAGPRA items back to Tribes for repatriation. Mr. Raymond stated he is committed to working with SLPT on all aspects of cultural resource.

Government-to-government consultation ended.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break at 2:22 p.m.

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CALL TO ORDER. The Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese at 2:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL. Council Chairman Warner Barlese called roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Ernie Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Jerry Barr, and Randi DeSoto. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT: William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Ron Johnny, Environmental Coordinator and Acting Chief Administrative Employee

REPORTS – NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (Continued)

The NRD submitted the Treatment as a State application. Copies will be provided to Council on CD.

Discussion Topics

Mr. Cowan asked if Council had reservations about SLPT partnering with FishBio on the VAKI Riverwatcher study and ultimately having publications about the study on the internet. Council had no reservations.

Mr. Cowan presented a proposed resolution updating the Indian Reservation Roads system. Chairman Barlese asked if granting the right-of-way would only apply to BIA. Mr. Cowan stated it is a requirement of all Tribes for any road to be on the BIA IRR system, BIA must have right-of-way, which means that it is then a public road. When NRD designated new roads to be part of BIA's IRR system in the LRTP, they designated them with the knowledge they are public access roads. The resolution presented today is adding road mileage from the Reservation boundaries from Denio road, down to the intersection with Crane Creek and Knott Creek road, 30.7 miles. NRD is adding an additional 77.6 miles which includes the mileage from the Reservation boundary to State Route 8A heading towards Cedarville, and also includes the mileage from the Reservation boundary southward toward the paved road State Route 34 heading to Gerlach.

MOTION: Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese introduced a motion to approve resolution titled, Approval of Road Inventory Update for the Summit Lake Indian Tribe, with Attachment A, Summit Lake Inventory Comparison Listing with reading of the Resolution. Council Member Jerry Barr seconded the vote. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared Resolution SL-07-2011 enacted.

Mr. Cowan reported he is attempting to schedule a meeting with FWS Regional Director to discuss a long-term IPA between FWS and SLPT and asked for Council input on talking points with the Regional Director. If the Regional Director has more time, Mr. Cowan will invite him to attend the Connecting People with Nature event. Regional Director talking points include:

- planning, development and implementing LCT recovery activities specific to the Summit Lake Basin, and
- planning, developing and implementing co-management activities with federal, state and other partners to share resources in managing land outside the Reservation boundaries which includes management of Mahogany Creek, Summer Camp Creek, grazing utilization, cultural resource monitoring, road maintenance, etc.

Mr. Cowan stated the Regional Director needs to be impressed on long-term initiatives SLPT is pursuing and if the Regional Director is not supportive of advocating for the extension of the IPA, SLPT needs to know so they can prepare for Mr. Cowan's absence when the IPA expires in two years. Chairman Barlese and Mr. Cowan will attend the meeting with the Regional Director once meeting confirmation is received.

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Mr. Cowan mentioned the BIA Director, Larry Echohawk, will be in town for a meeting at Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada with Nevada Tribal leaders. This is an opportunity for SLPT to make an in-person introduction to the Director. Council Member Barr has agreed to attend. Points to raise to the Director were discussed, including: SLPT is the most impoverished Tribe in the lower 48 states; the LRTP process; land acquisition to include the watershed to protect resources; replacement of obsolete or barely functional equipment; improvement of infrastructure and house; and request a future meeting with the BIA Director.

Mr. Cowan shared with Council there was a visit to the Reservation in 2007 by Ira Newbreast who at that time was in charge of the wildlife, parks and recreation branch for the BIA. That was when SLPT lost 60% of its base funding for fisheries. Mr. Newbreast stated he could arrange a meeting with the BIA Director who had access to discretionary funds. Sometimes Tribes are successful in getting these discretionary funds. Mr. Cowan suggested SLPT make a better effort to find additional funds for fisheries and that Dr. Chandra, UNR, has been advocating this on SLPT's behalf.

Mr. Cowan discussed talking points for the Tribal leaders meeting with Governor Brian Sandoval. Council Member Barr will be attending.

Mr. Cowan asked for commitment from Council to attend and volunteer at the Connecting People with Nature event. Ms. Youmans, Fish and Wildlife Biologist, is spearheading coordination of this event. She is putting together wildlife and native plant information to share with the event participants. Chairman Barlese and Vice-Chairman Barlese offered to bring children.

Mr. Cowan discussed BLM's refusal to assist SLPT with cultural resource surveys. Rolando Mendez, BLM's Black Rock Field Manager, has declined on several occasions to help. Mr. Cowan discussed this issue with the BIA Western Regional Archaeologist who then sent BLM a letter stating BIA understands a request has been made by SLPT for assistance and that BIA supports sharing Department of Interior resources for this matter. Disclosure of information from the surveys is not open to the public and not available under the Freedom of Information Act. Disclosure is required by law but only to the State Historic Preservation Office.

The graduate student for the food web study will start the first or second week of May. Mr. Cowan is trying to schedule visits to the Reservation with the Nature Conservancy and other partners to showcase SLPT's fisheries program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council discussed the February 19, 2011 and March 5, 2011 meeting minutes.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council's February 19, 2011 Special Meeting and waive reading of the Minutes aloud. Motion seconded by Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese. Vote called. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstaining. Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion had passed. The Minutes of the February 19, 2011 Special Meeting were approved.

MOTION: Council Member Randi DeSoto introduced a motion to approve the Minutes of the Council's March 5, 2011 Special Meeting with reading of the Minutes. Motion seconded by Council Member Jerry Barr. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining. Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion had passed. The Minutes of the March 15, 2011 Special Meeting were approved at 4:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Barlese requested an Executive Session to discuss an enrollment issue.

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MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced a motion to begin Executive Session. Council Member Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion had passed. Executive Session began at 4:14 p.m. and concluded at 4:31 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced a motion to adjourn. Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, and 1 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion had passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

CERTIFICATION

I, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby state and affirm that the above Minutes of the March 19, 2011 Special Meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council were approved by the Council during a duly called meeting of the Council on March 10, 2012, by a vote of 4 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting.

March 10, 2012 _____

Date


Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council