

MINUTES  
Special Meeting  
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL  
Sunday, May 15, 2011

North of Summit Lake Reservation Along Ruby Pipeline Construction Route

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CALL TO ORDER. At 9:58am, 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, Randi DeSoto, and Jerri Lynn Barlese. Absent: Jerry Barr. Council Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and the Council could conduct business. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese advised that others present are: James Barlese; Environmental Coordinator Ron Johnny; Gene Seidlitz, Director, BLM Winnemucca District Office; Mark Hall, Tribal Coordinator, BLM Winnemucca District Office; and, Don Cooper, Safety Auditor, El Paso Corporation.

(Wet snow was falling in medium to high winds.)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Chairman Warner Barlese thanked everyone for traveling north of the Summit Lake Reservation, attending the Consultation and Site Visit despite having to stand out in the inclement weather conditions, and explained the purpose of today's Consultation Session with the BLM Winnemucca District Office and Site Visit of the BLM-Ruby Reroute between the Denio Road and Five Mile Flat. Chairman Warner Barlese apologized that the Tribal Compound was flooded and could not be the initial meeting place for the consultation and site visit.

Mr. Seidlitz also thanked everyone for attending and explained that Mr. Cooper was present to give me and the Council Members who had not attended the Ruby Pipeline Safety Course like Mr. Johnny and Mr. James Barlese, a brief but sufficient safety course on traveling along the Ruby Pipeline construction route.

Mr. Cooper then gave everyone present a brief safety course on traveling or hiking around the pipe that is blocked in place, and around the construction route.

(At 10:05am, Allen Bollschweiler, Manager, BLM Surprise Valley (California) Field Office, and Julie Redman, Tribal Coordinator, BLM Surprise Valley (California) Field Office, arrived at the meeting, and everyone introduced themselves, and Mr. Cooper gave a second brief safety course.)

CONSENSUS At 10:12am, it was the consensus of the Council to recess or take a break in the Council Meeting so everyone could drive in their respective vehicles to the spots along the BLM-Ruby Reroute that the Council wanted to see.

(At 10:25am, Mr. Seidlitz stopped the Site Visit before vehicles began to climb the mountain the BLM-Ruby Reroute traversed, turning around between pipes, explained it appeared to him to be too unsafe for four-wheel drive vehicles like his who lacked adequate tires to maintain traction given the falling wet snow and wind conditions. Council Chairman Warner Barlese asked that everyone meet adjacent the Tribe's Gravel Pit on Tribe Route 2 (Cedarville Road) to the Site Visit could be continued at a lower elevation where heavy, wet, snow was not falling, and then travel to a point on Tribe Route 1 (Gerlach Road) so everyone could view the rising level of Summit Lake water which the Council believed might

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flood Five Mile Flat where Ruby Pipeline was authorized to begin construction operations after midnight on Monday, May 16, 2011.)

CALL BACK TO ORDER. At 11:31am, the Council Meeting was called back to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese near the entrance to Five Mile Ranch along the County Road leading to Washoe County Road 8A, Vya, Nevada, and Cedarville, California.

ROLL CALL. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese called roll. Present: Warner Barlese, Ernie Barlese, Randi DeSoto, and Jerri Lynn Barlese. Absent: Jerry Barr. Council Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and the Council could conduct business. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese advised that others present are: James Barlese; Environmental Coordinator Ron Johnny; Gene Seidnitz, Director, BLM Winnemucca District Office; Mark Hall, Tribal Coordinator, BLM Winnemucca District Office; Allen Bollschweiler, Manager, BLM Surprise Valley (California) Field Office; and, Julie Redman, Tribal Coordinator, BLM Surprise Valley (California) Field Office.

Council Chairman Warner Barlese thanked everyone for traveling first to view the level of Summit Lake along Tribe Route 1 (Gerlach Road) and he other Council Members expressed their concern that if Summit Lake flooded, as it has in the past, that Ruby Pipeline's construction could pollute Summit Lake now or in the future and not only negatively impact important environments of the Tribe but harm the Endangered Species Act listed, as threatened, Lahontan cutthroat trout that reside in Summit Lake the majority of every year. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese gave Mr. Seidnitz a hand written list of her concerns and proposals to protect the environment and Lahontn cutthroat trout.

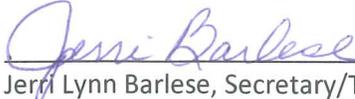
ADJOURNMENT

MOTION Motion by Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Council Member Randi DeSoto seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstained. Council Chairman Warner Barlese, who did not vote because there was no tie vote, warned everyone to drive safely and declared the meeting was adjourned at 11:34am.

CERTIFICATION

I, JERRI LYNN BARLESE, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby state and affirm that the above Minutes of the May 15, 2011 Special Meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council (Council) were approved by the Council during a duly called meeting of the Council on May 21, 2011 by a vote of 3 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstaining, and that Council Chairman Warner Barlese did not vote because there was no tie vote.

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May 21, 2011  
Date

  
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Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Paiute Council