

**MINUTES**  
General Meeting  
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL  
Saturday, May 19, 2012  
Summit Lake Paiute Reservation

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CALL TO ORDER. At 10:10 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, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Randi DeSoto and Jerry Barr. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT. William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant.

**REPORTS – CHAIRMAN WARNER BARLESE**

Chairman Barlese stated he received a letter from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Western Nevada Agency (WNA) regarding the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (SLPT) being on sanctions, the 2012 Election, making a site visit to ensure SLPT's Finance Department is functional since the Finance Director was terminated, and to meet with the new Council.

Chairman Barlese reported SF-425 financial reports were submitted to BIA without his signature. These reports were subsequently signed and sent to BIA on May 18, 2012. Council Member DeSoto asked why these reports were not signed when originally submitted to BIA. Chairman Barlese stated since BIA is now requesting original signatures, not the use of signature stamps, there was not enough time to mail the forms to him to sign, return to SLPT, and then mail to BIA.

Chairman Barlese suggested the new Council contact Fred Drye, Tribal Operations Officer, BIA WNA to discuss Council roles and responsibilities. Council Member Barr offered to contact Mr. Drye. He will also contact Marilyn Bitisillie, Awarding Officer, BIA WNA to discuss the BIA site visit, and Athena Brown, Superintendent, BIA WNA, to advise of new Council and Officers.

MOTION: Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese introduced a motion to amend Resolution SL-09-2012, Authorizing the Acceptance of the Offer of Settlement from the United States to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe to Settle Claims Brought in *Nez Perce Tribe v. Salazar*. Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared Resolution SL-09-2012 enacted.

**REPORTS – VICE-CHAIRMAN ERNIE BARLESE**

Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese reported he participated with the Council on the May 12, 2012 site visit to repatriate artifacts found by Ruby Pipeline contractors.

**REPORTS – SECRETARY/TREASURER JERRI LYNN BARLESE**

Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese reported she attended the Council Administrator (CA) meeting on May 2, 2012 at which she presented two sets of CA meeting minutes. The other two CA's approved these minutes.

Chairman Barlese stated Council needs to hire staff whom are going to be reliable. He was referring specifically to the employee who called in sick the week of May 14<sup>th</sup> while still on probation.

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**REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBER RANDI DESOTO**

Council Member DeSoto reported she attended the May 2, 2012 CA meeting and the May 12, 2012 site visit to repatriate artifacts.

**REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBER JERRY BARR**

Council Member Barr reported he travelled to Scottsdale, Arizona for a conference regarding amending Tribal constitutions. He stated he met an attorney from a Tribe in either Minnesota or Wisconsin who is willing to assist SLPT with legal issues that do not involve civil suits.

**REPORTS – ADMINISTRATION/FINANCE**

Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant, provided the following handouts to Council:

- The Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada (ITCN) Child Care Development Program (CCDP) agreement, and
- A Programmatic Agreement from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) regarding solar development projects.

Ms. Nelson reported Mr. Daryl Crawford, Executive Director, ITCN, has agreed to conduct the swearing-in ceremony for the newly-elected Council. The swearing-in ceremony will be held Monday, May 21, 2012.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break at 11:30 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 11:35 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, 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; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant.

**REPORTS – WILLIAM COWAN, NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR**

The Director presented an oral and written report including discussion of the following.

Accomplishments of Noteworthy Events

Geographic Information Systems (GIS) training,  
Resignation of Natural Resource Technician, and  
Repatriation of artifacts on the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

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638 Contracts and Grants

- Cutthroat trout spawner migration,
- Interviewing applicants for the Noxious Weed Crew and Leader,
- Appointment of three previous employees as Maintenance Workers,
- Meetings with Lumos and Associates on reroute of Hell's Canyon and the road west of Summit Lake,
- Newsletter to Tribal Members regarding new Biologist, fisheries research, and upcoming noxious weed treatment activities,
- Discussion with Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) for assistance to install a flow gage station on Mahogany Creek,
- Discussion with FWS and Great Basin Land and Water regarding development of a conservation area plan for Summit Lake, and
- Discussion with Chairman regarding a personnel matter.

EPA Grants

- Appeal disputing EPA's disallowed costs relative to the General Assistance Program,
- Quarterly reports for Clean Water Act and Partnership Performance grants were submitted, and
- Appointment of Maintenance Workers.

Tribal Wildlife Grants (TWG)

- UNR researchers investigating the aquatic food web, installation of Passive Integrated Transponder (PIT) tags, and water quality analysis, and
- Department of Interior Aviation safety training as part of the TWG sage grouse project.

Upcoming Meetings and Events

- Range assessment training for Fish and Wildlife Biologists,
- Spring season water quality sampling,
- Annual performance report for TWG food web project,
- Director attending Supervisor training,
- IPA meeting with FWS, and
- Connecting People With Nature Event.

The Director stated this is his last report for the existing Council but thanked them for the opportunity to work with SLPT.

The Director reported the majority of fish are spent and travelling downstream. Some of the fish are being PIT tagged. The Director stated SLPT may have to enforce fishing regulations since some individuals are taking more fish than allowed.

The Director thanked Council Member Barr for helping to screen Fish and Wildlife Biologist applicants. The new Fish and Wildlife Biologist will be cross-trained on noxious weeds. The noxious weed season began early and may be brief.

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The appointed Maintenance Workers started May 1, 2012. They cleaned the bunkhouse and are now mending fences. A new shower is to be built and constructed between the fisheries and administration trailers. The Director stated the Department of Energy (DOE) Energy Efficiency Block Grant (EEBG) should be investigated to determine if installation of a solar powered hot water system is allowable. Preliminary plans for the shower include four stalls with separate facilities for men and women. The Tribal Wildlife noxious weed grant will pay for the shower.

**CONSENSUS**        Consensus of Council was for the Natural Resources Department to move forward with installation of showers.

The Resource Technician and Lumos and Associates met. Lumos stated Hell's Canyon is too steep to re-route. Alternatives were proposed where there is a better slope. The re-route of the road west of the Lake is also feasible; however, source of rock is an unknown cost. The NRD recommended to Lumos to investigate cost for a rock crusher and the necessary permits to use rock from sources off the reservation. A cultural inventory conducted last year showed two sensitive sites. The NRD has conferred with BIA and the State Historical Preservation Office (SHPO) regarding these sites.

The Director reported the appeal process has begun to dispute the \$96,000 in EPA deferred revenue.

The Maintenance Workers have been assigned to clean up the cemetery. Chairman Barlese recalled one wooden headstone dated to 1980. Some marble rocks exist there that may be graves. UNR conducted a cultural inventory on the cemetery last year.

Discussion Topics

The Director reported a Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation (NAGPRA) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) has been sent to Council. The Director advised Council should discuss the MOA with FWS today and consider approving the MOA today. Chairman Barlese stated the first MOA was changed regarding Tribal contacts and newspapers. Chairman Barlese asked for Council's input on citing Federal regulations which may supersede SLPT. The Director stated 43 CFR gives FWS authority to consult with the Tribe, and suggested this point be discussed with FWS today. Because FWS is a Federal agency, they must comply with Federal regulations and laws. Council Member Barr stated he would rather be at the table and not get hit with surprises. Chairman Barlese stated the MOA lists five tribes FWS will be consulting with. The Director asked if Council had outreached to Tribal members. No response from Council. Chairman Barlese asked if Council read language regarding upcoming projects which may require consultation. Council Member Barr stated he read a portion of the MOA regarding consultation on upcoming projects on the refuge. FWS will let SLPT know about projects before they go to public notice.

Chairman Barlese agreed that SLPT should proceed with the MOA. Council Member Barr stated at least SLPT can be on record for comments. FWS' MOA does address concerns SLPT voiced at the May 2011 Council meeting.

The Director discussed BLM's draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with SLPT regarding fence repair, and encouraged Council to discuss the MOU with BLM today. He stated the MOU needs work. \$17,000.00 was initially offered, but BLM has reduced that amount to \$12,000.00, for materials only, even after the Director told BLM \$17,000.00 was grossly inadequate. NRD estimates \$60,000.00 will be needed to repair 3 miles of the southeast corner fence to Snow Creek. The MOU is for five years. The Director also proposed that BLM should share cost to transport fence materials where they are needed. Another

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option is BLM enters into a 638 contract with the Tribe to hire a range rider. Approximate costs would be \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year to employ a range rider for three months. Another option is to propose BLM repair the fences since wild horses are BLM's responsibility. SLPT is already seeing damage created by wild horses to fences. SLPT needs to protect resources. The Director advised this should be discussed with BLM today.

The Director advised that Mark Hall, BLM, is asking if the location of the proposed noxious weed signs will be in the road Right of Way (ROW). He advised Council that SLPT and BLM need to have a conference call to discuss the location of the signs. BLM has stated they are concerned about sage grouse habitat. The Director stated this topic should be discussed with BLM today.

LUNCH BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a lunch break at 12:23 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 1:07 p.m., the Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese.

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

STAFF PRESENT. William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant.

GUESTS PRESENT. Mark Hall, Archaeologist, BLM Winnemucca District; Mike Truden, Field Manager, BLM Humboldt River District.

Mr. Hall stated BLM sent SLPT an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on solar development projects. SLPT sent comments to BLM last year. A Programmatic Agreement (PA) was issued by the BLM Washington DC office. The Final EIS will be released late June or early July. Mr. Hall stated BLM Winnemucca sent SLPT's comments to Washington but did not know if Washington incorporated SLPT's comments. Mr. Hall stated DOE is taking the lead on the solar projects. It may turn into a Ruby/Federal Energy Regulatory Commission type of project. Mr. Fosberg (?) needs to be contacted with any additional comments SLPT may have.

Mr. Hall stated the date for the Jackson Mountain horse gather may be moved up due to drought conditions. Some grazing permit holders have drastically reduced the number of cattle being grazed and in some cases not grazing at all. Chairman Barlese asked if BLM would be suspending permits due to the conditions. Mr. Truden said BLM prefers it be voluntary by the permit holders.

Mr. Hall stated BLM is proposing installing 0.65 miles of fence at Rough Canyon to keep cattle out. A letter will be issued by BLM to interested parties early next week. The Director asked how this project relates to big horn sheep since the proposed fence is in prime big horn sheep habitat. Mr. Hall agreed to speak to BLM range staff regarding the Director's inquiry. The Director asked if NDOW is aware of the proposed fence project. Mr. Hall stated BLM will be sending NDOW a letter next week.

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Mr. Hall stated SLPT's proposed sites for noxious weed signs may be in areas that may affect sage grouse. He continued Humboldt County may have an issue with the road ROW, thus SLPT must obtain permission from Humboldt County to install signs on the county ROW. The Director advised he is not prepared to have NRD staff spend time researching additional locations for signs. More importantly this project was meant to be a partnership between SLPT and BLM. NRD has limited time and resources. He stated there are also ROW for power lines. The Director stated he may talk to Harney Electric about installing signs within the power line ROW. Mr. Hall said if Harney agrees, then BLM agrees.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese entered the meeting at 1:29 p.m.

The Director stated he does not believe the noxious weed sign project would affect the sage grouse. Raptors will go to the highest point to search for food, which would be a power line, not a noxious weed sign. The Director stated he would contact Humboldt County. Council Member Barr asked why BLM does not have to obtain county permission for BLM signs. Mr. Hall stated that as long as there isn't a safety issue, then BLM doesn't need county permission. The Director questioned BLM about Ruby Pipeline signs. Mr. Hall stated signs were included in the Ruby ROW. BLM will send Ruby a letter about downed fences needing repair.

Mr. Hall asked for initial comments from SLPT on the draft MOU concerning the Summit Lake Boundary Fence on the Soldier Meadows Allotment. Chairman Barlese stated BLM subsidizing SLPT \$17,000.00 was discussed previously, but the MOU now states only \$12,500.00. He continued, Council would like to work with BLM on these projects but BLM changes their agreements and does not inform the Council. Council Member Barr stated it is not fair for SLPT to be required to maintain fences damaged by wild horses. Mr. Hall stated on this issue he and Mr. Truden are just the messengers. Chairman Barlese suggested working it out with a 638 contract. The Director stated himself and Rachael Youmans, SLPT Fish and Wildlife Biologist, held a conference call with Gene Seidlitz, Rolando Mendez and other BLM staff to discuss damage to SLPT fences by wild horses. The Director stated SLPT has diligently worked on repairing damage to SLPT fences caused by wild horses over the past two years. Most of the Reservation boundary fence south of Snow Creek is in need of reconstruction. Prior to Ms. Youman's survey of the Reservation fences, SLPT was not aware of the extent of the damage. The Director stated SLPT would have to spend over \$60,000.00 to fix the fences. Additionally, BLM has given no consideration to labor and the remoteness of the affected area. The Director stated SLPT has a commitment to wise utilization of the land. The problem is going to continue. New bands of horses are coming back in to fill niches abandoned by horses removed by previous gathers. The Director reported resources were spent last week to mend damage at One Mile Spring which is a very spiritual place for Tribal Members. The Director suggested BLM hire a tribal range rider to herd BLM's wild horses off the Summit Lake Reservation, not to exceed six pay periods. At \$15.00 per hour, the cost would be \$10,000.00 to \$15,000.00 per year. This position could mend fences as well. The Director stated if BLM is willing to fund half of the cost, SLPT could cost share. BLM should also consider supplying laborers and pack horses, and to potentially hire a fence contractor.

The Director asked Mr. Hall the cost of building 1.5 miles of fence at Five Mile Flat. Mr. Hall stated he did not know. The Director stated he would be willing to talk further with Mr. Seidlitz. He continued the area of damaged fence does not have road access. It is a steep, rocky grade. It would be very difficult for workers to carry bags of cement and other supplies up this rough terrain to the location where fences have been damaged by wild horses.

The Director stated BLM's Rough Canyon fence proposal shows that BLM does have resources to build fences. He asked BLM who is paying for this project. Mr. Truden stated it is being paid out of grazing fees. Mr. Hall stated there are similar projects which have languished 5-6 years. The Director reiterated SLPT's concern is cost and labor for NRD staff.

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Mr. Hall gave SLPT a draft letter to EPA from BLM on the Treatment as a State application which discussed revisions to TAS based on BLM concerns. The Director advised BLM he was hoping there would be closure to the TAS issues. He asked Mr. Hall if the draft letter is for information only or can SLPT comment now. There was no response. Mr. Hall stated the issue of non-Indians owning land on reservation land came from EPA to BLM to SLPT.

The Director asked if Rolando Mendez' position had been replaced to which Mr. Truden responded no.

Mr. Hall recapped today's discussion:

- SLPT is unhappy with BLM's draft fence MOU,
- Gene Seidlitz should have been present at this meeting, and
- Additional dialogue needs to take place between SLPT and BLM regarding the fences.

The BLM government-to-government consultation concluded at 1:55 p.m.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break at 2:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 2:20 p.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, 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; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant.

GUESTS PRESENT. Dr. Anan Raymond, Archaeologist, FWS; Brian Day, Manager, Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge; Dr. Gene Hattori, Curator of Anthropology, Nevada State Museum; Dr. Pat Barker, Research Associate, Nevada State Museum; and John Kasbohm, Project Manager, Sheldon-Hart National Wildlife Refuge Complex.

Dr. Raymond stated he heard from the Nevada State Museum that the Ruby artifact repatriation went well and thanked Council for participating. Chairman Barlese thanked FWS for inviting SLPT to participate.

Dr. Raymond stated the FWS is ready to sign the Sheldon MOU but SLPT can have additional time to review it should they need. The Director stated he felt the MOU was in order. Dr. Hall stated SLPT still needs to provide a contact list which will be Appendix A to the MOU. Changes can most likely be made after the MOU is signed. Dr. Raymond stated FWS incorporated SLPT's comments. The contact list is to be updated bi-annually.

CONSENSUS Consensus of Council is for Chairman Barlese to sign the Sheldon Memorandum of Understanding.

Two copies were signed. Ms. Nelson will make copies and distribute to all parties.

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Dr. Raymond discussed an excavation of the Last Supper Cave on the Sheldon Refuge. Artifacts were found and are stored at the Nevada State Museum. Nevada State Museum has a role to educate the public about the artifacts. FWS can approve or disapprove the Museum's project.

Dr. Hattori stated some of these items are yet to be radio carbon dated. He, Dr. Pat Barker and Kay Fowler of the Nevada State Museum are trying to finish the analysis of basketry recovered. Pack rats have damaged the basketry. Dr. Hattori stated he would have to take fragments from the basketry, which amounts to less than three micrograms to perform the carbon dating. Dr. Hattori is looking at prehistoric weave. Kate Fowler is looking at basketry similar to Paiute basketry.

Dr. Barker stated any samples to analyze or date would be done on fragments that have fallen off. There appears to be a 3-4,000 year gap in woven sandal artifacts found in the Great Basin and other southwest culture areas. The Nevada State Museum wants to close that gap to show continuity of a scientific nature.

The Director stated he heard this discussion when the Elephant Mountain Cave artifacts were being analyzed. Dr. Barker stated the Last Supper Cave sandals are essentially the same as Elephant Mountain Cave. Radio carbon dating is the only way to date these sandals. Dr. Hattori stated there are caves in Oregon and Elephant Mountain Cave that are revealing artifacts of the same type as the Last Supper Cave.

Dr. Raymond asked if the Last Supper Cave will help to fill in the gap. Dr. Barker stated some of the projectile points are from early dates. The Director asked if all artifacts from the Last Supper Cave are at the Nevada State Museum. Dr. Hattori stated yes. The Director stated freshwater mussels are of interest. He also asked if fish remains were found. Dr. Raymond stated he could call up the inventory and see what was taken from the Last Supper Cave. Dr. Barker asked what concerns SLPT has. Council Member Barr stated he has a concern personally that anything taken would be destroying artifacts. Dr. Raymond clarified that the Nevada State Museum would be taking very little thread. He stated in the old days, there were large chunks taken to date artifacts. Council Member Barr stated he does not support archaeological efforts because they are digging up artifacts that should be left alone. Chairman Barlese stated he feels these pieces are already breaking down and are not going to be in the same shape as when they were picked up. Council Secretary/Treasurer Barlese asked what happens to the artifacts after the analysis is done. Dr. Raymond stated they will stay in the Museum indefinitely because of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). Dr. Raymond stated FWS is trying to be open about what is happening to the artifacts. FWS ultimately approves what happens.

**CONSENSUS**            Consensus of Council was to discuss their opinions at a later time and let FWS and Nevada State Museum know how Council feels about radio carbon dating being done on threads that have fallen off sandals.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Barlese asked if she could take a picture to which Dr. Hattori responded yes. Dr. Raymond stated the materials were from ancestral lands of the Paiute but because of NAGPRA laws, FWS has a responsibility to protect artifacts for the public. The building in which they are housed also contain human remains. Some natives will not enter the building due to the human remains so the Nevada State Museum will remove the remains prior to visiting. Chairman Barlese asked for clarification. Dr. Raymond stated Nevada State Museum is the keeper of the artifacts to protect them. Dr. Barker stated the Federal government has control; the artifact holders have no independent authority to do anything without FWS authority.

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Chairman Barlese stated Tribal members should be notified and provide input. Dr. Raymond asked for copies of comments from Tribal members. Dr. Hattori encouraged SLPT to view the artifacts. Dr. Barker offered to send a power point presentation regarding the research. He will email the presentation to Ms. Nelson along with a list of publications.

The FWS government-to-government consultation ended at 3:15 p.m.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break at 3:17 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 3:28 p.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, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Jerry Barr, and Randi DeSoto. Chairman Warner Barlese declared a quorum was present and Council could conduct business.

STAFF PRESENT. Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant.

**OPEN FORUM**

No discussion was forthcoming for Open Forum.

CONSENSUS Consensus of Council was to go into Executive Session for ten minutes. Executive Session began at 3:37 p.m. and concluded at 3:47 p.m.

**MINUTES**

Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese introduced a motion to approve the August 13, 2011 Council meeting minutes with waiving the reading of the minutes. Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining. The motion passed and the minutes of the August 13, 2011 Council meeting minutes were approved.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Council discussed the swearing-in ceremony to be held at the Primary Administrative Office in Sparks on Monday, May 21, 2012. Mr. Daryl Crawford, Executive Director, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada will officiate.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council will be held June 16, 2012, starting at 9:00 a.m., at the Sparks Tribal office.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese introduced a motion to adjourn. Council Member Jerry Barr seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion enacted. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby state and affirm that the above Minutes of the May 19, 2012 General Meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council were approved by the Council during a duly called meeting of the Council on August 18, 2012, by a vote of 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto refrained from voting.

8/18/2012  
Date

  
Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Paiute Council