

MINUTES
Special Meeting
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
Saturday, January 26, 2008

Conference Room, Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada, Inc., 680 Greenbrea Dr., Second Floor, Sparks, Nevada

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

At 11:07am, Acting Chairperson Barlese called the meeting to order noting that there was a quorum of three Council members present and that in accordance with the Tribe's Articles of Association business could be conducted by the Council. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson called roll. Present: Council members Warner Barlese, Jerri Lynn Barlese, and Lorraine Watson.

COUNCIL MEMBER CANDIDATES PRESENT

The Council took notice that tribal members Ernie Barlese and Chanell Barlese, the only two tribal members who gave written notice of their interest in being appointed to fill the term of office of the Council member who resigned November 17, 2007 were present.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING(S)

Council members discussed the need to have the Minutes completed for the December 16 and 30, 2007 and January 19, 2008 Council Meetings. It was the consensus of the Council that the Minutes of the attempt to have a Council meeting on December 15, 2007 were correct and that while there was not a quorum on December 15, 2007 to conduct business, the Minutes were approved.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

At 11:30am, tribal member Ernie Barlese took the Oath of Office as a member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council. Acting Tribal Chairperson Jerri Lynn Barlese ("Acting Chairperson Barlese") and other Council members congratulated Ernie, and Acting Chairperson Barlese handed Ernie the Certificate of Oath to Perform the Duties of Office and each signed the Certificate.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

OFFICE MOVE. The Council discussed the pros and cons of moving the Primary Administrative Office from Winnemucca to Reno. Because there was not sufficient time to make the move this month (January 2008), it was the consensus of the Council that the move should be planned for the end of February 2008.

HIGHER EDUCATION. The Council discussed the incomplete applications of two tribal members for higher education financial assistance. It was the consensus of the Council that the Higher Education office needed to: check to see whether taking on-line classes qualified for funding; contact the applicants to get the incomplete applications completed; and, see if grant funding was available to the applicants.

RECONTRACTING APPLICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS. Council member Warner Barlese asked whether all of the recontracting applications and the Council Resolutions authorizing the recontract applications had been completed and delivered to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson said the recontract applications were completed and ready to be filed and delivered.

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BIA NOTICE TO TRIBE OF 2004 AND 2005 AUDIT FINDINGS. Council members discussed the copies of the notices sent by the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") to the Director, Office of Audit and Evaluation, Office of the Chief Financial Officer, dated January 10, 2008, whereby current Council members got notice that the Findings and Determinations ("F&D") for the 2004 and 2005 audits "sustained \$478,108 and \$660,050 as questionable costs," and the notice states that a "Bill for Collection will be issued in 90 days if payment is not received." It was the consensus of the Council that tribal members needed to be informed of the notice and that including a copy of the notice in the next tribal newsletter was the best way to do that. It was also the consensus of the Council that in order to give tribal members an opportunity to fully discuss how \$478,108 in 2004 and \$660,050 in 2005 were sustained as questionable costs, all tribal members, including those who served on the Council in 2004 through early 2006, should be invited to a Special Council Meeting where this would be the main topic discussed and acted on given the notice that a "Bill for Collection will be issued in 90 days if payment is not received." After the Council considered several dates, because of the need to act quickly, March 1, 2008 was selected as the date of the Special Council Meeting.

REPORTS

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN. Acting Tribal Chairperson Jerri Lynn Barlese reported on the status of the Long Range Transportation Plan which was never completed.

MOTION. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson made a motion that Council members needed to find all the data needed to complete the Long Range Transportation Plan and submit it. Council member Warner Barlese seconded the Motion. Council members discussed how the Plan could be completed. After a vote was called thus ending discussion, the motion passed with a vote of 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Acting Chairperson Barlese did not vote because there was no tie vote.

SECRETARY/TREASURER. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson reported she had nothing to report as this month is very slow and very little is happening.

FINANCE. Acting Chairperson Barlese reported her conversations with Bookkeeper Roberta Burton on the problems Roberta was having with the Sage software but that a full financial report would be forthcoming at a future Council meeting. Acting Chairperson Barlese also suggested that all Council members review the financial reports (Forms 269) Roberta was preparing for 2007 so they could get a better understanding of the Tribe's financial situation.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE EMPLOYEE. Chief Administrative Employee ("CAE") Ron Johnny gave his report for his activities since being appointed CAE on last week (January 19, 2008).

Difficulty in Getting Council Members Signatures on Documents. The CAE advised that getting the Acting Chairperson's and Secretary/Treasurer's signatures on all the

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documents needing such was proving to be a task that was consuming too much of his time and that of the Bookkeeper. CAE Ron Johnny reminded the Council that since the Primary Administrative Office was in Winnemucca, the Secretary/Treasurer lives in Reno and the Acting Chairperson lives in Sparks that it is at least a three hour trip, one-way, to get the signatures of either the Secretary/Treasurer or Acting Chairperson thereby taking at least seven hours round-trip. The CAE cited several instances in which forms were mailed to both the Secretary/Treasurer and Acting Chairperson, apparently, only to be lost in the mail in either direction (from Winnemucca to Reno-Sparks or from Reno-Sparks to Winnemucca). The CAE recommended that the Council consider allowing the use of rubber signature stamps but only after the Council approved a policy that would severely limit the use of the signature stamps and impose tough sanctions, including termination, for misuse of the signature stamps.

MOTION. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson made a motion to allow the Chief Administrative Employee to collect the signatures of all current Council members and to have rubber signatures stamps made of those signatures but that no signature stamp was to be used until the Council approved a policy on their use. Council member Warner Barlese seconded the motion. There being no discussion, a vote was called, and the motion was passed by a vote of 3 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Acting Chairperson Barlese did not vote because there was no tie vote.

BIA concerns with approving Draw Downs. CAE Johnny advised the Council that the Bureau of Indian Affairs ("BIA") has advised that the Council must make a greater effort in getting approved Council Meeting Minutes to the BIA in a timely manner if the Council expects the BIA to continue approving Draw Downs.

Indian Child Welfare Act. CAE Johnny reported that there is a minor aged tribal member who would like to communicate with relatives. Mr. Johnny advised that while he could not mention the name of the child in public, he could take the names of interested tribal members and give those names to the child's Oregon social worker and his foster parents. Mr. Johnny advised he has been emailing the child's social worker copies of environmental newsletters and tribal newsletters.

ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATOR. As Environmental Coordinator, Ron Johnny reported on the Second Tribal Environmental Inventory and Plan ("TEI&P") Workshop that was conducted on Saturday, January 12, 2008, at the Elks Club in Alturas, California. Discussion was had by all on the large number of tribal members who traveled south from Lakeview (Oregon) and Fort Bidwell (California), and north from Citrus Heights (California), Carson City, Reno and Sparks (Nevada) to attend the TEI&P Workshop and how successful it was, and that holding Council meeting in Alturas might draw more tribal members.

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NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Council that the next meeting of the Council should be held 10:00am, Saturday, February 16, 2008, in Alturas, California, at a site to be identified by the Chief Administrative Employee and that the CAE is to give tribal members notice of the location of the Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION. At 5:15pm, Council member Warner Barlese made a motion to adjourn the January 26, 2008 Special Council Meeting. Secretary/Treasurer Lorraine Watson seconded the motion. No discussion followed. VOTE: 3 for; 0 against; 0 abstaining. Because the Tribal Chairman only votes in the case of a tie, and there being no tie vote on the Motion, Acting Tribal Chairman Jerri Lynn Barlese did not vote.

CERTIFICATION

I, JERRI LYNN BARLESE, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby state and affirm that the above Minutes of the January 26, 2008 Special Meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council were approved, as amended if any amendments were made, during a duly called meeting of the Summit Lake Paiute Council on March 15, 2008 by a vote of the 2 for, 0 against, and 0 abstaining, and that Tribal Chairman Warner Barlese (did or did not) vote because there (was or was not) a tie.


Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council

March 15 2008
Date