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Regular Meeting
SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE COUNCIL
Saturday, October 15, 2011
Summit Lake Reservation

CALL TO ORDER. At 10:15 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; Frances Winn, Finance Director; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT: James Barlese

REPORTS – CHAIRMAN WARNER BARLESE

Chairman Barlese presented a letter received from someone who has an enrollment application pending and has received no action from Summit Lake Paiute Tribe (SLPT). Secretary/Treasurer Barlese stated she has tried to contact the Enrollment Committee but has been unsuccessful. Council decided to establish a meeting date and mandate the Enrollment Committee to attend.

Chairman Barlese reported the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals held arguments regarding Ruby Pipeline on October 14, 2011 in Portland, Oregon. Chairman Barlese listened to the proceedings and stated the Court came down hard on Ruby, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Ruby and FERC did not follow the correct process for consulting with SLPT. BLM lacked in their oversight of the project as well. Chairman Barlese stated the benefit to SLPT may be that Ruby would have to move their pipeline.

Chairman Barlese reported SLPT received thank you letters from two students who received services through the K-12 Student Services Program. They appreciated the supplies SLPT provided them.

REPORTS – VICE-CHAIRMAN ERNIE BARLESE

Vice-Chairman Barlese reported that children in Fort Bidwell who received services from the K-12 Program also appreciated the supplies received.

Vice-Chairman Barlese stated several Tribal Members in Fort Bidwell would like to receive their Tribal enrollment cards; however, Council still needs training from Tribal Data Resources on how to use the enrollment machine. Ms. Winn stated when inquiries come into the Tribal office regarding enrollment cards, we forward the information to Secretary/Treasurer Barlese. Ms. Winn recommended that Council respond in writing to people acknowledging that their request has been received. Chairman Barlese agreed that written response is needed.

REPORTS – SECRETARY/TREASURER JERRI LYNN BARLESE

Secretary/Treasurer Barlese provided minutes of Council Administrator (CA) meetings held August 2, 2011 and September 1, 2011.

She reported SLPT has received an Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) inquiry affecting the child of one Tribal member.

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Secretary/Treasurer Barlese reported she received a call from a Tribal Member who Council approved to receive Higher Education funding. She stated she has not had time to return the call. Ms. Winn reported that she has spoken with the Member. A check will be issued next week to the college this Member is attending.

COUNCIL MEMBER RANDI DESOTO

Council Member DeSoto reported she has been working on updates to the SLPT website. She will be meeting with Ms. Nelson next week to continue working on the website.

Chairman Barlese reported he received a call from GoDaddy.com and approved website several changes.

- Removed calendar function since it is not being used. This will create a savings of \$30/month.
- Authorized purchase of another domain: www.summitlaketribe.com. This domain will automatically be linked to www.summitlaketribe.org. Chairman Barlese explained this was necessary because if Tribal Members or others who are trying to access SLPT's website, accidentally type .com instead of .org, they previously would not have been sent to SLPT's website.

Mr. Cowan stated that since the website is paid through grants and contracts, including those managed by the Natural Resources Department (NRD), he should have been invited to participate in website discussions. Ms. Winn agreed that Mr. Cowan should be consulted on website updates/changes.

COUNCIL MEMBER JERRY BARR

Council Member Barr reported nine children have participated in the K-12 Program. One Tribal Member was dissatisfied that SLPT would not make payment to her directly for supplies. Ms. Winn stated she spoke to the Member and tried to explain the process but the Tribal Member opted to not participate in the K-12 Program. Chairman Barlese suggested perhaps we could send a "care" package. Ms. Winn stated SLPT could not issue care packages. All participants must be treated equally and follow the prescribed application process. Council Member Barr will make a follow-up call to the dissatisfied Member.

REPORTS – FINANCE

Ms. Winn reported that Tiffany Pack-Baleme, Finance Clerk, has left employment with SLPT. She received an offer for full-time work with a company that offers benefits. Ms. Pack-Baleme's last day with SLPT was October 5, 2011. Ms. Winn apologized to Council for her oversight in not informing all Council Members about Ms. Baleme's resignation. Ms. Winn and Ms. Nelson are reassessing the workload and distributing duties accordingly. Ms. Winn stated the BIA Deferred Revenue is almost at an end. SLPT will be concluding their review and response to EPA on GAP Deferred Revenue by the end of the year. Ms. Pack-Baleme's resignation therefore will not create any issues for the Finance Department.

Ms. Winn requested that Council consider approving a File Clerk position in 2012 on an as-needed-only basis. She will draft a position description and forward to Council at a later date.

Ms. Winn provided Council with hard copies of September 2011 financial reports. The Finance Department is working towards going green and will begin scanning agendas and financial reports which will be put on Council flash drives.

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Mr. Cowan questioned the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Roads budget handed out by Ms. Winn which showed a balance of \$11,608. He thought \$30,000 to \$40,000 was left in the old Roads budget which should have carried over to the new Roads budget. Mr. Cowan reported in his last narrative report to BIA that there was no activity on the new Roads contract. Ms. Winn will provide Mr. Cowan with a detailed general ledger report on Roads. She will be reviewing Roads expenditures back to January 1, 2008. She explained to Council that she provides Mr. Cowan with a detailed report of every transaction. Both Directors' then meet to discuss any discrepancies.

Mr. Cowan also questioned Bureau of Reclamation, Fund 55. In particular, the last line of the report, "Report Difference". Ms. Winn stated combining all funds in one printing session adds the "Report Difference" line to the reports. In the future she will run each financial report presented to Council separately to eliminate this confusion.

Ms. Winn reported the 2010 Audit is complete and submitted to the Clearing House. She provided Council with copies of the final Audit. Copies will also be sent to all SLPT funding agencies.

Ms. Winn discussed the BIA quarterly narrative reports and provided Council with a copy of the 3rd Quarter Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) narrative report which she hand-delivered to BIA on Friday, October 14, 2011. She stated the CA's are now compiling information for these reports by keeping notes of their activities and minutes of the CA meetings. The Finance Department then condenses their individual reports into the final narrative report. Ms. Winn commended the CA's on the work they performed to complete this task. She suggested making the 4th Quarter CTGP narrative report even more detailed regarding administrative activity performed during the quarter.

Ms. Winn stated the 1st Quarter 2011 and 2nd Quarter 2011 narrative reports are delinquent. Each quarterly report is due 15 days following the end of the quarter. The timeline is:

QUARTER	MONTHS	DUE DATE
1 st	January 1 through March 31	April 15
2 nd	April 1 through June 30	July 15
3 rd	July 1 through September 30	October 15
4 th	October 1 through December 31	January 15

Ms. Winn explained the CTGP budget is for administrative expenditures. Office administration, Council stipends, and programs all receive a percentage of the total budget. Ms. Winn stated she will outline these percentages for Council.

Ms. Winn reported the Indirect Cost Proposal (IDC) should be completed by October 21, 2011. SLPT should be receiving a higher IDC in 2012. The 2011 IDC was reduced from prior years due to SLPT receiving funds from Ruby Pipeline.

Ms. Winn handed out a report on the status of 2011 minutes. She asked Secretary/Treasurer Barlese to meet with the other CA's and discuss refining procedures for finalizing minutes. Council Member Barr asked about the status of meeting minutes for the Council's August 13, 2011 meeting since it wasn't listed on the handout. Ms. Nelson responded she was not asked to be present at that meeting and does not know who was responsible for the meeting minutes. Ms. Winn stated that whenever a Council Meeting is held, it must be recorded and minutes transcribed.

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Ms. Winn discussed incoming mail. SLPT receives mail of a general nature which doesn't impact the Tribe. In these instances, Council as a whole would not each need a copy. She showed an example of mail received October 11, 2011 from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Forest Service. The information sent is the Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Martin Basin Rangeland Project. Ms. Winn asked Council how they wish Administration to process this type of mail. Chairman Barlese suggested scanning the cover page and emailing Council, attaching the scanned document, and note that other documents were included.

Mr. Cowan stated this particular packet of information would have been handled by the Environmental Coordinator who had asked to be put on a list to receive these documents, regardless of where the project being discussed was located. Mr. Cowan stated if documents received in the Administrative Office discuss projects within a 75-mile radius of Summit Lake, they would need to be routed to him.

Ms. Winn stated SLPT is no longer receiving Ruby Pipeline documents such as the ones we received almost daily from the Far Western Anthropological Research Group. Chairman Barlese stated these documents are now going to Professor Collette Routel because Ruby Pipeline was told not to contact SLPT directly.

Ms. Win reported that EPA is not going to go away. SLPT has until December 31, 2011 to respond to EPA on the ineligible documents. She stressed Council needs to discuss with her any questions or concerns they have regarding how to respond to EPA. Council also has every right to call EPA and ask questions on EPA GAP issues. Council Member Barr asked Chairman Barlese if he would call EPA Region 9 and request to have a conference call.

Mr. Cowan asked about the September 28, 2011 conference call between EPA Office of Inspector General (OIG) and SLPT. Ms. Winn responded it was an exit interview on the draft Attestation Report (AR). She stated that OIG told Council the packet of documents sent to EPA by Chairman Barlese responding to the draft AR had no value. OIG said it was not their responsibility to review the package sent to them.

Mr. Cowan asked what Council is going to do to pay the \$96,615.00 EPA is deeming as unallowable. Ms. Winn stated EPA will issue a Bill of Collection (BOC) which will be sent to the U.S. Treasury Department. It will serve basically as an IOU from SLPT to the Treasury. When SLPT attempts to request draw downs from other funding agencies, the Treasury will hold the draw down request and apply the requested funds to the EPA BOC. Ms. Winn stated that once the BOC goes to the Treasury, all SLPT programs will have to shut down. Ms. Winn requested Council give her something in writing as to how Council plans on proceeding and how they want Finance to help.

Ms. Winn handed Council a copy of one page of the AT&T bill dated October 5, 2011. She pointed out a call that was made to Jamaica from SLPT's 775-827-9670 phone line. The call was made Monday, September 19, 2011 at 7:21 p.m. and lasted for seven minutes. Total cost for this international call is \$43.05. Ms. Winn stated it is her fiduciary responsibility to ensure all invoices are appropriate and allowable prior to payment being made. Finance will not pay charges for items that are not legitimate to SLPT. Ms. Winn asked Ms. Nelson to describe her conversation with AT&T regarding the Jamaica call. Ms. Nelson stated she advised AT&T that SLPT is a small non-profit Tribal entity with only five full-time employees. SLPT's business hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Jamaica call was placed after the office had closed. Additionally, SLPT has never had business of an international nature. AT&T was told the call had to be a billing error. Ms. Nelson suggested AT&T review past SLPT invoices and they would see this is the first time SLPT was billed for an international call. AT&T agreed to credit SLPT charges for this call.

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Ms. Winn discussed a situation that occurred with her Tribe in Oklahoma. Council representatives were sued, assessed fines and sent to prison for federal funds being used illegally.

Ms. Winn stated all incoming invoices are reviewed prior to being paid. All companies have the capacity to make errors. She has caught errors made by U.S. Bank on SLPT's monthly bank statements.

Mr. Cowan stated that all employees need to be cognizant about using internet for business that is not strictly SLPT-related. Many websites will bring viruses and other invasive links onto SLPT computers.

Discussion followed regarding who has keys to the SLPT administrative office. Ms. Winn stated Chairman Barlese, all full-time staff and the maintenance worker have keys. Secretary/Treasurer Barlese stated she has a key that was given to her by Chairman Barlese. Mr. Cowan stated whoever has keys and are bringing guests into the office are responsible for monitoring their behavior. He pointed out the incident where children of Committee members caused office toilets to become plugged up. He stated the Tribal office is a professional environment and must be treated as such, including keeping the kitchen area clean. Ms. Winn recommended Council consider approving all office locks being changed and new keys made.

Ms. Winn presented a packet to Council on the latest Verizon bill. Two new phone lines have been added bringing the total number of lines to eight. Ms. Winn short paid the bill because she has no knowledge of who the new phone lines belong to. Chairman Barlese said he researched the new phone lines and determined the Verizon tablets he purchased for himself and Council Member Barr are "tethered" to the new phone lines. Tethering enables users to go online from laptops/tablets in situations where there's no other means of internet access. Ms. Winn stated tablets are luxury items and are not benefitting SLPT. She stated Council needs to decide if Chairman Barlese and Council Member Barr should be responsible for paying for their tablets since they are luxury items. Particularly since all Council Members have not only been given cell phones but also have laptops which were purchased with federal funds. Chairman Barlese stated he would be giving his tablet to Secretary/Treasurer Barlese. Secretary/Treasurer Barlese stated she did not want the tablet.

Mr. Cowan discussed charges on the Verizon bill being charged to the Natural Resources Department (NRD). Mr. Cowan's SLPT-supplied cell phone is still designated as the main phone line. Consequently, the NRD cell phone charges are well over those charged all other phone lines. The draft September 17, 2011 Council meeting minutes show Council Member Barr stating the Verizon account was changed to list Chairman Barlese as the main phone line. Mr. Cowan stated that he was given an SLPT-supplied cell phone because Chairman Barlese told Mr. Cowan that he needed to be able to communicate via text messaging. Mr. Cowan stated that he was told by Mr. Ron Johnny, the former Acting Chief Administrative Employee (ACAE), the cost for the NRD cell phone would be charged to Indirect. He advised Chairman Barlese that he would locate the Council meeting recording where Mr. Johnny made this statement, if necessary. Mr. Cowan stated he has never budgeted cell phone expense in any of his grants or contracts. In addition, texting is not working since Chairman Barlese does not respond to text messages or return phone calls. Mr. Cowan questioned why Council even needs cell phones.

Ms. Winn stated that cell phones were purchased by Mr. Johnny with Ruby Pipeline funds and were to be turned in to Verizon once the Ruby project concluded.

Ms. Winn continued that costs, budgets and federal monies are not being considered by Council when purchases such as the tablets are made. Cell phones and laptops are being used for private business and should be used only for SLPT-related business. Discussion followed regarding returning the tablets.

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Mr. Cowan stated he is returning the SLPT cell phone assigned to him because he did not authorize any charges to the NRD. Chairman Barlese stated Mr. Cowan would be responsible for paying Verizon's cancellation fee. Mr. Cowan stated he had been told Indirect Cost would be paying for the cell phone and obligating any cell phone expense to the NRD was never discussed before contracts were signed. Ms. Winn confirmed the cell phone charge was not allowable under Indirect. Mr. Cowan returned his SLPT cell phone to Chairman Barlese. The Verizon bill is in Chairman Barlese's name, not SLPT. Any charges therefore would be charged to Chairman Barlese. Ms. Winn advised Chairman Barlese to have the Verizon billing name changed to SLPT. Chairman Barlese stated Verizon has agreed to make this change. Council Member Barr stated the Verizon tablets are easier to use, but he is willing to pay for any charges that he is a party to that are inappropriate and apologized.

Discussion followed regarding returning the cell phones. Ms. Winn suggested switching from Verizon to AT&T. Mr. Cowan stated AT&T doesn't have the coverage Verizon does. She continued that SLPT is fully paid by federal funds and Council needs to be aware that spending money outside of the stated work plans is fraud. Mr. Cowan stated that SLPT Procurement Policy needs to be followed by all Council Members and staff. If SLPT-supplied equipment is lost, damaged, etc., the party involved is responsible for costs incurred for the loss or damages.

Mr. Cowan asked if Council had secured their equipment with passwords. He stated SLPT is at high security risk and needs security training by the IT Consultant for all Council and staff. Mr. Cowan stated a policy on equipment security needs to be developed. Ms. Winn discussed a conversation between the IT Consultant and Chairman Barlese regarding securing all Council laptops and removing all unnecessary applications that have been added. Chairman Barlese stated he would not permit the IT Consultant to secure his laptop. Ms. Winn stated that no one should be adding programs or personal items to their computers since they were purchased with federal funds.

Discussion followed regarding the former ACAE's laptop. Mr. Cowan stated that all documents on the laptop need to be put on the server since the documents are SLPT property.

Mr. Cowan stated BLM will be arriving at 1:00 p.m. to consult with SLPT regarding proposed geothermal leases. BLM had previously issued a letter announcing the locations of proposed leases. SLPT responded in writing to BLM opposing eight proposed lease sites.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a lunch break at 12:34 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 1:14 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; Frances Winn, Finance Director; Barbara Nelson, Administrative Coordinator/Finance Assistant

GUESTS: Gene Seidlitz, District Manager, BLM Winnemucca District; Rolando Mendez, Field Manager, BLM Black Rock Field Office; Mark Hall, Archaeologist, BLM Winnemucca District; James Barlese

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Mr. Hall provided Council with maps and a handout showing lease numbers of the eight proposed geothermal leases SLPT is opposing. Mr. Hall asked Mr. Cowan to point out where springs are located near these eight proposed sites because BLM records don't identify springs in these locations. Mr. Seidlitz asked how these eight parcels were identified. Mr. Cowan responded SLPT's Fish and Wildlife Biologist was requested to research and identify geothermal leases within a 75 mile radius of the Reservation.

Mr. Hall stated that BLM has Site Specific Stipulations for every proposed lease site. Copies of the Stipulations for the eight sites identified by SLPT were provided by BLM. The Stipulations include standards for water monitoring. Chairman Barlese stated SLPT needs to solicit input from Tribal Members regarding which springs were used and for what purpose. SLPT will also need to make site visits so that these springs can be added to SLPT's Tribal Cultural Properties Designation. Mr. Hall stated BLM can assist with site visits. Each of the eight sites SLPT opposes has a spring within one-half mile of the lease site.

Rolando Mendez discussed the geothermal lease process.

- Applicant contacts BLM and expresses an interest in obtaining a lease.
- BLM issues an exploratory drilling permit.
- If exploratory drilling shows geothermal activity, the applicant may go forward with development.
- BLM Field Managers monitor and establish Site Specific Stipulations.
- If applicant determines they want to proceed with the geothermal lease, another consultation is held with Tribes.

Chairman Barlese stated BLM's record on government-to-government consultation process has not been adequate for SLPT. Mr. Mendez explained that the proposed geothermal lease projects are local projects where the local BLM has more control. The Ruby Pipeline project was at a national level and out of the hands of the local BLM office. Council Member Barr stated that BLM says they will work with SLPT but, using the trespass livestock as an example, SLPT's needs are not being met. Mr. Mendez stated that BLM is committed to holding their lessee's responsible for their actions.

Mr. Hall stated that SLPT should identify which springs in the proposed geothermal lease area are more important than others but SLPT needs to begin dialogue with their Tribal Members. Chairman Barlese stated that obtaining input from Tribal Members would take up to three months. Chairman Barlese proposed site visits to begin on flat lying areas this year and site visits for high lying areas in Spring 2012.

Mr. Seidlitz stated that in January 2012 there will be a lease auction on each proposed geothermal lease site. The winning bidder(s) and BLM will then begin the paperwork process. The winning bidder(s) will pay BLM for the lease. The bidder has ten years to come forth with a drilling program. The bidder gives Mr. Mendez notice of interest to start exploratory drilling. Another company can purchase a lease from the lease holder but the initial ten year timeframe still applies.

Vice-Chairman Barlese asked BLM to explain the end product. Mr. Hall stated it's for electricity. The company will run power lines through a utility corridor. Heat is captured, electricity is generated, and turbines are installed. Mr. Seidlitz suggested SLPT Council make a site visit to an existing geothermal operation and power plant. He stated there is a location in Blue Mountain near Winnemucca. These projects can involve numerous substations. BLM and SLPT both agreed that consultation needs to be ongoing.

Vice-Chairman Barlese asked where the nearest hub would be near the eight sites SLPT is opposing. Concern is the additional construction that would be required throughout the electricity production process.

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Mr. Mendez stated he reviews an applicant's proposal. Once the applicant is approved and determines they want to begin production, another level of BLM monitoring occurs with the company.

Council Member Barr asked what timeframe exists from bidding process to when they start the exploratory drilling. Mr. Mendez stated there is a risk that the lessee can be out on the lease area without BLM knowledge. Mr. Hall stated that may be true for small sites but not for larger sites.

Council Member Barr stated that BLM always puts the cart before the horse and then BLM gets serious about consultation. Chairman Barlese stated this is the reason SLPT requires monitors be present.

Mr. Hall stated that BLM does follow-up when issues are discovered with lease holders. BLM specialists in every vocation look at the proposed lease area. Bidders know that surface occupancy can only occur after consultation with Tribes. He stated the Site Specific Stipulations BLM applies is based on an Environmental Impact Statement issued in 2002 and 2008. Once a company is approved for a lease, they then have the right to go look at the drilling site.

Mr. Seidlitz stated BLM has no control over people that are on public lands unless BLM is notified that there is an issue, i.e. taking possession of cultural artifacts.

Mr. Mendez will require a Stipulation in the lease that pre-notification to BLM must occur before reconnaissance can occur. Once BLM hears that companies want to begin exploratory drilling, then consultation with SLPT will begin.

Mr. Hall stated that companies can also conduct seismic exploratory activity. The companies are required to describe the seismic route. BLM also requires companies to conduct a full biological and cultural inventory. If a site is discovered where native plants and animals exist, bidders are given Stipulations to bypass these areas.

Mr. Seidlitz stated once a power plant is built, either BLM and/or private property holders receive royalties. The company only receives approval for a right of way. Ownership of land is not transferred. Proposals to explore have various stages to get to the point of actual drilling. From a cultural and biological standpoint, specific criteria must be met.

Mr. Hall will provide SLPT with a copy of the Environmental Impact Statement done in 2002.

Council reported to BLM that at least 50 trespass livestock were seen today where private land and reservation land meet. Soldier Meadows (SM) must be held accountable to keep cattle in their approved grazing areas.

Mr. Mendez stated BLM expects SM to keep cows in their place. SM is currently authorized to graze livestock in Idaho Canyon until the end of October. They will then go to Warm Springs and on to SM in December. Mr. Mendez commended Mr. Cowan for his professionalism in the last face-to-face meeting with SM where Mr. Cowan stated that SM needs to keep their cattle in their designated areas since SLPT is a sacred place.

Mr. Cowan asked BLM about the possibility of fencing off Section 36 reservation boundaries to prevent trespassing. He stated that prior to Mr. Seidlitz becoming Winnemucca District Manager, BLM told SLPT and SM to work it out between themselves. BLM also stated at that time that wild horses need to have access to water.

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Council Member Barr asked about fencing off the water line. Mr. Cowan replied that cows tend to be amphibious and the long horn cows can tear down barb wire fences.

Chairman Barlese stated that SLPT has been dealing with trespass livestock all summer and asked BLM why, three months later, we are still dealing with trespass livestock. He asked at what point BLM will require SM to stop. Mr. Mendez said SLPT should consider reaching a contractual agreement with SM. Chairman Barlese replied SM would probably not agree. Mr. Cowan stated that SLPT will be establishing a trespass ordinance to include fines and/or removal of trespass livestock which SLPT could apply.

Mr. Mendez stated he wants to be proactive, not reactive. He wants to work with SM and SLPT to discuss fencing and will require SM to get the fences in shape.

Chairman Barlese stated that come next year, BLM should tell SM SLPT is not going to put up with trespass livestock. Mr. Seidlitz asked for another meeting with SLPT in Sparks to discuss fencing. Mr. Cowan stated December would be a good time.

Mr. Cowan discussed Section 36 in that trespass livestock and overgrazing have destroyed native vegetation and is causing non point source pollution, even though SLPT was led to believe that area would be protected. Mr. Seidlitz asked to see photos of the area prior to the destruction occurring. Mr. Cowan said he would provide them and stated that the area used to be an important area for sage grouse habitat.

Mr. Mendez said he will provide SLPT a "tool bar" on BLM standards for vegetation management. He also stated he has instructed SM to conduct strict preventive measures to control trespass livestock.

Mr. Seidlitz reported the Tri-State wild horse and burro roundup began today. The Calico roundup will be next – by the end of November. Mr. Cowan reported the Sno-Tel pictures show 15 wild horses headed to Snow Creek.

Mr. Cowan reported BLM's comments did get included into the Indian Reservation Road (IRR) system and may enhance SLPT's chance for future funding. He will be getting cost estimates for an engineer to assess grading Hell's Canyon and the road along the playa. SLPT's Long Range Transportation Plan was included in the IRR system. Mr. Cowan stated SLPT needs additional support from other agencies in order to get Congressional approval for more funding.

Mr. Cowan asked about Ruby Pipeline compliance with landscape monitoring. His concern is noxious weeds and that gravel used for the pipeline may have had noxious weed seeds. He offered SLPT's assistance to help treat noxious weeds along the pipeline since noxious weeds are already appearing.

Mr. Hall stated that Ruby Pipeline's construction company did have staff to deal with invasive weeds. Ruby will be sending BLM their final plan for managing invasive weeds. He will follow-up with Ruby to see what they have done to date.

Mr. Seidlitz stated BLM may need to reactivate the Gerlach invasive weed group which includes SLPT. There is an existing agreement in place for BLM to fund this group. Mr. Cowan stated SLPT's Resource Technician, Kent Bloomer, has participated with the Gerlach Cooperative Weed group in the past and will be told about the group meeting in December.

Mr. Seidlitz asked SLPT to provide BLM with something in writing regarding how SLPT wants to participate with repatriation of Elephant Man Cave. A letter will be forthcoming from BLM to all Northern Paiute tribes regarding this subject.

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Mr. Seidlitz stated BLM is receiving inquiries regarding gates being closed on the northeast reservation boundary. Mr. Cowan stated the gates were closed because livestock were getting access to the grazing enclosure. Chairman Barlese explained there are two gates; one on the reservation boundary and one halfway between the Tribal compound and the boundary.

Mr. Seidlitz reported a geologist will be present at the next meeting to discuss the geothermal lease proposals and the vegetation monitoring tool bar.

The government-to-government consultation ended.

BREAK. Consensus of Council was to take a break at 3:28 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER. At 3:34 p.m., the Council Meeting was called to order by Council Chairman Warner Barlese.

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REPORTS – NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT (NRD)

Mr. Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director provided a written and oral report. He advised Council he would be asking for an Executive Session to discuss staff issues.

He reported a concrete contractor was able to bring cinder blocks needed for the foundation for the new trailers.

Mr. Cowan reported a quarterly report for the Department of Energy (DOE) Block Grant was submitted on October 9, 2011. The next report is due January 2012.

Ms. Winn stated she spoke to a DOE representative about reports being delinquent. She asked DOE what SLPT would need to do to de-obligate the grant. SLPT would need to submit a letter, report and justification. The grant expires in 2013 and has an approximate balance of \$19,000. Ms. Winn stated the original budget did not include salaries or indirect. A budget modification would be required to add these. Council Member Barr agreed to take the lead on the DOE grant.

University of Nevada Reno (UNR) will be at the Reservation next week for the food web study. Mr. Cowan asked Council's recommendation for equitably distributing fish that are captured during the study. Approximately 30 have been frozen and are currently available. Chairman Barlese stated Art Brown and Firman Sam have both asked for fish. Mr. Cowan suggested 10-15 be reserved for the Connecting People With Nature event.

Mr. Cowan discussed upcoming meetings and events.

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He reported small snails were discovered while NRD conducted spring assessments. It is possible these snails may be a special species.

Mr. Cowan reminded Council of the October 31, 2011 deadline for submitting comments on Sheldon Refuge's draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Discussion Topics

Mr. Cowan provided the following update on open contracts and grants and requested Council comments. Mr. Cowan stated SLPT will probably not need capital improvement purchases in 2012. He is leaning more towards service-related programs.

BIA Roads funds are minimal and now the drive chain on the grader is broken. Mr. Cowan stated SLPT can only do limited road maintenance with minimal funds.

Mr. Cowan stated hiring a range rider makes sense but again there are limited funds.

The Long Range Transportation Plan is for planning purposes only, not road maintenance.

Council needs to let Mr. Cowan know, by the end of October, if they have suggestions on the upcoming BIA recontracting. He recommends no changes to the current programs.

A flow gauge station needs to be installed in 2012. A livestock water line from the compound well to water troughs north of the compound needs to be completed before November 30, 2011. Bureau of Reclamation is funding these projects.

The EPA Non-Point Source Pollution Grant to install water pumps and a septic system for the compound has been extended to 2012.

The noxious weed grant will be used to install signs explaining the noxious weed program as well as paying a portion of the Resource Technician's salary. This grant is closing in 2012.

Mr. Cowan reported SLPT's contribution for the food web study may have been underestimated. Staffs are putting in 60 hour work weeks to get the study done.

Mr. Cowan requested NRD be invited to discussions regarding website changes. He asked if a search engine could be added to our website. Ms. Nelson will look into this.

Mr. Cowan reported he has noticed Tribal Members have been present on the Reservation hunting. On Monday he discovered vandalism. Someone damaged the door to the boat shed. Both boats in the boat shed have locks so they are secure. Spare tires are also missing from the compound area. Some older vehicles at the compound have been found with their hoods open for unknown reasons. Ms. Winn stated damage costs can be covered by SLPT's insurance.

Mr. Cowan stated he feels more secure if the compound gate remains locked. Council discussed installing cameras near the boat shed and at the compound. Mr. Cowan asked if Tribal Members should be given notice that surveillance measures will be initiated. He

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will investigate the cost of procuring cameras. Ms. Winn stated Council needs to consider where funds would come from to pay for cameras.

Discussion followed regarding having staff on the Reservation full-time year-round. Mr. Cowan stated it would require a minimum of three positions. Also, what would these staff do in the winter time? Additionally, dependable equipment and maintenance of roads would be needed.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr introduced a motion to go into Executive Session. Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion enacted. Executive Session began at 4:12 p.m. and concluded at 4:23 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

EPA had been covered previously in the meeting. Council Member DeSoto stated that SLPT needs to remain in contact with EPA regarding the GAP issues.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary/Treasurer Barlese covered the Enrollment Committee in her report earlier. Council asked Mr. Cowan for input on a good date to schedule an Enrollment Committee meeting. They agreed to notify the Enrollment Committee a mandatory meeting has been scheduled by Council for Friday, October 28, 2011. The Committee can designate the meeting time. Secretary/Treasurer Barlese will write a letter to all Committee members, including the Alternate Member. Mr. Cowan voiced concern about lack of communication. He was not informed by the Secretary/Treasurer that enrollment applications have been received. He will attempt to contact the Enrollment Committee Chairperson.

Secretary/Treasurer Barlese also covered ICWA cases in her earlier report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Council Vice-Chairman Ernie Barlese introduced a motion to adjourn. Council Secretary/Treasurer Jerri Lynn Barlese seconded the motion. Vote called. Vote: 4 For, 0 Against, and 0 Abstaining. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting and declared the motion enacted. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

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CERTIFICATION

I, Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby state and affirm that the above Minutes of the October 15, 2011 Regular 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. Council Chairman Warner Barlese refrained from voting.

March 10, 2012
Date



Jerri Lynn Barlese, Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council