

MINUTES  
Summit Lake Paiute Lake  
Regular Council Meeting  
Saturday, September 19, 2015  
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

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**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the meeting to order at 9:06 AM.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called the roll. Present are Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, Vice-Chairman Page Linton, Council Member Jerry Barr and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez. Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz not present.

**Staff:** Anne Macko, Program Office Assistant, Present, Frances Winn, Excused

**Guest:** Tribal Member William Cowan, Tribal Member Christine Harjo

## Reports

### Council Reports:

**Chairwoman Randi DeSoto:** The Chairwoman stated that she had done some work on letters to Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Director of the EPA one to ask for help for Frances Winn with deferred revenue and one for debt forgiveness which is pending. It is in the works to coordinate with Frances on the EPA. The Ron Johnny thing is on hold. Randi met with William Cowan on August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This past week Vice-Chairwoman Page was point of contact. Sent an email to Betty Aleck of the Pyramid Tribe that the question of the mileage was done a year ago.

Randi DeSoto spoke to a Tribal Member who was in need of something from his enrollment files. Chairwoman Randi took care of it. Another Tribal member called to say they would be attending the meeting. Chairwoman DeSoto met with Juliet Mendoza from the Nevada Health and Human Service. Ms. Mendoza is new and wanted to introduce herself to the Chairwoman. She replaces Lawanda Fred as the Tribal Liaison. Ms. Mendoza gave the Chairwoman some new contact especially in ICWA. Since Council Member Delgadina was there, she met with Ms. Mendoza as well and Ms. Mendoza arranged for Council Member Delgadina to attend ITCN Domestic Violence Awareness training.

**Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton:** Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton stated she sent a Tribal Member the information required to get an ID card and received a new mailing address from another Tribal Member. She updated the Enrolled Member Address Update Form and Membership Card Information Form. She was in the office Friday working on an updated Tribal Member List and is almost finished with what she has on file.

On September 15<sup>th</sup> through 17<sup>th</sup> the Vice-Chairwoman attended USDA HUD training. She said she learned a lot. It really opened her eyes to what funding was available. She invited Sara Adler of the USDA to the November meeting to talk to the Council and Ms. Adler said she would be happy to talk to us about what we can do for our Tribe especially since it is unique.

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A Tribal Member stated that he would like to coordinate on the Tribal Member list which is also needed when the Natural Resources department sends out its newsletter. He would be glad to provide what Natural Resources had last. He said that there was a Tribal Member Address Policy and it needs to be discussed. There is a process to request the address list and the Tribal member hopes that it can be followed. He is glad that this is being worked on and will arrange to meet with Vice-Chairwoman Linton to discuss it.

**Secretary/Treasurer** report: None

**Council Member Jerry Barr:** Mr. Barr attended a meet and greet with two representatives of the US Attorney and two people from the BIA at our offices on Monday September 14, 2015. The main person was Mr. MacDonald, Special Agent in Charge in the Phoenix office. Although mainly a meet and greet they did have some things to discuss. Jerry requested to have a 15 minute Executive Session regarding EPA.

**Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez:** Council Member Gonzalez stated that she has been working on boxes of enrollment paperwork. She attended the ITCN Family Violence Conference on September 15th and 16th. She is interested in what is offered to assist. She would like them to come in and talk to the Council at a meeting about what assistance they can offer our Tribal Members. They are open to this.

September 29, 2015 there is a meeting in Carson City. Council is okay with Council Member Delgadina attending if she wishes. She can request a Tribal vehicle if one is available, or drive her own vehicle and be reimbursed for mileage. She will look into it.

Council Member Gonzalez stated that the K-12 things were just about done with having packets sent out. There are two where we are waiting for new addresses for shipping. In regards to Higher Education there is one requester who has not completed high school or received a GED. We cannot pay for her schooling until she has her GED. A letter will go out to her informing the student she must have her GED first. There has been a question of whether this requester's type of school meets funding criteria. Ms. Gonzalez considers it a trade school which is eligible, but the student must get their GED first.

A Tribal member questioned Council Member Gonzalez regarding the Family Violence Conference. She stated that it mostly covered domestic violence just touching briefly on violence in the workplace. They can cover many different services including rental, transportation, food, housing, etc. needs at the time of the violent events. Delgadina would like the presenters of the conference to present what they do, what services they offer, and how to refer people to them. They cover all of Nevada.

A Tribal Member addressed unfinished business from the last meeting regarding Enrollment. The Tribal Member feels that the Enrollment Ordinance expresses 1) the intent to have a committee and 2) that enrollment should be on the agenda. The Tribal Member challenges the

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Council's actions in regard to enrollment applications made since 2012. That enrollment business or information was not properly placed the on the agenda and will write a letter stating the same.

Vice-Chairwoman Page stated she believed that it was stated at the last meeting or so that the Council was going to send out flyers for higher education and enrollment committees because they had sent out flyers before but did not get enough interest to form committees and policy says in the absence of a committee the Council is to act . The Tribal Member said that they do not know of anything sent out to request members to fill vacancies on an enrollment committee. Page Linton said she is working on a new notice to go out. The Tribal Member challenges that enrollment was not put on the agenda. The Tribal Member does not believe the Council is properly following the policies.

The Tribal Member has not seen documentation on health care.

**Staff Reports:**

**Anne Macko, Program Office Assistant:** The Program Office Assistant report was emailed to the Council earlier in the week. Anne asked for any questions. Randi asked about requesting a quote for a short term rental from the GSA. William Cowan stated that this was at his urging. This would be for a vehicle for transportation to the next meeting which will be at Summit Lake Reservation. It is something to consider if there are no Tribal vehicles available. We are now set up on the system. The Chairwoman states it is something to discuss later. Anne stated she has been working on the EPA and getting a handle on the fleet.

**Frances Winn's Financial Report as presented by Chairwoman Randi DeSoto.** The report was emailed previously for review. Financial Agendas were passed out.

1. Audit. There are three possible findings: deferred revenue, segregation of duties, and incomplete inventory. There will be an exit interview at the end of October, possibly November that will be the Audit for this year.
2. EPA: Letters were sent to Jared Blumenfeld. The Ron Johnny issue is closed from our end and it in the hands of the EPA to decide one way or the other if it will be approved or not.
3. Frances had a meeting with the BIA to go over 2005-2009 old BIA contracts for formal close out.
4. Compiling accounts payable documents for EPA grant in preparation for deferred revenue. Currently her top priority. She needs a discussion with the EPA so Maria Ortiz can come out in November and help Frances finish out with the deferred revenue.
5. HUD refresher documents on flash drive on table.
6. Processes and procedures for Higher Education and K-12.

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7. K-12: Chairwoman Randi asked Council Member Delgadina to coordinate with Frances, as the Council Member has notes saying the forms were complete, to be sure it is all complete. Explained a miscommunication between Finance and the Liaison.

A Tribal Member asked where the backpack of school supplies were going. Were they going to Tribal Members or descendants of Tribal Members that are not members themselves? Are non-members receiving Tribal funds? The forms state Members and Members and their children. The funds come from the BIA. This Tribal Member does not feel that children who are not members themselves should receive benefits from the Summit Lake Tribe. They also feel that the process of receiving completed forms should be followed.

Council Member Jerry Barr looked for the exact wording of the Grant and expenditures of the Grant because he does not want to misquote.

The Tribal Member wants a written reply to their questions regarding the Grant, Grant expenditures, statement of policy or no policy, whether non-tribal members are receiving benefits. Not against the problem, but believes the money should go to the Tribal Member. A policy should be developed to explain expenditures. They are concerned that tribal funds and resources are going to non-tribal members.

Chairwoman Randi DeSoto and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez will work on a reply.

8. PLPT Travel Expense Statement, repatriation issue: Chairwoman Randi explained the last email from her to Betty Aleck stated that there would be no mileage reimbursements because it was already taken care of a year ago.

A Tribal Member believes the PLPT Travel Expense Statement, repatriation issue as showing that the four council members in question have engaged in gross misconduct.

The Council Members said that no misconduct was intended and the form in question was never sent. The intent of bringing the issue forward is to remind people to be careful and aware of what they are signing.

A Tribal Member would like to make this a challenge to make the Membership aware.

Council Member Jerry Barr gave Chairwoman Randi DeSoto a letter of resignation.

Chairwoman Randi DeSoto reviewed the Policy on Ethics.

Chairwoman DeSoto called for a 15 minute break at 11:05 am.  
Return from break at 11:41 am.

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Tribal Member asked about the status of the EPA deferred Revenue. It was explained that we are currently waiting for a decision on the debt forgiveness. The financial department is still working on the deferred revenue to bring it down to zero.

There is one EPA grant to close at the end of this year and one grant to extend but with no new EPA money.

William Cowan asked for an Executive Session with the topic of Personnel.

The Council went into executive Session at 11:54 am and ended at 12:58 pm.

Currently present:

Tribal Council members; Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton, Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez:

Staff Member: Program Office Assistant Anne Macko

Guests Tribal Members William Cowan and Christine Harjo

**Government to Government Consultation**

Guests: BLM, Winnemucca District representatives Mark Hall, Black Rock Assistant Field Manager and William Mack Jr., Black Rock Field Manager

Topic of Discussion: Vegetation Management Plan

Mark Hall said that they have come to the point they require any comments on the Veg EA so it can be revised and they need to come to a decision on it. They are looking for the Tribe's comments. William Cowan commented that the Natural Resources Department has no comments. It is seen as a reference for Wildlife Fire Management.

Mark Hall acknowledged that the document is in part for wildland fire. The fire situation is evolving considering the sage grouse habitat and FIAT team process and specific projects. The overall goal of the Vegetation EA is to have the tools available. Summit Lake Paiute Tribe is now part of the FIAT Committee. William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director explained the FIAT process is a resilient landscape cooperative effort with which Fish and Wildlife services, BLM and other partners are involved.

Several years ago there were concerns within the Tribe with using biological controls. William Cowan is personally still wary of using non-native biology to control non-native issues in native land. In the past a non-native beetle was introduced to an area to control specific non-native vegetation (Saltcedar/Tamarix). When it was done, it moved to an unexpected new species of

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vegetation. It is not in use in the Winnemucca District. The reservation and surrounding area is in good shape in the case of Tamarix; none has been found. There is some at Still Waters.

There is a link to the report. It will be put on our website. The BLM is trying to get all the tribal comments in this week. Send any comments to William Cowan and he will forward them to Mark Hall. Once the Sage Grouse EIS is signed, FIAT processing teams will really start to move. Late fall and winter are good times for reseeding and some vegetation treatments.

VETAZ repaired all but one of their range improvements in the Idaho Canyon Pastures. The one not repaired had a spring that dried up and they could not make any repairs. But they were allowed to use the Idaho pasture. They can run until the end of October with half the numbers of about 400. While has not been an issue, it was made clear to them that the enclosure for Mahogany Creek is off limits and if any cows are found there it would be immediate Trespass. They have been warned. Three weeks ago the enclosure fence was intact and no cows found.

Mark Hall questioned whether the fence was started. William Cowan reported that they are nearly done. Some parts need to be revised, the wire spacing is too low. It is in the SE and SW corners. He will let the BLM know when it is complete. The Natural Resources Department subcontracted with Great Basin Institute for a portion of it. It did not work as well as expected. BIA has the ultimate sign off on the fence. The fences will be checked for meeting BLM standards.

Mark Hall asked if there were any questions, issues or concerns.

William Cowan commented on the assistance of the BLM with Ben Garrett submitting an application for the Right of Way on Wells Canyon Road. Mr. Hall noted they received an application, but no maps or other pertinent information. Emily did find an error in the GPS projection. Mark Hall will follow-up with Julie.

William Mack, Jr. gave an update on Burning Man. He is glad it is over. There was a question over some law enforcement activities and mail delivery. On September 4<sup>th</sup> there were 67,562 paid participants. There were 100 environmental citations but there was 6 times the RV or Campers. The Pershing County Sheriff was involved, but they are keeping quiet, which is concerning. Washington DC is issuing a National Audit. The rumors that Burning Man will be moving to another state are not true.

The bug situation this year came from bugs being brought in in the cellophane wrapping the building materials. There are 128 members of Burning Man still on the playa for final cleanup. There will be an inspection October 5 and 6, 2015.

There were no fatalities, only minor injuries this year. They had a Fire Dept. with trucks and good new medical unit. The FAA was on-site and had good reviews.

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NEPA is up. In 2016 they will need a new document for 2017. The permit was for 5 years, but they have been on probation. The traffic flow into the site was better with 16 lanes merging into 8 lanes at the gates. All vehicles were searched. They did a good job improving on past concerns.

The BLM representative confirmed with the Council that the next Summit Lake Council meeting would be at Summit Lake.

**Juliet Mendoza, Nevada Health and Human Services** will not be available to address the council at 2:00 pm and will be removed from the agenda.

Chairwoman Randi DeSoto asked if Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz had left copies of minutes that were to be presented. Other members of the Council did not receive copies and Anne Macko checked to see if the minutes were dropped off at the office.

Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for an hour lunch break.

**Lunch Break** at 1:35 pm.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the meeting back to order at 2:51 PM.

**ROLL CALL:** Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton called the roll. Present are Chairwoman Randi DeSoto, Vice-Chairman Page Linton, and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez. Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz not present.

**Staff:** Anne Macko, Program Office Assistant, Present

**Guest:** Tribal Member William Cowan, Tribal Member Christine Harjo

Completion of Natural Resources Report: William commented there would not be a workshop on October 5<sup>th</sup>. The only thing to bring to the agenda is the Non-Point Source Management which he will bring to the October Meeting.

The link to the Vegetation Management Plan will be put on the website so Tribal members can make comments which William Cowan will take to the BLM.

No further executive sessions are required.

### **Open Forum**

A Tribal Member looked up the four resolutions for 2015 Member Enrollments. Tribal Member challenges the eligibility of all four resolutions 2015-SL-02, 2015-SL-03, 2015-SL-07, and 2015-SL-08 on the grounds of not meeting blood quantum. They explained the challenge is based on eligibility based on the Articles of Association.

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Vice-Chairwoman Page Linton will review these files. The resolutions were approved by the majority of the Council and is noted in Council minutes.

Council is trying to straighten out enrollment. There is no enrollment committee and so enrollment falls to the council by policy.

The Tribal Member does not consider an earlier issue as being resolved and considers it a very serious issue. She feels that the membership is not getting enough attention. This is why there is a lack of involvement. What is being provided to the members? The Council should ask the members for help.

The Chairwoman thanked the Tribal Member for bringing the council her concerns.

The Tribal Member believes the Tribe needs an Administrator, HR and a grant writer to put the Tribe at a higher level.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**MINUTES:** Tabled until October Meeting

**NEXT MEETING AGENDA-OCTOBER 17, 2015**

General Meeting at Summit Lake Reservation

Meeting will start at 10 AM

Council will meet at the Administration Office to leave at 4 or 5 AM

With funding coming from CTGP, the consensus is to rent a vehicle for transportation to the October meeting since William Cowan does not believe there will be a Tribal vehicle available.

It was the consensus to accept receipt of Christine Harjo's request to be on the Enrollment Committee. A letter will be sent out to her.

Fliers will be sent out to request members for the Enrollment and Higher Education committees. There should also be a letter sent out to ask for those interested in filling vacancies on the Council.

A deceased member's widow is questioning the electrical power at her home out at the reservation. Although discussed at the last meeting, there was no resolution to the question. She has contacted the Chairwoman three times in the past month. She was told by her husband that the house would be hers with no problems. She is not Tribal member. Randi DeSoto said she would look into it. She will also ask the woman for any documentation. The land should go back to the Tribe. It not a mobile home, but a real house. Vice-Chairwoman Page will look at

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the land assignment. We will need to check the probate. The land should go to the Tribe, but the house might be going to her. Are there any children? Council Member Gonzalez will contact the BIA to ask for advice.

Chairwoman Randi will arrange to have Page put on the bank account.

It is Chairwoman Randi DeSoto's decision not to request resignations from Vice-Chairman Page Linton and Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez at this time.

**MOTION: Council Member Delgadina Gonzalez called for adjournment. Vice-Chairman Page Linton seconded the motion. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for the vote. 2 FOR, 0 Against, 0 Abstained. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 PM

**CERTIFICATION**

I, Page Linton, Vice-Chairwoman of the Summit Lake Paiute Council acting as Secretary/Treasurer, hereby attest that the Minutes of the September 19, 2015, Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting on October 17, 2015, at which there was a quorum present, and the Council Voted:  2  For,  0  Against and  0  Abstaining, and that Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote.

10/17/15  
Date

  
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Page Linton  
Vice-Chairwoman  
*FOR* → As Acting Secretary/Treasurer  
Summit Lake Paiute Council