

MINUTES
Summit Lake Paiute Tribe
Special Meeting
August 13, 2014
Primary Administrative Office, Sparks, Nevada

Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called the meeting to order at 5:50pm and asks Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz to call roll: Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto present, Vice-Chairwoman Delgadina Gonzalez present, Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz present, Council Member Jerry Barr present, and Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese present.

Staff members are not present and there are no guests present.

Council Reports:

Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto began her report by stating Friday, August 15, 2014, William Cowan, Natural Resources Department Director, Aaron Peskin, and Jared Blumenfeld, Regional Administrator with Environmental Protection Agency Region 9, will spend the night at our Summit Lake Paiute Council Tribal Chambers.

The Bureau of Land Management postponed the Sunday, August 16, 2014 site field trip with Summit Lake Paiute Council to the Geothermal until further notice. The Bureau of Land Management, Winnemucca is still on the agenda for Saturday, August 15, 2014 Council Meeting.

Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto has been receiving phone calls from tribal members regarding enrollment identification cards questions and also a tribal member that recently disenrolled with Summit Lake Paiute Tribe wanted a letter to verify disenrollment. Council Member Jerry Barr replied that a letter and a fax had been sent out to the former tribal member last week. Council Chairwoman DeSoto stated to all Council the importance of returning calls and messages to tribal members was to be taken very seriously and needed to be answered as soon as received.

The last thing on Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto's agenda is to ask Council once again for permission to upgrade Council Chairwoman and Council Vice-Chairwoman's cell phone with the free upgrade since phones are overheating, calls are being missed and messages are not being received.

Consensus of Council is to upgrade the free phones from Verizon Wireless Company for Chairwoman DeSoto, Vice-Chairwoman Gonzalez and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Vice-Chairwoman Delgadina Gonzalez began her report by stating there was a conference/training. It was the "NAHASDA Essentials Training" held at the Reno Sparks Indian Health Center on July 21, 2014 – July 23, 2014. The NAHASDA "Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996", (HUD) Housing Urban Programs were reviewed. She was given the training materials and binder by the Reno Sparks Indian Colony Housing Director, even though she was not enrolled in or in attendance of the training.

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Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz began her report by stating April 2013 minutes, May 2013 minutes and June 2013 minutes are finished and ready for Council to review and approve by next Council Meeting on Saturday, August 15, 2014.

Council Member Jerry Barr stated that he and Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese stopped by the Sparks Tribal Office to assist Natural Resources Department Director, William Cowan with an interview for a Maintenance Worker on Sunday, July 27, 2014. The Interview went well and committee hired the applicant.

MOTION: Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz called for an Executive Session for thirty minutes to discuss a member of Council's behavior of: Misconduct, Abuse of Power/Position, Violating Chain of Command, Neglect of Duties, Unethical Behavior, and Seeking Financial Favors from Finance. Council Member Jerry Barr seconds the motion. Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for a vote: 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 1 ABSTAINED. Motion passed. Council enters Executive Session at 6:20 pm.

Council exits Executive Session at 6:50 pm.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz made a motion to remove Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese immediately as a Council Member. Chairwoman Randi DeSoto stated Jerri Lynn Barlese must be held accountable for the offences brought forth for Misconduct, Abuse of Power/Position, Violating Chain of Command numerous times, Neglect of Duty, Unethical Behavior, Seeking Financial Favors from Finance and that she should never be allowed an opportunity to repeat same acts by serving as Tribal Representative, Employee, or Council Member in the future.

Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese insisted on her stipend check immediately as she was preparing to leave and stated "send me a letter of what you agreed on because if you don't that will be another charge". Council Member Jerry Barr ask Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese if she is waiving her right to be heard and based on the Articles of Association, Article VI- Vacancies and Removals, Section 2, he reads to her, "...before any vote for expulsion is taken, such member shall be given a fair opportunity to answer any or all charges, the decision of the members of Summit Lake Paiute Council shall be final." Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese stated "if you made that decision that's fine" and responded "I disagree because you did it wrong".

Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese stated "give me my check so I can leave", and prepared to leave the meeting. Council Secretary/Treasurer, Elizabeth DeLaLuz asked Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese, "so you are walking out of the meeting without being heard". Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese did not respond. Vice-Chairwoman Delgadina asks Jerry Lynn Barlese if she is waving her rights and to be heard. Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese was given full opportunity to respond to the charges, she stated "she already knew the charges and that she wants a letter to be sent to her" and leaves the meeting, without her check, at 7:03 pm.

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Council Members discussed that Jerri Lynn Barlese was waiving her rights by leaving; the Council reviewed and discussed the Summit Lake Paiute Tribes Articles of Association, Article VI-Vacancies and Removal along with the Administrative Policies, Chapter 1, Ethical Standards for Council Members, for adherence to procedures on the removal of a council member, then proceeded with the initial motion made by Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz.

Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz made a motion to remove Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese immediately as a Council Member and stated Jerri Lynn Barlese must be held accountable for the offences stated by the Chairwoman for Misconduct, Abuse of Power/Position, Violating Chain of Command numerous times, Neglect of Duty, Unethical Behavior, Seeking Financial Favors from Finance and that she should never be allowed an opportunity to repeat same acts by serving as Tribal Representative, Employee, or Council Member in the future. Per administrative Policy, Section 3: Prohibited Conduct: Penalty; Council Secretary/Treasurer Elizabeth DeLaLuz read that "Any member of the Summit Lake Paiute Council who violates the above ethical standards shall, if found to have violated the provisions of Section 2, be removed from office in accordance with Article VI of the Articles of Association of the Summit Lake Paiute and shall be barred from seeking office for a period of six (6) years." Council Vice-Chairwoman Delgadina Gonzalez seconds the motion. Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for the vote 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Motion passed at 7:07 pm.

Council agrees to post Council Member vacancy to tribal website and a vacancy notice will be mailed to all Tribal Members. Interested tribal members 21 years and older must submit a notarized letter of their Intent to Serve on council to the Summit Lake Paiute Tribe by September 12, 2014 by the end of business day, 5:00pm. The remainder of the term is from September 20, 2014 to May 16, 2015.

Former Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese called the tribal office and asks Chairwoman Randi DeSoto to drop off her stipend to the corner of Pyramid and Rock Blvd. where she will be waiting. Council Member Jerry Barr agrees to take former Council Member Jerri Lynn Barlese her final stipend. Next council meeting will be held on Saturday August 16, 2014 at the Summit Lake Reservation.

MOTION: Council Member Jerry Barr called for adjournment. Council Vice-Chairman Delgadina Gonzalez seconds the motion. Council Chairwoman Randi DeSoto called for a vote: 3 FOR 0 AGAINST 0 ABSTAINED. Meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.



Randi DeSoto, Summit Lake Paiute Tribe Council Chairwoman

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Date

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CERTIFICATION

I, Elizabeth DeLaLuz, Secretary/Treasurer of the Summit Lake Paiute Council, hereby attest that the Minutes of the August 13, 2014, Special Council Meeting were approved by the Council during a duly held meeting on September 20, 2014, at which there was a quorum present, and the Council Voted: 3 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstaining, and that Chairwoman Randi DeSoto did not vote because there was not a tie vote at 3:15 pm.

September 20, 2014
Date



Elizabeth DeLaLuz
Secretary/Treasurer
Summit Lake Paiute Council