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PYRAMID LAKE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2008



**Pyramid Lake 8th grade promotion
and Senior Class of 2008**
see pages 5-7

**Pictured Far left Chauncy Moore
Middle Left: Clarissa Horse
Left: Lena and Mervin Wright
Picture Right: Vincent Nuanes and
Jeremiah Sampson**



This shows how bad the air quality is from the California fires.

Photos submitted by *Eric Ingraham*

Left Photo: before the fires at around 8:00 pm; source is web cam from Sutcliffe water storage tank.

Right Photo: from the same location above, Wednesday June 25, 2008 at 9:00 am



... From the Chairman's Office

It is quite hot now and the unfortunate status of the California fires is causing air quality concerns for all of us. With over 1,000 fires and weather patterns continuing with dry thunderstorms, the smoke in the air may be with us for some time. News reports indicate the fires may burn for months and that air quality hazards will be present as long as the fires are burning. Please be advised to use caution as temperatures are expected to rise above normal trends for this region and air quality and breathing related illness can be discomforting.

It has been reported that the tribal economic development plan has been drafted and having completed the first draft, the editorial changes are being made. It is likely that it will be posted for public comment prior to Tribal Council approval. It can be encouraged that completing this process as soon as possible and to submit it to the BIA will bring the Tribe closer to accessing the principle for economic development. Coordinating efforts to making the best possible plan and establishing business principles will provide at least a working opportunity for the tribe and as time progresses adaptability and adjustments should be considered if or when certain situation arise that may not be consistent with the plan.

Tribal Finance has had a rough go with the challenge before it. The status of the 2006 audit has slowed, but it is expected to be started in July. The financial management has choices to make to address the pressing nature of delinquent audits and addressing past audit findings. It is important that the Tribe not take a shotgun approach as it has in the past to complete audits. The chaotic state of past records and recording will be time consuming to sort through and complete, but the obligation to do it correctly and properly causes the instruction for patience. This administration wants to make it right and do it right by good accounting standards.

In adding to the financial challenges the 2005 audit reports \$933,644 deficit at year end. The deficit roll forward into 2006, but the audit is not completed. 2006 was an interesting year for tribal finances as much spending is apparent but revenue sources are absent. Until the audit is complete it is not known how the 2005 deficit impacts the 2006 year end balance. From there, that balance continues to roll forward. This is how important audit completion is and why the administration must conduct its operations timely and on schedule. The liability will affect the current 2008 budget, but to what extent is not known and therefore the 2008 budget should not be considered separate from the past deficit.

Another facet of Finance operation was making the Tribe aware of warning signs of impropriety. Moss Adams, LLP produced a list of common signs of fraud. Upon receiving the list an analysis was conducted and many changes were implemented to safeguard tribal financial operations. The Tribe will strive to assure compliance and take preventative measures to address deficiencies.

"Be Aware of Common Fraud Signals: According to a recent survey conducted by the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), an organization can expect to lose about 6% of its revenue to fraudulent acts each year. For some, that can translate into millions of dollars or more in funds that could be providing valuable services.

Do not take a passive stance. By vigorously identifying the areas where fraud may be occurring and taking proactive steps to thwart the practice, you can avoid the common pitfalls of other organizations.

Typically, fraud occurs when sufficient internal controls are lacking or inadequate. Following are seven "red flags" that deserve your immediate attention.

1. *No segregation of duties: it is imperative that the person who authorizes actions should not be the same person who completes those actions. Those responsibilities should be divided.*
2. *Lack of physical safeguards: Place ID tags on computers, secure expensive equipment, protect safes, and keep office doors locked after hours.*
3. *Inadequate documents: keep adequate records so that if you suspect fraud, you can expose it and provide proof.*
4. *Unusual cash transactions: any significant differences between cash expectations and actual receipts should be studied carefully.*
5. *Suspect source documentation: be wary of suspicious-looking "source" documents such as invoices, purchase orders, checks, expense reports, and time cards.*
6. *Unreasonably high costs: while it is not unusual for rising prices to occur due to inflation or other factors, any increases should be in line with industry standards.*
7. *Falsified travel reimbursements: make sure that receipts coincide with all aspects of travel expense reports.*

Remember, detecting fraud should not fall to just one person. All members of your tribe's management teams should remain on the lookout for potential problems."(Moss Adams, LLP)

After the Natchez School completed the solar panel project with coordination between the Sierra Pacific Power Company (SPPC), the Washoe County School District, and Black Rock Solar, the Tribe has begun efforts to develop a similar project at Pyramid Lake High School. The opportunity is before the Tribe to establish the relationship through Black Rock Solar and the SPPC. Alternative and renewable energy is a popular topic and for the Tribe wind, solar, and geothermal opportunities are all around us. The tribe is working on all three of these alternative sources, with geothermal and solar in the immediate works while wind energy potential is being explored.

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Pyramid Lake Tribal Council:

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
 Carla Eben, Vice Chairman
 Members: Gordon Frazier, Janet Davis, Johnnie Garcia, Jason Davis, Genevieve John, Judith Davis, Sherry Ely Mendes
 Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary.
 Regular Tribal Council meetings are held on the first Friday of each month



Mervin Wright Jr, Tribal Chairman with

from -- PL Tribal Visitor Center-Museum

Submitted by Linda McCauley
NAGPRA VCultural Aide

RENO-NV -- British land artist Chris Drury completed a large-scale installation on the dry lakebed of **Winnemucca Lake**. Located near the boundary of the **Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation** 35 miles northeast of Reno, NV Whirlwind is part of Drury's upcoming exhibition at the Nevada Museum of Art (NMA) titled *Chris Drury: Mushrooms | Clouds* — the first major museum exhibition in the United States by Drury. *Mushrooms | Clouds* will be on exhibit from August 9 through October 5, 2008 and also includes new works produced in partnership with the For-Site Foundation in Nevada City, CA and the Desert Research Institute (DRI) in Reno, NV. The new work created for *Mushrooms | Clouds* also refers to the complex legacy—and continued presence—of nuclear activity in the American West.

Using a 36-inch-wide standard landscaping rake, Drury etched *Whirlwind* on the alkali surface of Winnemucca Lake near the border of land owned by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Bureau of Land Management. The spiral "whirlwind" pattern is 100 yards in diameter and is similar to designs seen in Native American woven baskets. The installation will be photographed and reproduced in large-scale format for inclusion within the exhibition *Mushrooms | Clouds*.

One of Great Britain's most prolific and respected artists, Drury explores conceptual issues arising from the interplay between nature and culture. Often associated with the Land Art and/or Earth Art movements, and artists such as Patrick Dougherty, Andy Goldsworthy, and Richard Long, Drury distinguishes his art-making practices through his ongoing commitment to examining the "inner nature" of human consciousness and its relationship to the "outer nature" of the material world.

DIRECTIONS FROM RENO

Take I-80 East to Exit 43 toward Wadsworth / Pyramid Lake. Turn left on 447 toward Nixon. Continue on 447 to Mile Marker 34. *Whirlwind* is located on the east side of the road and can be best viewed from the hill opposite the installation. Visitors are encouraged to walk gently and not to disturb the land or move rocks.

*** BENEFIT TO THE TRIBE

ACCESS TO WHIRLWIND

Whirlwind can be accessed August 5 through October 4, 2008 by purchasing a day-use permit at the **Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation**. Permits are available for \$6 per car and can be purchased at The Nixon Store at the junction of Highways 446 and 447.

Chris Drury: Mushrooms | Clouds will be on exhibit August 9 through October 5, 2008 at the Nevada Museum of Art, Donald W. Reynolds Center for the Visual Arts, E. L. Wiegand Gallery located at 160 West Liberty Street in downtown Reno. The galleries are open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 am to 5 pm, late on Thursdays until 8 pm; closed Mondays and national holidays. Admission: free for NMA members; \$10 adults, \$8 students/seniors. For more information, please call 775.329.3333 or visit www.nevadaart.org



The Director of the MOA, and PL Museum Director, Ben Aleck made sure no sacred sites were disturbed, by having a Tribal monitor present during the creation of this piece of art which will eventually just fade away....

CHECK IT OUT!

The Nevada Museum of Art (NMA) announced in February that all high school students enrolled in the Washoe County School District will have the opportunity to visit the NMA free through February 1, 2009. The free unlimited high school admission program is generously sponsored by the Leonette Foundation with additional support from Clark & Sullivan Constructors, Robert Z. Hawkins Foundation and David and Dawn Ligon.

"The sponsors who have come forward to support this program recognize how art has the power to expose students to a variety of cultures, histories and ideas," said David Walker, NMA Executive Director / CEO. "We look forward to providing this resource to students and hope to cultivate future generations of creative thinkers."

To take advantage of the high school free admission program and unlimited museum visits, students must present their current school ID at the museum's admission desk. The high school free admission program includes admission for one additional guest.

High school students visiting the museum as part of a pre-arranged group tour will receive free school district transportation as well as a discount on guided tours or Dose of Art tours. Group tours for high school students may be scheduled online at http://www.nevadaart.org/tours/student_tour.php.

PYRAMID LAKE MUSEUM RENOVATIONS

PROVIDE CLEARER LOOK AT LAKE'S FEATURES

IMPROVEMENTS FUNDED THROUGH NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAYS PROGRAM

CARSON CITY, Nev. --Pyramid Lake Visitor Center and Museum visitors can now enjoy new informational kiosks and easy-access parking lot thanks to National Scenic Byways grant improvements.

The two new outside kiosks provide U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service information on the historic lake's numerous wildlife species. The museum's newly-paved 15,000-square-foot parking lot is encased by decorative concrete perimeters that complement the museum's Native American design.

"The old gravel parking lot made it difficult for some of our visitors to get into the museum," tribal collections manager and museum director Ben Aleck said. "This is a big improvement in giving everyone access to the museum."

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe museum provides Pyramid Lake recreation information, historical displays and tribal cultural and event information to approximately 5,500 visitors every year.

The improvements were funded by a \$100,000 matching grant, with 80 percent provided by the Federal Highway Administration and 20 percent by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) oversaw grant funding and construction of the project.

"Nevada has 14 scenic byways," NDOT Scenic Byways Coordinator Sydnie Schlachta said. "This byway is an amazing example of how state roads can exhibit Nevada's history and beauty."

The Pyramid Lake Scenic Byway runs approximately 30 miles, following State Routes 445 and 446 down the lake's west side before wrapping around the lake's east side on State Route 447. The first nationally-designated scenic byway located entirely within a tribal reservation, the thoroughfare passes near the natural tufa rock formations and stark color contrasts of the ancient lake. The byway was designated a National Scenic Byway in 1996, allowing funding for the construction of the Pyramid Lake Visitor Center and Museum in 1998.

The Federal Highway Administration's National Scenic Byways Program promotes the recognition and enjoyment of America's memorable roads by providing funding and resources to preserve, protect, interpret, and promote unique travel experiences on designated byways. More information on Nevada's Scenic Byways is available by searching "Nevada scenic byways" at www.byways.org or www.nevadadot.com.

NUMU TOOKWASU

Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Organization

By Paula Paul

Local veterans on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation have assembled and established a veteran's committee to recruit interested individuals who have served any military branch and earned the honorable discharge status to join the Numu Tookwasu (Indian Veterans) organization. A membership drive is currently underway.

Temporary officers were selected to serve until January 2009, when an annual Veterans meeting will occur to elect new officers who will continue to support projects and events for Pyramid Lake. Those officers are Bob Burns, President; Ralph Burns, Vice President; Jim Plympton, Treasurer; Paula Paul, Secretary. Lela Christensen also provides assistance by virtue of her position as the Tribal Events Coordinator.

Early in the year, the main focus was to draft a valid Constitution and Bylaws that states the purpose of the tribal Veterans and Warriors organization. The document was presented to tribal attorney, Wes Williams, prior to submitting to the Tribal Council for approval. On May 14, 2008, the Pyramid Lake Veterans and Warriors Organization's Constitution and Bylaws were approved by a majority vote. "Now that the Constitution and Bylaws is in place, we can apply for tribal tax exemption that will allow us (veterans' organization) to solicit for donations," stated Jim Plympton on June 9.

Several improvement plans are listed for the veterans' organization. Cemetery improvements in Wadsworth and Nixon are determined according to need. The Wadsworth cemetery is in need to expand on the west section and a permanent flagpole monument was discussed at the June 9th meeting. The Nixon cemetery has no room to accommodate any more veteran graves, therefore a new area on the eastern section is being considered at this time. The gravesite of Captain Dave Numana is on the work list for a complete renovation. The current marker will be removed and a new work will be set forth.

The next veterans' meeting is scheduled for July 7 at 5:00 p.m. at the Nixon Tribal Chambers. Plan to attend.



Visiting veterans joined in the color guard presentation on June 12, 2008 at the Pyramid Lake Senior Fun Day. Local veterans James Plympton, Bob Burns, Ken Paul and Jason DeGarmo led the procession.

What is source reduction?

It is the process of eliminating waste from the source of where it is generated.

One way you can make a difference in reducing waste is by contacting the magazines and publications that keep coming to your address, mailbox, or mail stop, and asking them to please stop sending the catalogs. I just contacted 8 companies that sent me their publications, all from 5 days worth of mail. In modern days, its much like getting rid of SPAM emails.

Catalogs are huge, and a huge waste of paper. Besides that, every one of the companies I contacted has a website to view their products, so the catalogs were unnecessary.

Do your part to reduce waste at the source: get off mailing lists for catalogs! At home, and especially at work!

Thanks for your attention,
John Mosley
Environmental Manager

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; Consolidated Higher Education Program

Program Hours; 8:00AM. through 4:30 PM

Mondays through Fridays

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Please call if you have any questions.

2008/2009 Deadline dates for PLPT;

CHE Scholarships

Deadline Date for Fall 2008 Semester ended ;

June 30th 2008 4:30 PM.

Next Deadline Date for Spring 2009 Semester CHE

Scholarships

November 30th 2008 4:30 PM.

Deadline Date for Enrichment Scholarship for Fall 2008

Semester ended June 30th 2008 4:30PM.

Next Deadline Date for the Enrichment Scholarship for

Spring 2009

November 30th, 2008 4:30 PM

Deadline Date for Fall 2008 Audit Vocational Training

Scholarship

June 15th, 2008 4:30 PM

Next Deadline Date for the Adult Vocational Training

Scholarship

October 30th 2008 4:30PM

PLPT \$350.00 Scholarship

(Awarded once every 12 months to PLPT Student Recipients)

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Signs up for the Northern Nevada

Literacy On-Line GED Program

From July 7th through June 11th, 2008 the Consolidated Higher Education program will be accepting sign ups for the Northern Nevada Literacy Coalitions On-Line GED Program.

For more information call (775) 574-0300

If you are interested please call, we have 4 slots filled and 9 slots available. Program is self paced.

CHE Program updating Website and the PLPT

CHE Scholarship Applications

In the past when you visit our Higher Education Website and tried to down load our Tribal Scholarship application, you only receive a portion of it. Our updated site now has the complete scholarship applications readily available for the students needs.

Please visit the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribes Website. We hope the new application is user friendly and easily assessable for you the user. If you have any questions, please call (775) 574-0300 Monday – Friday 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, College

Graduates:

To any PLPT student who graduated this year, please send us a copy of your graduation degree. It is important to our program to tract your success. It will also be our pleasure to give you recognition in the Tribal Newspaper on your successful completion of your higher educational achievement. Send a copy of your degree to the PLPT Consolidated Higher Education Program, P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV. 89424



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EIGHTH GRADERS TAKE THE NEXT STEP

By Paula Paul

This eighth grade class was the largest group to be promoted to the ninth grade on Thursday, May 29, 2008 at the Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School's gymnasium. The class advisors, Mr. And Mrs. Esposito, did an outstanding job in planning a wonderful promotion ceremony for the students and their families.

The promotion ceremony began with the customary opening prayer, honor song and the Principal's welcome message. Before the eighth graders received their promotion certificates, everyone enjoyed a slide presentation highlighting student achievement, individual family photos and campus photos captured by the school photographers.



Awards...

Among the Honorable Mention Awards presented to eighth grade students on June 4, 2008 were;



Rainece Racine earned the Top Social Studies Student award in the middle school. According to Ms. Harriet Brady, Nece improved her class grade in during the third and fourth quarter by maintaining her class work and turning in assignments on time.

Congratulations 2008 Graduates! From the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

8th grade Mendive

*Correna Brady Andrea James
Alexander Hernandez
David Chase*

8th grade Fernley Middle School

Nikko Pizano

8th grade Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School

*Lucy Paddy Jorge Enriquez
Jose Gonzales Lena Wright
Taylor Moore Ashley Wadsworth
Janja Summer Williams Stevens
Airiston Shaw Nece Racine
Chauncy Moore Sonny Lopez
Austin Gluyas Roberto Estrada
Eileen Crutcher Dustin Collins
Carrington Burton
Cameron Hernandez*

12th grade Fernley High School

*Chelsey Sky Calvin
Kayla Marie Johnson
Lynsie Renee Dunn
Andrew Jay Fry
Anthony Lefthand Lopez
Teola L. Shaw
Briana R. Dunn*

12th grade Reed High School

Brandon Brady Megan Jim

12th grade Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr High School

*Jeremiah Luke Sampson
Kimber Lee Brown
Ashley Nicole Henry
Dawayne Plumer Andrew Jack
Vincent Nuanes Leanna Thayer
William Barlese Keith Pete
DeRyan Walema Desmond Lewis
Jared James Tom Martin Barlese*

Photos

Top Left: Lucy with Grandpa Harold Paddy
Middle Left: Ben Aleck and Jorge Enriquez
Bottom Left: Lena Wright
Top Right: Carla Eben and Taylor Moore
Bottom Right: Jose Gonzales

PYRAMID LAKE HIGH SCHOOL THIRTEEN HONORED IN GRADUATION CEREMONY

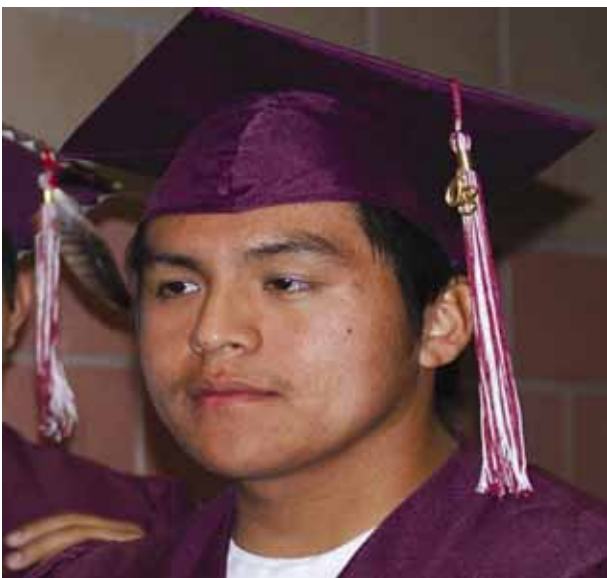
By Paula Paul

Six years ago, seven young people chose to attend Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr High School. They entered as seventh graders and in time six joined to become the graduating class of 2008. On Wednesday, June 4, 2008, thirteen of the finest students at Pyramid Lake High School fulfilled all necessary requirements to receive their diplomas. A total of \$7,600.00 was awarded in scholarship funds to well-deserving recipients.



Jeremiah Sampson receives congratulation from Pyramid Lake Tribal Chair Mervin Wright, Jr.

Jeremiah Luke Sampson is the Valedictorian for the Class of 2008. Jeremiah qualifies for the Nevada State Millennium Scholarship and also received the Pyramid Lake High School Scholarship of \$1,000.00. He chose to concentrate upon his academics by repeating a few classes to raise his grades. His efforts brought an A-average, the highest overall grade point average in Pyramid Lake High School history. Jeremiah was also presented a scholarship for \$100.00 from the Pyramid Lake War Memorial Committee who hosted the Youth Conference and Social Powwow on May 15, 2008. Jeremiah plans to attend Truckee Meadows Community College in August. He is the youngest son of Anthony and Corrine Sampson.



Martin Barlese played football during the years he attended Pyramid Lake High School His parents are Marty and Rose Barlese.



Kimber Lee Brown is the Salutatorian for the Class of 2008. During her high school career she proved to be an outstanding student and athlete. Kimber qualifies for the Nevada State Millennium Scholarship and she also received the Pyramid Lake High School Scholarship of \$800.00. In addition, she received a scholarship of \$100.00 from the Pyramid Lake War Memorial Committee. Kimber Brown earned numerous academic awards as well as the Coaches Choice Award for her participation in the Lady Lakers Girls Varsity Basketball. She is planning to attend college in Arizona in the fall. Kimber is the daughter of David Brown and Victoria Boney.



Ashley Nicole Henry, daughter of Alberta and Dellard Henry, Jr. She received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship of \$600.00 and qualifies for the Nevada State Millennium Scholarship. Ashley received numerous academic awards in poetry, creative writing and library. She also earned the Most Valuable Player Awards in volleyball and softball during her senior year. She plans to attend Lassen Community College in August.



Keith Pete received the Pyramid Lake High School Scholarship for the amount of \$500.00. Keith is planning to attend Lassen Community College in the fall. Keith's mother is Kim Lucas.



Andrew Jack received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship in the amount of \$600.00. Andrew is a favorite and well respected among the student body at Pyramid Lake High. Andrew earned academic and sports awards including Role Model Of The Year. At the close of the NIAA 1A basketball season, Andrew was added to the Honorable Mention list from the Western Conference Basketball League. Andrew's parents are Eugene and Amy Blossom-Jack.



Vincent Nuanes received the Outstanding Academic Achievement Scholarship of \$600.00 and he also qualifies for the Nevada State Millennium Scholarship. Vincent received many academic awards in English, Math, and Library, including Role Model Of The Year. He played varsity basketball for the Pyramid Lakers this year and earned the Most Valuable Player Award from Coach Randy Melendez. In addition, Vincent Nuanes was included to the NIAA's Western Conference Basketball League's Team 1. Vincent is the grandson of Josie Becerra and Jim Plympton.



Desmond Lewis humbly thanked his family and his friends for supporting him throughout his high school years. Desmond played Varsity Basketball during the 2007-2008 season where he was awarded for his participation.



Leanna Thayer enjoyed an awesome senior year at Pyramid Lake. She was selected by the faculty and staff for the Most Improved Student and honored at the Reno South Rotary Club Luncheon in May 2008. Principal Melendez attended and reported that Leanna credited her teachers, Ms. DesRoches, Ms. Brady, and Mrs. Paul, who guided her to strive beyond her expectations. The Reno South Rotary Club was so impressed with her story that she was awarded with a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Leanna earned several academic and sports awards including Role Model Of The Year. Leanna must also be credited for her spectacular photography skills where many of her pictures featured the Laker Basketball Games in the 2007-2008 Yearbook. Leanna's father is Daniel Thayer from Hungry Valley.



William Barlese is the recipient of the Garry Schott Memorial Scholarship and awarded \$400.00 for two semesters. He is planning to attend Lassen Community College with many of his classmates. Willie earned several academic awards for English, Math, including Role Model Of The Year. He had also earned a participation award for Laker Football. In October 2007, Willie intercepted a pass at the forty-yard line during a football game against the Owyhee Braves for Laker possession. Willie is the eldest son of Carol Smith.



Jared James Tom completed his high school requirements and he thanked important people who supported him and made certain he attended school JJ Tom is the youngest son of Brenda Burns and Duane Tom



DeRyan Walema is a Hualapai tribal member whose family moved into the Truckee Meadows where he may attend school in Nevada. He chose to attend Pyramid Lake High School where he excelled in the basketball program. In March 2008, DeRyan was added to Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association's Western Conference League for 1A Basketball. He also received awards in academics and sports.



Dawayne Plummer was selected as "Most Improved Student" by the school faculty and was honored at the Reno South Rotary Club Luncheon in May. The Reno South Rotary Club was so impressed by Dawayne's story that he was awarded a \$1,000.00 scholarship. Dawayne also received the Pyramid Lake High School Scholarship of \$500.00. Dawayne earned academic awards in English and for his participation with the Lakers Varsity Basketball where he was awarded Best Offensive Player of the Year. The Nevada Interscholastic Athletic Association added his name to the Western Conference Basketball League's Team 1. Dawayne Plummer is attending Lassen Community College in the fall.

GRADUATION HIGHLIGHTS
Photos by Mrs. Penny Esposito

**Pyramid Lake Jr/Sr
High School
Back to School
Thursday, August 21**

**PLHS is currently accepting
returning and open enrollment
for 2008-2009 school year.
Phone: (775) 574-1016**

Day Care

Hi, my name is Cheryl Ewing and I am the Supervisor at the Wadsworth/Nixon Day Care Centers. I started working in an after school program while I was in High School and decided this was what I wanted to continue doing. I started my Early Childhood Education at EI Camino College in California and then when I moved to Reno I attended TMCC where I earned my CDA in Early Childhood. I have over 25 years of experience working in the Early Childhood field with infants up to school age children both as a Teacher and as a Director. I am looking forward to working together with the parents, staff, and the community in creating quality centers for the children.

Day Care Highlights:

Parents met with Children's Cabinet representatives - (more revenue for centers)
Permanent staff hired for both centers (on-calls as needed)

4/10-12/08- Supervisor attended Nev AEYC Early Childhood Conference
4/22/08- Parent Meeting
5/13-15/08 - Supervisor attended American Indian and Alaska Native Child Care Conference.
5/21/08 - Parent Meeting
6/10/08 - Staff Meeting
6/14/08 - 9 staff members attended CPR, First Aid, and Communicable Disease training
6/17/08 - 2 Staff members attended Food Handlers training
6/18/08 - 9 staff attended Child Abuse and Neglect training

Hours of operation are:

Wadsworth:

Monday - Friday 7:00-6:00
phone# 575-2774

Nixon:

Monday- Friday 7:00-5:00
phone # 574-1031

Our summer program is up and running we have 27 (part/full time) spots filled at the Wadsworth Center and 11 spots filled at our Nixon center. Please feel free to come by for a visit.

Center Needs: Both our centers are looking for new or gently used toys (such as legos, puzzles, stacking/sorting toys, matching/counting games, educational activities, dramatic play clothes, plastic foods, pots and pans, dishes etc.) to help enhance or programs. We are also in need of art supplies such as (water colors, play dough, cookie cutters, markers, tissue paper, old magazines, bottle glue, contact paper, white construction paper, puff paints, Popsicle sticks, yarn, etc.) Donations of any kind would be greatly appreciated by our children and the staff.

Thank-You
Cheryl Ewing

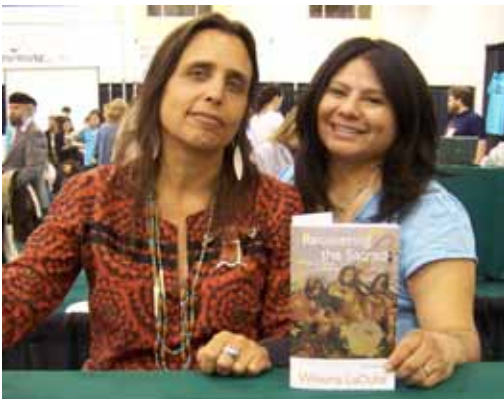
FROM THE LIBRARY: by Linda McCauley, Tribal Librarian

NEW BOOKS FOR THE SUMMER: HANK THE COWDOG: *The Original Adventure; Faded Love, The Quest for the Great White Quail, & The Case of the Most Ancient Bone*; Sherman Alexie: *Flight; Origami to Astonish and Amuse; Dear Dumb Diary & Diary of a Wimpy Kid*.

I have located, *Buy the Chief a Cadillac* for the person who requested it. This book is a novel written by Rick Steber. It is based on the fact that in 1954 the Klamath Indians of Southern Oregon were terminated, despite the fact that the majority of Klamath people opposed the termination of their tribal status and liquidation of Tribal lands. Seven years later the federal government incorporated the land into the Fremont and Winema National Forest and paid each tribal member \$43,000. According to one review - "Buy the Chief a Cadillac explores life on the reservation for three brothers -- the alcoholism, violence, greed, and madness -- brought on by the white man's treatment of the tribe, and each brother's response to the termination settlement. Creek, college-bound and disgusted with reservation life, wants to take his money and run toward success in the white man's world. Chief, who represents the worst of reservation life, plans to spend his money on a new Cadillac and as much booze as he can possibly drink. Pokey, keeper of the Klamath traditions, plans on refusing the government payout and staying on his people's land." This book won the 2005 Spur Award.

I am currently reading an amazing book by Winona LaDuke (Anishinaabe), an internationally respected Native American and environmental activist, called *Recovering the Sacred: The Power of Naming and Claiming*. LaDuke devotes a whole chapter, 'Klamath Land and Life' to the Klamath's history and the restoration of their tribal recognition in 1986, and, now their fight for water to sustain the salmon in the Klamath River.

Bonnie Raitt, the Musician writes, "A fascinating read that puts into historical context the contemporary struggles of Native American communities to reclaim their tribal lands, names, traditional agriculture, and even the remains of their ancestors. Winona's fierce dedication to the Indigenous environmental and women's movements infuses her analysis with a first-person understanding. Deep and powerful on many levels."



I totally agree. The book is awesome and so is Winona LaDuke. I recently met her in Chicago at an Environment conference. My cousin ←Jolene Aleck Roy, who lives in Chicago, and I went to the conference just to hear Winona LaDuke speak.

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AND SATURDAYS, 10-3 P.M.
775-574-0301

EVER FEEL LIKE YOU'RE BEING LOOKED FOR?

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is looking for individuals whose whereabouts are currently unknown to our office. These individuals may have land under their name and not know it and they may even have money in their accounts and don't know it. We are trying to locate these individuals!! So we can update their information and begin sending quarterly statements.

The individuals listed below are just a few we are looking for.

If you know where they can be located, please have them call our office at (175) 887-3525 or the toll free (call center at (888) 678-6836 ext. 0

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Dorian B. Lowery
Denton Mason
Gloria A. Pete
Edward G. Sam
Rafaela Smith
Willard D. Watts
Debra Barlese Williams

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Janet D. Crutcher M.P.H
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Diabetes Exercise Room
(Modular #02 next to
the Nixon Gym) will be
open:

Monday: 11:00-1:30
Tuesday: 11:30-8:00
Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available 11:30-8:00

Wednesday: 11:00-1:30
Thursday: 11:00-8:00
Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available 11:30-4:30

Friday: 11:00-1:30

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The Numuwaetu Nawahana is now published on the Pyramid Paiute Tribes Website.
Take a look at www.plpt.nsn.us

If you have articles or events of interest to tribal members and the Pyramid Lake community please submit to news@plpt.nsn.us

If you have business and want to advertise, our rates are as follows: \$100/full page
\$75/half page \$50/quarter page
\$25/eighth page \$10/business card

If you have any questions please contact me via e-mail or in person.

Thank you -Teresa Wright

Burning Man Event

2008 LOCALS, TRIBAL MEMBERS AND GUEST INFORMATION

IMPORTANT: GUESTS OF LOCALS MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED BY FRIDAY 8/22/08

Pre-registration of guests will begin Monday 8/18/08 and end Friday 8/22/08

You do not need to pay for guests at pre-registration. Payment will be taken when guest pass is picked up at the Box Office.

"LOCALS" ARE RESIDENTS OF GERLACH AND EMPIRE ONLY OR TRIBAL CARD CARRYING MEMBERS OF THE PYRAMID LAKE AND SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBES.

MUST SHOW VALID GERLACH OR EMPIRE I.D. WITH STREET ADDRESS OR UTILITY BILL WITH YOUR NAME AND I.D. (ex: propane receipt with actual address)

Or PYRAMID or SUMMIT LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL MEMBERS SHOW PHOTO ID AND TRIBAL ID CARD

A photo ID with a PO Box is not acceptable. You must show a secondary piece of information proving you are a resident with your name on it. For Gerlach and Empire residents, you MUST spend more than 6 months out of the year in your town. Simply owning property does not qualify you as a local.

Entrance into the event begins Monday, August 25th

Monday August 18th to Saturday August 23th (The week before the event.)

Time: 1pm to 7pm

Location: Laminates Building next to the Box Office at front Gate

NOTE: PRE-REGISTRATION FOR GUEST PASSES ENDS ON FRIDAY 8/22/08

NO PAYMENT FOR GUESTS IS NEEDED AT PRE-REGISTRATION

Sunday August 24th to Thursday August 28th (Thursday is last day)

Time: 11am to 4pm

Location: Laminates Building next to the Box Office at front Gate

Type 1 PASS for locals:

Unlimited pass, multi-day entrance

Type 2 PASS for locals:

One-day pass, no in/out privileges.

in/out privileges starting August 25, 2008.

Additional days may be added for \$10.00

Cost: \$25.00

Cost: \$10.00 +\$10.00 Per additional day

Guest Pass:

- LOCALS MUST PRE-REGISTER GUEST NAMES BY FRIDAY 8/22/08
- GUESTS CANNOT BE ADDED AFTER THAT DATE

TWO GUESTS PER LOCAL ARE ALLOWED DAY PASSES.

Guest does not need to be there to sign up but must be present w/ Local at time of purchase.

Go to the Box Office to purchase the Guest Pass. Guest must show ID to purchase pass.

Guest ticket will be at "will call" under GUESTS full name, not the local's name.

Cost of Guest Pass: \$40.00 each, per day

No Charge for children under 12. No persons under the age of 18 admitted into this event without a parent or guardian over the age of 21. No dogs allowed. Pack it in, pack it out...Leave no Trace.

CONTRACTS & GRANTS DEPARTMENT

The **Environmental Department** received \$60,000 of Clean Air Act funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The funding will support tribal air quality activities. The Air Program is expecting to review and revise as needed Clean Air Act Policies and Procedures and provide at least 200 hours of environmental education and public outreach on air issues. The program will also continue to coordinate with county and state agencies on air quality issues in Nevada. Funding will help to effectively manage the existing air quality monitoring equipment and identify additional resources needed to maintain equipment. They will be informing the community through the tribal newspaper and holding field trips to met stations and visiting schools as part of their outreach.

The **Numaga Senior Program** received Title VI Part A & C funds in the amount of \$122,830 from the DHHS-Administration on Aging. The program will focus on the development of a service that utilizes tribal programs to provide both in-home care and group activities. The program will also be looking into implementing services that allows elders to participate in recreational, cultural, and physical activities, while also allowing them to access the meal program and to interact with other tribal elders. The project will provide service to approximately 50-100 elders on a daily basis and provide a variety of activities to promote the mental and physical health of elders.

The **Numaga Senior Program** holds an annual Senior Fun Day. This program had set aside June 12, 2008 for the event at Pyramid Lake in Sutcliffe, NV. The State of Nevada Division for Aging Services had provided funding in the amount of \$2,500 to help with food purchases, provide portable restrooms and other needed supplies for the event. This year they had almost 300 seniors attend, coming from all over Northern Nevada to visit Pyramid Lake, meet and make friends, eat a nutritious meal and enjoy the Senior Fun Day activities.

The **Library** received a \$6,000 basic grant from the Institute of Museum of Library Services under the Native American Library Services Program. The grant is intended to inform the residents of resources the library has to offer and to make the library an attractive, inviting and fun environment the community will enjoy visiting. The library will begin developing special collections that would include photographs, news clippings, oral and written histories relating to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Since minimal library services are available in Wadsworth and Sutcliff services will be expanded. Lastly, it will initiate strategies of transitioning library materials from printing to electronic. The community needs to feel that the Tribal Library is keeping up to date-technically speaking, and not left out of the mainstream.

The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety Division of Emergency Management awarded the **Emergency Response Program** supplemental funding of \$14,332 to purchase rope gear for the search and rescue team. Also, \$5,303 was awarded to buy scuba gear for this rescue team for underwater diving with training. Additional funding was provided for personnel in the amount of \$20,000. Mr. Terence Bohl has been working very hard in securing funding for the fire department, emergency management, hazardous materials and homeland security programs.

The Division of Energy and Mineral Development has awarded the **Energy and Mineral Development Program** \$85,000 for seismic data acquisition for their geothermal project. These funds are more than we requested because they believe more data should be acquired.

News & Kudos from your Colleagues

Jon Pishion has left the grants administrator role to take on the role of Program Development Coordinator for the Fallon Paiute-Shoshone Tribe. Welcome **Sandra J. Hicks** as the new Contracts & Grants Administrator.

Leticia Burke, the former Grants Accounting Specialist left at the end of March and **Pamela Gibson** has taken over the job of Grants Accounting Specialist and will be providing financial oversight on grants management.

If you have any questions regarding these grants or have questions please feel free to contact us at the below number or e-mails.

Contracts & Grants Office

208 Capitol Hill

Nixon, NV 89424

(775)574-1000

shicks@plpt.nsn.us

pgibson@plpt.nsn.us



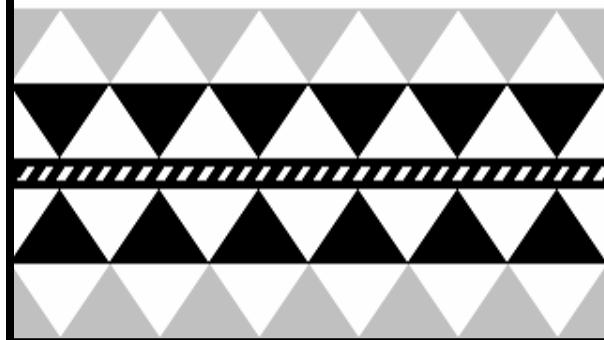
The family of "Disco" Daniel Tobey who passed suddenly on April 4th, 2008 express our gratitude and appreciation to all of you for being with our family during our most difficult time.

Family & friends, Clinic, EMT staff, Tribal staff, Northern NV Medical Hosital, Dale & Shirley Kaneshige, Penny Mix, Dominick Mix, LeAnne Mix, James Cole



Tribal Council Meetings
1ST Friday of each Month at 7:00PM

3RD Friday of each Month at 6:30PM



Burning Man Event 2008

LOCALS and TRIBAL MEMBERS EARLY REGISTRATION

Saturday JULY 19th

10am-2pm in Gerlach at the BM office

and 3pm-7pm in Nixon at the Natural Resources Building

To lighten the load on the laminate office at Burning Man, we are offering a day of early registration. This means you can pay for your local pass and get your photo taken ahead of time, then when you want to come to Burning Man you just walk up to the box office and pick up your pass.

This will save you a separate trip and time spent waiting at the gate for your pass to be made.

You will still need to provide all the information listed on the Local Pass Info sheet (ID and proof of residency/tribal card).

For tribal members, you must have a Pyramid Lake or Summit lake tribal card and reside in the surrounding area. At this time no other tribal cards are accepted and residents of Reno are not accepted.

You do not pay for guests at this time, only for your pass.

Guests still need to be signed up before Friday Aug 23rd. You can write down your guests at early registration or by calling in but once you have names down they can't be changed.

If you are an Empire or Gerlach resident, you can also call Sherry at the Burning Man office and sign up with her. Her number is: 775-557-2200

If you are with the Paiutes and would like to sign up for early registration, please email playafrog@burningman.com with your full name. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have as well.

Thanks! The laminate pass crew

PYRAMID LAKE POLICE DEPARTMENT



“Don’t Let This Be You”

The Pyramid Lake Police Department in conjunction with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Highway Safety Office and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, will be holding numerous high visibility saturation patrols and sobriety checkpoints throughout the month of July through September, 2008. We would like to wish everyone a safe and sober 4th Of July Weekend and a wonderful summer. Please remember if you drink don't drive, get a designated driver, and always remember to buckle up.

TRIBAL COURT NEWS July 2008

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Jeremy Baker
Gary Brown Jr
Gibson Fielder
Bo Jackson
Steve James
Royce Kochampenasken
Kevin Melius
Teresa Royer
James Shaw
Everette Smith
Juanita Thompson
Patrick VanBrundt
Delson Williams

Dustin Barlese
Phelon Brown
Joanna Hancock
Boyd Jackson V
Bryan Johnson
Teresa Lenoir
Sterling O'Neil
Richard Sander
Shawn Shaw
Reuben Smith
Nicholas Thompson
Maynard Victor
Martin Williams

Roberto Bitsilly
Garrett Fellows
Frank Henry Jr
Sebastian Jackson
Rayfield Kelly
Duane Lopez
Cecelia Phoenix
Lonnie Savage
Reed Skenadore Jr
Shepard Taylor
Leland Vaca
Walter Washington
Sharon Williams

Note to the Public:

Due to the problems that have arisen regarding the posting of documents at public places within the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation, the following changes will occur. When Name Changes and/or House Title Transfers are filed they will now be published in the Tribal Newspaper along with being posted in public buildings due to individuals continually removing documents from public buildings even though the documents clearly state "Do Not Remove." The posting period will not be complete until the newspaper has been published with the information and has been mailed out to the tribal members and 20 days have passed. This process will ensure that all tribal members have been able to view the document that has been posted for public comment.

2008 EAGLE STAFF RUN

Submitted by Erin Calvin
Chief of Police
Pyramid Lake Police Department



JASON NARCHO (TOP, time 1 hr. 58 min.) PYRAMID LAKE YOUTH (BOTTOM, right behind Jason)

Thank you all for contributing to the success of the 2008 ESR. The Pyramid Lake Police Department was delighted to be able to sponsor this event to so many strong participants. We greatly appreciate the assistance of all Tribal departments, outside agencies and vendors who volunteered or donated their services and time. With your continued support we can continue to give back to our community.



Tribal Enrollment Services

The Office of Tribal Enrollment is open Monday through Friday during normal work hours. Please call ahead of time to ensure that staff is available to process your requests. The office has been moved to a different location; please check in at the front desk upon arrival.

ID Cards: The Enrollment Committee has proposed amendments to the Card Issuance Policy; the amendments are under review by the Tribal Council as of this writing. The amendments, if approved, will be included in next month's article.

Confidentiality Policy: The Committee has also proposed amendments to the program's Confidentiality Policy which governs access and handling of enrollment records and confidential information. The policy has been in place since 1997 and has not been amended since its initial approval. This policy is a requirement of the program's BIA contract and also the Federal Privacy Act which requires procedures for any agency that maintains a system of records. The amendments are under review by the Tribal Council.

Paternity: As a reminder to all moms out there, please remember to establish paternity for your child. Many times we have processed applications under the mother's blood quantum only, not including the father's blood until paternity is established. Remember, the child is entitled to all blood that is documented by other tribes through either parent. Increasing your child's total will benefit not only your child, but future generations to follow.

Social Security Numbers: Another reminder to those parents who have not yet submitted their child's social security card with their applications, please provide a copy to the Enrollment Office as soon as possible. This has been a membership requirement as of June, 2006.

Blood Quantum: As our families move further and further away from the Base Roll, we notice a decrease in the total blood quantum. Some families are already three generations away from the Base Roll, while others are one or two generations. All Pyramid Lake Paiute blood is based on the information contained on the Tribe's Base Roll. We have seen a trend of tribal members marrying outside of the tribe, resulting in an increased enrollment of children who possess non-Indian blood. In calculating blood quantum, the child is entitled to half of the parent's total blood. When parents are not married, we can only count the father's blood through the establishment of paternity and the child is entitled to half of the father's total blood. The breakdown of various tribes is called a segregated total. The segregated blood can sometimes result in complex blood quantum calculations. The child may have Paiute blood but it is not necessarily all Pyramid Lake blood. It can include Paiute blood from neighboring tribes and is calculated to obtain a total degree of Paiute blood. Some tribes only maintain their tribal blood and do not certify any other blood the person may possess from other tribes. However, it has been the long-standing practice of the Enrollment Office to document all non-tribal blood to the benefit of the tribal member. Procedures are used within the office and are being proposed for inclusion in the amended enrollment ordinance. Including this in the ordinance will help protect the integrity of the enrollment system and staff.

New Members/June, 2008: We welcome the following new members of the Tribe for the month of June:

**Eli Gabriel Chambless
Terrance Vidal Fellows
Donnalee Dove Malone
Leanna Kay Smith.**

All of these children have met the requirements for eligibility under Ordinance III (*First Revision*) and are direct lineal descendants of a Base Enrollee.

Membership Statistics: Below are the most recent statistics of the tribal membership:

2,720	Total Membership
-334	Minus Deceased Members
2,386	** Total Living Membership as of

06/25/2008
**These numbers are subject to change monthly based on Tribal Council action to approve new members, and based on membership status changes (relinquishments/disenrollments/deceased). The first total (2,720) is the number of individuals who are enrolled in the Tribe, the second total (334) is the number of deceased individuals, and the third total (2,386) is the actual living membership of the Tribe. The names of the deceased are not removed from the membership roll for descendency purposes.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please contact the Tribal Enrollment Office 775.574.1000, Ext. 115; or you may email your comments to: plptnsn@plpt.nsn.us

16th Annual Region 9 Tribal EPA Confer-

October 22-24, 2008—San Francisco, CA

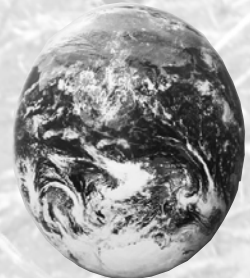
Regional Tribal Operations Committee — October 20-21, 2008

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August, 2008 thru Sept 15, 2008

After Sept 15, 2008

Registration and a draft agenda will be posted on the PLPT Website by August 2008

These dates are subject change and will be adjusted accordingly.

For **UPDATED** information, conference, exhibitor or vendor Fees, please visit the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's website at www.plpt.nsn.us under Events or contact Lela Christensen at 775.574.1000 x125 or lgleyva@plpt.nsn.us



NUMAGA SENIOR CENTER HOSTS ANOTHER GREAT EVENT

By Mrs. Paul

The Numaga Senior Center and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hosted the annual Senior Fun Day in Sutcliffe on Thursday, June 12, 2008. The Fun Day event was located at the Pyramid Lake Fisheries Lake Operations facility.

Approximately 175 guests attended to play BINGO and enjoyed a fine barbeque and entertainment.

Tribal Events Coordinator, Lela Christensen, organized the entire day from renting the tent, coordinating with the Numaga Senior Center staff with food preparation duties to collecting over forty BINGO prizes. Mr. Jim Plympton, Tribal Maintenance Supervisor, again offered his outrageous "stand-up comedy" to his Master of Ceremony duty.

The Numu Tookwasu Veterans Group provided the color guard presentation to pay tribute to all veterans present. However, on a sad note, they also remembered a fallen comrade who died during the previous evening.

Senior citizens from Gerlach, Fernley, Silver Springs, Reno-Sparks Indian Colony, Lovelock, Fallon, Schurz and Pyramid Lake attended the Senior Fun Day and all were very pleased with the activities.

(Photos by Paula Paul)



The Wadsworth Brownie Troupe members were available to help deliver the BINGO prizes to the happy winners.



Kim Dunn dressed for the occasion to serve cool drinks to the guests at the Senior Fun Day.



Christine Dunn and Bernita Teton found warmth in the noonday sun. It was a bit chilly under the big tent.



Simon Harris, our local Navy Veteran, welcomed a moment for the photographer.



Adrian Paul came out to dance for the Senior Fun Day. He is a senior at Pyramid Lake High School.



Flora Greene minds her BINGO card during the afternoon activities.

NUMAGA SENIOR CENTER'S SENIOR FUN DAY JUNE 12, 2008-SUTCLIFFE NV

I would like to thank all of the following volunteers and/or staff for your help and donations.

We served approximately 200 Seniors from 13 different Seniors Centers in the local area. Once again with your help and donations of your time and gifts, you made the Senior Fun Day a great success. We heard a lot of great compliments, so your are to be commended. THANK YOU!!

Della John
Gina Wadsworth
Ginger Howard
Sandy Garcia
Dehan Dominguez
Ben Dominguez
Lori Black
Torey Byington
Carol Smith
Deb Smith
Jolyne Sander
Thomas Hernandez
Michelle Moore
Jennifer Moore
Mervin Wright
Ken Paul
Paula Paul

Adrian Paul
Ima Scott
Rhonda Kochamp
Janet Crutcher
Karen Moore
Iggly Dunn
Michael Dunn
Sarah Mandell
Elizabeth Thomas
Cisco Mesqueira
Jason Degarmo
Joe Mendes
Desmond Mitchell
Denise Shaw
Robert Eagle
Rodney Hawley
Kia Blindman

Fred Davis
Bob Burns
Vinnie Hawley
Penny Mix
Gladys Hicks
Rosalie Dunn
Grace Hill
Bunnie Pancho
Verna Plympton
Kim Dunn
Suzie "Minnie Pearl" Albright

and a special THANK YOU to our Girl Scout's Arcelia Black Owl-Christy and Teana Goade

THEN of course, the MAIN MAN "JP" Plympton

I'm sorry if I missed anyone. Every working together made this a successful event and I am sure the Seniors enjoyed themselves and appreciated everyone's efforts.
On behalf of the Numaga Seniors, Lela Christensen



Solid Waste and You

What is solid waste, exactly? Garbage. Rubbish. Trash. Things that you throw away. The average American throws away approximately 4.6 pounds of solid waste every day. Solid waste plays a part in our everyday life, as every individual consumes and discards. Solid waste costs money to create, which is passed on to you, the consumer, and it costs money to get rid of, which you also pay for. Most people pay for a residential curbside pick-up service of some kind, to dispose of their normal house-hold solid waste. Therefore, it goes without saying that solid waste is a costly part of our lives, that oft times goes unaccounted for.

In my first month here, I have been learning a lot about my new responsibilities in management of the Solid Waste Program for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. I have looked at what it costs the Tribe to haul, dispose of, clean-up, and manage solid wastes for its residents. Here are some of the facts:

- Solid waste on this reservation is wholly paid for by the Tribe
- Last year the Tribe hauled away 628 tons of solid waste from its transfer sites (in Sutcliffe, Nixon, and Wadsworth)
- To pay landfills to dispose of the wastes from the transfer sites cost the Tribe \$32,000 dollars
- To haul that much waste, it cost the Tribe \$28,000 dollars in gas, and the price of diesel is only going to increase
- There is a general increase in the trend of solid waste generated over the one year period
Last year residents of the Tribe only paid \$8,328 dollars of the Public Utilities fees which go to pay for the management of solid waste

Looking over the data and the budgets, it was easy to see solid waste on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation is a huge cost and burden to the Tribe and affects every individual living on the reservation. When costs of landfill fees and gas alone total to \$60,000 dollars, and you include the cost of employees to drive and clean-up the waste, and added costs of illegal dumping by people who do not pay for their disposal, by people living off of the reservation coming here to dump so they "don't have to pay" for this service, the cost goes up even more.

I don't think that people really understand the impacts of solid waste on themselves and others. Those who dispose illegally put the burden of disposal on the Tribe, and that financial burden gets passed on to every individual Tribal member who could have more resources to pay for programs, to make the reservation a more cleaner, safer, and productive environment. When people dump at open sites that are not regulated, this could leak contaminants into the soil, and when the rains and snow come, they move the contaminants directly into the river system, where they are washed into the lake. Burning of solid waste also has its impacts. Things that burn that aren't meant to be burned often become harmful gasses that now have easy access into our soils and lungs.

Everything is connected. We are all connected. When you hurt the environment, you hurt yourself in the end. I've heard some people say that they shouldn't have to pay for solid waste disposal. That attitude moves the burden to the Tribe, and in the end, it will affect all of its members.

The truth of the matter is, our budget barely allows us to maintain what we do have here. We don't have the time or resources to spend cleaning up open dumps and illegal oil pits. Our ancestors lived in a natural environment, recycling or reusing almost everything. The evidence is that there is no evidence of any large accumulations of waste. In this day and age we must accept responsibility to ourselves and the environment and care for what we do have. Keep Pyramid Lake clean and keep it beautiful.

I wanted to send this out so that the community knows and understands the issues regarding Waste Management on the reservation, and in particular, the Wadsworth transfer station that is currently closed.

Frequently asked questions are:

Why is the Wadsworth station closed and others remain open?

Answer: The Wadsworth site has often been identified as one that is frequented by illegal dumpers. By illegal dumpers, that includes non-Tribal members who use the site, Tribal members who do not live on the reservation and use the site, people that use the site to dump anything other than normal house-hold waste. The closure is also related to the fact that we do not have a truck up and running to haul the waste to a landfill site.

If the Wadsworth site is closed, where are people supposed to take their garbage?

Answer: According to the Solid Waste Ordinance, every person living on the reservation is responsible for their own waste accumulation and disposal. That being said, we are offering the curbside service to people that request it. Otherwise, people can dispose of their waste at the Fernley transfer station operated by Waste Management. Yes, it does cost to dump in Fernley, but solid waste incurs a cost no matter where you throw it away, and when you push the burden on the Tribe, that cost has to be accounted for somewhere, which has put us in the situation that we are in currently.

I thought that curbside service was not free and costs a monthly PUD bill. How do we pay or how does that work?

Answer: The PUD bill includes the curbside service for those who pay. For those who do not have an account, part of the agreement when you set that up means that you will pay. The Finance Department is in charge of billing and payment. You can pay them directly and the cost is 13.50 per month for Water and Solid Waste. Send your payments directly through them, at the beginning of the month.

I haven't received my PUD bill in quite some time, how come, and does this mean I still have to pay?

Answer: In the past, the Environmental Department had assumed the billing process, but due to lack of staff, and accounting abilities, we will no longer be doing that. That responsibility will fall under the Finance Department, which is currently building itself up to the capacity for billing for PUD accounts. Yes, you do still have to pay! The cost to operate and manage your solid waste does not end because a bill was not submitted. The cost is very real, and still there. Payments should be made to the Finance Department and payroll deductions forms are located there as well. If your account was closed and past due, that will be reconciled at a later time, right now it is import to us to be able to service the community.

When will the dump be open again?

Answer: When our truck is fixed and we are able to operate under normal conditions. This will be in about a week or two from now. However, a new schedule will be developed to have the dump open with someone there. It will be regulated, so expect to only throw away your normal house-hold garbage. To throw away more than that will put the burden on the Tribe, which does not have unlimited finances to accommodate anything other than normal accumulations. The other transfer sites will also be on a new schedule of being open with someone there to monitor.

Thank you all for your continued patience and support.

John Mosley
Acting Environmental Director

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It is important that each of us understand that rules, business practices, regulations, policies, and laws must be enforced by the authority vest in leadership positions. These principle operatives can be compromised, but at the sake of the Tribe, they were established for order and orderly management. It can not be understated without remorse that some enforcement decisions are not easy, and may not be popular, but it is a part of the job and for the business sake of the Tribe, it must be done.

Unity is a fundamental component of tradition that can not be separated from society. Our society has evolved where division and animosity is prevalent throughout our community. If we can not move past what is the past, we will not be able to realize what is today and what can be for tomorrow. Unification will be an objective that will be put into out sites as a target we must achieve hitting.

The securities fraud hearing was moved to a trial. It has not yet been scheduled as the defendant is making legal maneuvers complicating the process. One this for sure is that Mr. Joe Kelso has three prior felony convictions, but yet it close to securing an agreement in October 2007 with the Tribe. This entire matter is under investigation and it has implicated former tribal officials. The defense will be to defend the actions of the Tribal Council preventing the project to move forward.

The *High Desert Recreation v. Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe* litigation is in a mediation stage where the two parties are working to settle prior the case being heard at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. Due to the nature of settlement negotiations, it is unfortunate that details can not be shared at this point. It is important, however, to report that the work to settle is important to the Tribe and that which ever the outcome, preserving the interests of the Tribe is priority.



The Diabetes Wellness Program will be offering Tai Chi classes taught by Mark Lord two times a week. The classes are held every Monday in Sutcliffe and every Wednesday in Nixon. See below for additional information.

Eligibility requirements include: diabetic patients and their families, members of the PLPT community and PLPT tribal employees. See attachment for Mark Lord's resume as a Tai Chi instructor. If you have any questions please contact Janet Crutcher at 574-1018 ext. 239.

Tai Chi Class Schedule:

Monday at the Sutcliffe Community Center 6:30 pm-7:30pm

Wednesday-Nixon Health Clinic 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Snacks will be available after Tai Chi class

No special clothes or shoes are needed. Just dress to be comfortable.....



Tai Chi also known as "flowing waters" is an ancient Chinese practice that focuses on building strength, balance and flexibility through slow, fluid movements combined with mental imagery and deep breathing. The basic movements are performed slowly and gently; suitable for almost anyone, including non-diabetics and seniors.

Tai Chi is done in a slow regular pace using the whole body, mind and breath. It has been used for centuries in China to enhance and improve health. Evidence has shown that Tai Chi improves relaxation, fitness, hypertension, muscular strength, flexibility, balance, and cholesterol and blood glucose levels.

Tai Chi can be done almost anywhere at any time. Tai Chi can even be practiced in a chair. Loose clothing and flat shoes are the only requirements. A typical one-hour Tai Chi class includes gentle stretching, breathing exercises and a progressive presentation of the elements of the Tai Chi form. A short meditation may begin or end the session. Activities move at a slow, deliberate pace that leaves students feeling relaxed yet energized.

The Tribe initiated a process to secure bids to conduct a feasibility analysis on the prospect of gaming on the reservation. The focus is the I-80 corridor and the extent of the gaming capability will be determined through the feasibility report. It is with this that the commitment to complete the project is at hand and it can only be stopped or prohibited by us. Gaming ideas have been promoted in the past, but to start with the feasibility is a critical component and it is reasonable to see the Tribe proceed with optimism, but with caution.

6 constitutional amendments were presented to the Tribal Council on June 20, 2008. No action was taken and it was suggested that the people should initiate the process. The petition option is time consuming and it is logically understood that regardless of how the process is initiated the vote of the membership is ultimate. It would be easier to initiate the process by the Tribal Council just as it was in 2002 with a unanimous vote to proceed with constitution amendments then; why nothing was completed would need to be determined.

The six amendments include: 1) 18 year old voting age with no residency requirement – absentee ballots; 2) Chairman and Vice Chairman with four year terms with candidacy requirements; 3) Tribal Council members with four year terms and candidacy requirements; 4) Article III, Section 4 is redundant and would respond by items 2 and 3 enactment; 5) expanding Tribal Council Removal and including a recall election process; and 6) removing lease requirement restriction to 5 years. A full educational effort would provide information for all voters as an election could be scheduled. It is proposed that these amendments would not take effect until after January 1, 2009 if the election is scheduled in 2008, or to possibly schedule the election in early 2009.

Please contact the Tribe with any questions you may have regarding tribal operations. Thank you. Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman

**PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 2, 2008**

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Gordon Frazier Janet Davis
Johnnie Garcia Jason Davis
Genevieve John Judith Davis
Sherry Ely Mendes
Carla Eben, Vice Chairman Clayton Servilican

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the May 2, 2008 regular meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 7 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmember Janet Davis arrived at 7:09 p.m.; Vice Chairman Eben arrived at 7:12 p.m.; and, Councilmember Judith Davis arrived at 7:27 p.m. All other Tribal Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated the Enrollment Officer requested to be taken off of the agenda and to move the approval of enrollment applicants to the Consent Agenda. The budget for the grant can be removed. There are requests from the Pyramid Lake Veteran's & Warriors group, Wadsworth Headstart Program, Matthew Grosch, and Rich Davenport. Carman Tobey, Jr. stated he would like to be included on the agenda.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carman Tobey, Jr. stated that prayer is fine but there is a reason for prayers not being said in schools and he believes religion in the Tribal Court, is wrong. He thinks there shouldn't be prayer the way it was said. He has a different belief now and doesn't believe it's right. Carman also said he believes it is a violation to have everyone stand or have people walk out and it's not right at the Council level.

CONSENT AGENDA

Councilmember John stated she has corrections on the March 21, 2008 Tribal Council meeting minutes on page 7, third line, regarding the land assignment for Lisa Thomas. It should state Lisa Thomas and not Karole McQueen. Also, not all the pages were received for the April 18, 2008 meeting minutes. Chairman Wright stated that set of minutes can be taken off of the Consent Agenda.

Councilmember John then made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were 7 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention, **motion carried**. **RESOLUTION NO. PL 34-08** (Enrollment)

PRESENTATION

Weed and Seed Program – Daphne Emm: Daphne Emm stated she is the director of the Weed and Seed Program. This program is funded through the Department of Justice and they work in the communities to “weed out crime and negative aspects of a community and seed in positive programming and positive resources for the residents.” She was asked to begin speaking with the Tribes in Nevada. There is grant application being distributed in May which is due at the end of the summer. There are four components: law enforcement, community policing, treatment component, and a neighborhood restoration component. This will develop a strategy to take the resources we have available, identify the gaps and needs, and develop a plan that will implement the strategy in the communities. The problem is a population requirement of 3,500 residents and Pyramid Lake does not meet it. Daphne said she spoke with Reno-Sparks Colony and if the two communities are combined to meet the population requirement, a strategy could be developed. If the Tribe agrees to move forward, we would have a committee at Pyramid Lake and at Reno-Sparks Colony.

Daphne said a team will have to be developed to determine the issues are and begin developing a strategy. This has to be in place before a grant application is submitted. If the Tribe is interested, she would like to start identifying people to be on the team. Councilmember Janet Davis asked if there is a match and Daphne replied there is a 25% match, but it can be an in-kind match.

Councilmember Janet Davis clarified with Daphne that she is requesting a committee and to move forward and Daphne replied yes and to start identifying the people who would be involved on this team and for permission to move forward with the program.

Della John, Tribal Administrator, said they thought it would be better to go through the Boys and Girls Club. Daphne said the biggest piece is building and collaboration. Another requirement is to have the U.S. Attorney's Office and DEA be involved and they are willing to participate.

Councilmember Janet Davis said it wouldn't hurt to see the grant and to make a decision later. The consensus of the Tribal Council was to move forward with this program.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Wes Williams, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated Wes Williams, Jr. submitted his report and invoice in the amount of \$1,367.55. Councilmember Jason Davis asked about the PLHS invoice. Vice Chairman Eben clarified that it falls under indirect cost. Councilmember Janet Davis said she didn't feel the letter regarding Crosby had to be written by the attorney.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the invoices for a total of \$5,222.55. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

Robert Maddox & Associates July 2007 Invoice: Councilmember Jason Davis said he thought the invoices were already approved. The Secretary explained she has been working with their accountants and in reviewing the monthly invoices, the July invoice had not been paid and in reviewing the Tribal Council meeting minutes, there was no indication the invoice had been presented to the Tribal Council.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Davis to approve payment of the July 2007 special and tribal counsel contracts for Robert Maddox & Associates. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STAND Neighborhood Watch Program – James Gibson: There were no representatives from this group. The Secretary stated she spoke with James Gibson today who informed her he would be at the meeting tonight. Councilmember Jason Davis suggested hearing this item later on in the meeting if someone should show up.

NEW BUSINESS

Donation Request for the Stewart Father's Day Pow-wow: The Stewart Father's Day Pow-wow Committee submitted a letter requesting a donation for the annual pow-wow which will be held June 13-15, 2008 at the Stewart Indian School Campus in Carson City. A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Davis to donate the group rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

Request from the Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors: The Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors group submitted a request for a donation to assist with the annual Memorial Day Celebration. The request is for \$500 to assist with the purchase of food items for the luncheon that will be held following the Memorial Day ceremony. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the budget has a line item that this request could out of. Chairman Wright said there is the donation line item and the sponsorship line item. A motion was made by Councilmember John to approve the amount of \$500 to the Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors group. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

Wadsworth Head Start: Councilmember John spoke on behalf of the Wadsworth Head Start. They are requesting a donation to assist with their graduation which is scheduled for May 24th. There will be 18 kids graduating from this center. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to donate the group rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were 8 for and 0 opposed, with 1 abstention (G. John). **Motion passes**.

Matthew Grosch Request to Film: Matthew Grosch is requesting permission to use Pyramid Lake as a film location for a documentary they are making for UK television. This documentary is the story of Richard Trenton Chase. The reason they chose Pyramid Lake as a location is the result of an event that took place on August 3, 1977 when Richard Chase was apprehended by BIA Officer Charles O'Brian and several other Tribal officers. They propose filming on May 18th between 4 p.m. and 10 p.m. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request if all permits and contracts are reviewed and fees are paid. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Councilmember Judith Davis said it doesn't say they will be working with our Tribal Police Officers or Rangers and she thinks they need to be involved. Votes taken were 7 for, 2 opposed, and no abstentions. **Motion carried**.

Rich Davenport: A fax was received from Rich Davenport requesting permission to use a Golden Access Passport issued by the federal government. This passport allows him free access to federal properties and he would like to use the passport at Pyramid Lake. The Tribal Council asked if the passport covers hunting, day use, fishing, camping and boating and how long the passport is good for. Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to deny the request from Rich Davenport. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were 5 for, 2 opposed, and 2 abstentions. **Motion carried**.

Request from Carman Tobey, Jr.: Carman Tobey, Jr. read the letter he had distributed to the Tribal Council. The letter is dated April 30, 2008: “Pyramid Lake Tribal Council Members, Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, P.O. Box 256, Nixon, NV 89424. Request for Tribal Council Action to Remove Tribal Chairman from Pyramid Lake All Pyramid Lake Judicial Matters – Past, Present & Future. We, the members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe hold the current Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. accountable as an elected official in this public forum and seek resolution through Tribal Council action.”

We, the members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe request the Tribal Council remove the current Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. from all matters pertaining to the Tribal Court. We wish to seek, full, fair and final resolution of the concerns and issues at hand which include current violations occurring within our Pyramid Lake Tribal Court System.

We, the members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe are holding Tribal Chairman Wright accountable for his unethical behavior, known bias and continued involvement in open cases within the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court without the consent or the knowledge of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council. He has shown no follow through or has brought forth any resolution of past and present letters of complaint/concern that were presented to him and then to the Tribal Council from November 2007 to present.

We, the members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe seek a respected, neutral leader with the experience and integrity to remain fair and impartial in regards to the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court. Chairman Wright has proven that he cannot and does not meet this requirement. He has failed to remain unbiased in matters pertaining to current and open court cases and has lost his ability to make fair decisions in the best interest of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

We, the members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe ask the Tribal Council to take the following action: 1. To uphold the Tribal Constitution and the Tribal Members rights to due process and a fair hearing by removing Chairman Wright's involvement from ALL court cases, issues, concerns (including current cases on Appeal from the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court); 2. To move forward with the investigation of violations which have occurred within the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court; 3. To appoint a Pyramid Lake Tribal Council member to oversee the supervision of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court; 4. To allow due process by hearing both parties and listening to all the facts when making decisions on any complaint filed by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court in order for equal protection for the Pyramid Lake Tribal Members; 5. To ensure that the Constitutional Rights of the Pyramid Lake Tribal members are protected by allowing them due process and maintaining the integrity of the statement innocent until proven guilty; 6. To review and report information regarding the current funding of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court to ensure that all resources are being made available to our Tribal Members are required by funding source guidelines; 7. To direct tribal personnel the implement Tribal Council recommendations regarding the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court violations as specified during the December 2007 meeting; 8. To investigate the Pyramid Lake Law and Order Committee for their failure to set up a hearing to answer complaints against the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court that were filed by Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal members; 9. To comply with the Tribal Members Constitutional rights that prevent retaliation from the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court; 10. To investigate the 2005 Tribal Juvenile Accountability Grant which has been implemented by the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court Administrator since May 18th, 2005 and expires in August of 2008 as there have been no juvenile court programs implemented for our juveniles specifically traditional and cultural.

We the Pyramid Lake Tribal Members respectfully submit this request and are seeking resolution of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court violations and make a formal request that the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council take a stand and STOP the abuse of power and corruption in all court matters, past, present and future.

Respectfully Submitted, The Pyramid Lake Tribal Membership; Ss//signatures attached."

It was stated there were no signatures included with the letter. Carman asked to have copies made of the signature pages.

Chairman Wright stated for those who have submitted complaints and those that were in attendance at the December 13, 2007 Tribal Council meeting – on December 17th, the following Monday, he issued a memorandum to the Law & Order Committee who had submitted 30 complaints. He asked for all of the information on the complaints so that he could follow up, verify and confirm and report back to the Tribal Council. He has not received anything as of this date.

Shaunee Sander stated her complaint on the Tribal Court was given to the Tribal Chairman. Her first complaint was in April 2007 and nothing happened with that complaint. She again submitted a complaint in November 2007 and that complaint went to the Chairman and he has all of the information on her complaint. She received a letter from the Chairman in January stating that the complaint was a personnel issue and sent to personnel, but in talking to Billie Jean Guerrero, Human Resources Manager, she did know of the complaint but did not have the documentation.

Terrylee Sampson stated she also received a letter regarding her complaint and received nothing else.

Carman read 3.02.140, Removal of Judges, "Any judge of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court may be suspended, dismissed or removed for cause by 2/3 of the vote of the Tribal Council; such vote being upon the recommendation of the Law & Order Committee. The judge has the right to notice and an opportunity for a hearing before the Law & Order Committee and the Tribal Council." Carman said to him, this means the Law & Order committee had an obligation to follow this law and that was almost six months ago and the problem is that the Law & Order Committee either doesn't understand what they are supposed to do or they are waiting for direction from the Tribal Council. There are two of the Committee members who have not been there for 3 or 4 meetings and why are they still on there. He would like to know why the Council has not done anything about these the two members.

Councilmember Mendes stated there is a process for committee members who wish to resign or those who have not attended three consecutive meetings.

Carman stated that the meetings are supposed to be posted at least 72 hours prior to the meeting and has that been followed and if not, then they are illegal meetings. Jolyne Sander stated no, it has not. She stated some of those have been workshops or working group.

Carman asked Chairman Wright if he had "gotten into anybody's cases?" Chairman Wright replied no. Carman then read the oath of the Tribal Council, "I solemnly swear that I will support, protect, and defend the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and the Constitution and laws of the United States against all enemies; that I will carry out faithfully and impartially, the duties of my office to the best of my ability; that I will cooperate, promote, and protect the best interests of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; that I will obey all laws and ordinances of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for the duration of my term serving on the Tribal Council."

Carman then asked what is happening with the judges that are accused of committing crimes against our people. He asked why is the Law & Order Committee sitting on these removal of the judges and why are they being protected.

Terrylee Sampson stated she has to support Carman on this because she came to the Tribal Council. This case is closed and there is a phony administrative (inaudible) about her being suspended from the Tribal Court. She told the Council her rights were being violated. She was supposed to have an attorney, an advocate to represent her and her advocate was denied. Everything that was discussed were bogus charges. She disputed them and showed the court they were all fake, yet, the Court still suspended her. She asked the Tribal Council what they were going to do and then Chairman Wright got involved who has done a lot of stuff in her cases and he should be off of it.

Carman then asked Chairman Wright if any of this is not true. Chairman Wright replied he is not sure what they define "unethical behavior" as being. He also doesn't mean what is meant by "being involved in open cases." He views open cases as talking to the judge or the prosecutor, which he has not done on any of the cases. Chairman Wright stated he understands what his relation is with the ITCN and he has to be careful when working with them.

It was asked if Chairman Wright was given a directive to look into the complaints and he turned around and pushed it on somebody else. Chairman Wright stated he did not have the information that was – (many people talking at once). Councilmember Janet Davis stated if it was a directive and it went to Law & Order and if they didn't respond then it should have been looked into. Chairman Wright stated at that meeting, the ground rules were that the Council was not going to hear any open cases. He wanted information so that he could find out how many were open cases.

Terrylee Sampson stated the Council did remove previous Chairman Alan Mandell from supervision of the courts. The Council has the capability of removing the Chairman from the court and he has gotten involved in the court system.

Carman also read from the constitution and By-laws, Amendment VII, Section 2 of Article V, Tribal Court, Judicial Code, shall be amended in its entirety to read as follows, "it shall be the duty of the council to establish by ordinance a tribal police force which shall have full jurisdiction upon the reservation in all cases not following within the exclusive jurisdiction of Federal courts. The authorities and duties under which it will function may be outlined by the council, and such police shall be employees of the council, and the police force shall be an agency of the tribal court." This is why it is the Tribal Council's responsibility and the Council may be violating this oath of office by sitting on this. It's time to do something about it and the next step is to do something with the oath. The obligation is to the Tribal members. Carman said he already has 60 signatures on the letter who are all voters and all he needs is a 1/3 and "you guys" will be gone.

Councilmember Jason Davis said it is his personal belief that the Chairman should step down and put it in the hands of the Law & Order Committee to start the investigation process of the complaints and have it come back.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to remove the Chairman from judicial matters and put the complaints to the Law & Order Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis.

Discussion: Chairman Wright stated before continuing with the vote, item #8 is asking for an investigation of the Law & Order Committee. Jolyne Sander said when the complaints were brought forward in December, she did receive a memo from the Chairman. She did ask Councilmember Judith Davis what the memo was about and was told that the Chairman was directed to look into the complaints. Jolyne Sander the Committee has been working on several different things. They have been working on the complaint process so that it will be fair to everybody. Because of the way the court system is set up, the judges fall under the Law & Order Committee and probation, court clerk and administrator fall under personnel. The advocate and prosecutor don't fall under the personnel policies or the Code. The people who filed a complaint have said they received a letter from Chairman's office that the complaints have been forwarded to personnel and Jolyne said she was under the impression that they were being handled.

Councilmember Servilican stated since the Committee is included in the letter, it shouldn't go to them. Councilmember Janet Davis suggests rescinding the motion in order to determine who it should fall under. Councilmember John said they are requesting the Chairman be removed from anything related to the court. Chairman Wright clarified that the motion is accepting the letter, but the direction is to give it to the Law & Order Committee. Councilmember Janet Davis said the Committee is included in the letter. She would suggest rescinding the motion to discuss it further.

The motion to remove the Chairman from judicial matters and put the complaints to the Law & Order Committee was rescinded.

Councilmember Jason Davis said his opinion is that they are asking for an investigation and to answer the complaints. Carman said there are a few things they are concerned with. A big concern is with item #10. Where is the grant money and where is it implemented for the children. He stated meetings are being held, no people are hired for this court – Councilmember Janet Davis asked where he is getting the information from. Carman said he is looking at the outline from the grant. Terrylee Sampson stated it is a \$300,000 grant that has never been implemented. Chairman Wright stated it is a 3-year, 3-phase grant program. He said the funding agency will have to be contacted to find out what the actual program project objectives are. He doesn't think there will be any resolution to the grant tonight.

Councilmember Mendes said there are several layers to what is happening with the court. The first layer are the citizens who feel the process has not been fair. These people went there and they felt as if, by looking at what happened in their particular case, didn't jive with what the Law & Order Code says. She stated when people complain to the Council, they should look at the process to see if it was followed and it's not a crusade at the court for an individual. As a Tribal Council, it can't be individualized on how to do this.

Chairman Wright said the option is to delegate the authority to the Tribal Administrator or Vice Chairman. Councilmember Judith Davis said in looking at the letter, there are duplicate items and she then came up with six items: 1) remove the Tribal Chairman from the Tribal Court; 2) check into the complaints that were filed; 3) some one from the Tribal Council member oversee the supervision of the Tribal Court; 4) look into the Contracts and Grants department; 5) investigate the Law and Order Committee; 6) miscommunication on the letters that were sent out; and 7) the Contracts & Grants department in looking at the juvenile grant.

Carman said he disagrees with Councilmember Judith Davis regarding what the Law & Order Committee has done. The law specifically outlines what they are supposed to do if they receive a complaint on a judge. If this Law & Order Code was followed, they wouldn't be here.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to remove the Tribal Chairman from judicial matters and move supervision of the Judicial department to the Vice Chairman. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were 7 for, 0 opposed and 2 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember John made a motion to follow through with the complaint process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes.**

Carman said there are Court of Appeal decisions and a higher court said you can't do this and if there is a judge or administrator doing the same thing, is that contempt of court. Councilmember Mendes asked if the Court of Appeals levy fines against the judges or court officers that are found to be in violation. Shannon Rambeau replied that an order of contempt could be done, but they don't overstep that. When an issue is ordered back to the court and if the Tribal Court doesn't do what the order states – the Appellate Court did their job. The Tribal Council is the Tribal Court's boss, it's up to the Council to enforce it. Councilmember Mendes said why would the Appellate Court be there to give people false hope that they are going to get resolution and a recommendation is sent back, that doesn't sound like a court action. She thinks the Appeals Court would take some kind of action. Shannon stated if the Tribal judge is not going to adhere to the order, then the time and money is wasted. Councilmember Mendes suggested a recommendation to the Committee could be done.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Pyramid Lake Housing Authority Board of Commissioners Vacancy: Chairman Wright stated there is one vacancy on the Board of Commissioners for the Housing Authority. Ed Ely, III and Ima Scott are the two individuals interested in serving on this Board. The Tribal Council then voted by ballot. Ed Ely, III received 5 votes and Ima Scott received 4 votes. Ed Ely, III was selected to serve on the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Davis to approve the resolution for the appointment of Ed Ely, III to the Board of Commissioners. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes.** **RESOLUTION NO. PL 35-08**

Councilmember Jason Davis asked Chairman Wright to read the names of the newly approved Tribal members. Chairman Wright then read the names: Albert Paz Banda-Phoenix, Nataani Broyce Bitsilly, Alicia Makaylie Diaz, Daisy Mae Eben, Lorena Sara Jane Eben, Jacob Sean Lowery, Kaitlin Mileah Mandell, Alessandra Danielle Mosqueira, Jerab Abraham Pino, Jr., Anna Marie Washington, Chyanna Mae Washington, and Devyn Skylyne Ray Williams.

Request Approval of Format for Charter and Guide Permit Licenses: The Tribal Secretary submitted a draft license for approval by the Tribal Council. This license would be issued to charters and guide services that are approved by the Tribal Council. A motion was made by Councilmember Jason Davis to approve the format of the permit license. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes.**

Councilmember John made a motion to take a short break. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes.**

The Tribal Council took a short break at 9 p.m. and reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Written report submitted. Chairman Wright stated he has one action item which is a report format for each Council member. Councilmember Judith Davis said she didn't fully understand what was being requested because she thinks every Tribal Council action would be reflected in the minutes. She doesn't believe the Council should be doing anything outside of being directed to by the Tribal Council. Vice Chairman Eben stated her opinion is if you are sitting on any committees and once your name is listed as being present that would be the accountability. There was a lengthy discussion regarding priorities of the Tribal Council and strategic planning. Councilmember Servilican stated to Chairman Wright that he would like to see him follow through with the bingo hall concept. Chairman Wright stated a meeting can be scheduled for strategic planning.

Chairman Wright said a copy of the decision from the California bar on Pelcyger was distributed to the Tribal Council. Councilmember Jason Davis said he did bring this up at the last meeting and Bob denied it, but he would like to know why Bob denied it. Chairman Wright he received the decision last week. The decision was dated March 18th and a month later, Bob stood in front of the Council and denied it. Chairman Wright said he spoke with the BIA regarding the attorney contract and Fred Drye informed him that the BIA would not approve the contract. John Jackson spoke with Bob who agreed to make it into a consultant contract.

Chairman Wright said the Water Team would like to have a special Council meeting on May 9, 2008. There is a need for discussions with the Tribal Council and possible decisions that may have to be made. A meeting is scheduled for May 9, 2008 at 6 p.m. with the Water Team.

The TROA/MOA was executed on April 25, 2008. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service turned over lead management responsibility to the Tribe over the facilities that manage our water resources. The Tribe is the team lead with regard to deciding releases out of Stampede and Prosser Creek reservoirs. The interagency interdisciplinary team (Pyramid Lake Tribe, Bureau of Reclamation, BIA, Fish and Wildlife Service, Federal Water Master) will be meeting to discuss the flow regime that is currently instituted for River management and because of the forecast and no precipitation, the flow regime will shift.

Chairman Wright stated the Tribe's gaming compact proposal was given to Wes Williams for review. Wes also contacted the State to begin the compact negotiations with the State of Nevada. A request for proposals has been drafted and it includes both Class II and Class III gaming.

The Tribe received a letter from the Western Regional Water Commission for a representative and delegate from the Tribe. This representative has been previously shared between Fisheries and the Water Resources Department. Nominations will be made from the IDT. We also received a letter from the Washoe County Water Resources seeking an individual to serve on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee. Darrell Gardipe from the Reno-Sparks Colony had been serving on this Committee. Darrell resigned and he recommended a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe to serve on this committee. The letter will be taken to the IDT for a recommendation.

Finance: Chairman Wright informed the Council that interviews were held for the Contracts/Grant Accounting Specialist and we are now waiting for the individual to accept the position. In the past 2 weeks, more contracts and grants have been audited. The grants for the Water Resources Department have been done and the fund accounts have been consolidated into one. He explained the problems that have been occurring with the different departments and their grants. The transition is continuing.

Councilmember Janet Davis asked if the Tribal Comptroller position has been posted and were there applicants. Chairman Wright said the decision was made to resign and with the audit on Water Resources funding and having the Contracts/Grants Accounting Specialist completed, it is hoped we are going to be able to complete what was started. The Comptroller had previously stated that there won't be a report on a budget that has not been audited.

Councilmember Mendes clarified that the resignation was rescinded and Chairman Wright replied yes. He said he didn't find out until today. Councilmember Janet Davis stated she feels the Council is out of the loop. Councilmember Mendes thought the Council accepted the resignation. Chairman Wright said there was nobody there to appoint for supervision. Councilmember Janet Davis asked if we are still advertising for a Comptroller or what is going on. Chairman Wright said no, we are not. Councilmember Mendes asked if we received a formal request from Ralynn to rescind her resignation because there were some comments made in her resignation letter. Chairman Wright said the personnel policies don't state anything regarding this situation and the Tribe has been inconsistent with these types of situations.

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Councilmember Janet Davis stated she thinks it should be advertised and go through the process. She said everyone is under the assumption that she resigned, but the Council doesn't know what is going on. Councilmember Judith Davis said as far as the Council knows, she resigned, and that is all they know.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to accept the resignation of the Ralynn James, Tribal Comptroller. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben.

Discussion: Councilmember Janet Davis said the Council already accepted the resignation on April 14th and the Council requested several items. Councilmember John then read a portion of the April 14th Council meeting: "Councilmember John clarified that the financial reports will be ready by Friday and Chairman Wright replied yes." This was after the Council discussed the resignation. The minutes also state, "He also has a list of the items that are being requested by the Tribal Council. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to have the items from the Comptroller prior to her departure and final pay. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carried." She stated that to her, the Council accepted the resignation. Councilmember Mendes stated Ralynn should submit a letter rescinding the resignation since the letter had been sent to the Tribal Council.

Chairman Wright stated there is a transition effort because we have to get the audits completed, the indirect cost rate proposals have to be done, and we can't have any down time. He said he would like to be able to continue.

The motion to accept Ralynn's resignation letter was rescinded.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked for clarification on what the process is going to be. Chairman Wright stated said Ralynn will have to write a rescission letter and she would have to explain why there is a change.

Councilmember John said she thinks that the Tribal Council accepted the resignation and when Ralynn decided to rescind her resignation, Chairman Wright should have brought it back before the Council for a decision because the resignation was presented to the Tribal Council. Councilmember Servilican said the rules can't be changed as we go along and we shouldn't be doing that. Councilmember Janet Davis said the Council knows how she feels about it. Councilmember Garcia said the letter said it all and it was a formal resignation that was accepted at the time. Vice Chairman Eben said she thought the Council accepted the resignation. Councilmember Frazier said Ralynn could apply for the position. Councilmember Jason Davis said if the resignation was accepted and it was her decision to resign and then decided yesterday to rescind it and he understands the state of the Tribe, but she resigned. In her letter it states she would work with the "unfortunate individual" who accepts the position. Councilmember Mendes said you know her opinion and if it was formally done with a letter, then a letter rescinding her resignation should be done. Councilmember Judith Davis said she made the motion on April 14th and she thinks it was accepted the resignation along with a list of items brought forward. If Ralynn was going to rescind her resignation, it should have been done in that 2 week time frame.

VICE CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Carla Eben: Vice Chairman Eben stated there is another child care conference in Portland and she is requesting permission to attend this conference. The conference will be held May 13-15.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve Vice Chairman Eben's travel request to Portland. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

Vice Chairman Eben stated she has been working on the beneficiary form. She also met with Roger Cole about building insurance. Regarding the underground storage tanks, we will need to determine who is responsible for bringing the tanks into compliance. There was a question of whether it was the operator or the Tribe.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion passes**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the ____ day of _____, 2008, having ____ members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of ____ for and ____ against, with ____ abstentions.

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____
Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Pyramid Lake Tribal Council



Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Gordon Frazier
Janet Davis
Johnnie Garcia
Jason Davis
Genevieve John
Carla Eben, Vice Chairman
Sherry Ely Mendes

Members Absent: Judith Davis Clayton Servilican

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the May 9, 2008 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 6 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

The opening prayer was given by Dan Mosley.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmembers Clayton Servilican and Judith Davis were not present at the meeting. Councilmember Janet Davis arrived shortly after roll call. All other Council members were present at roll call and a quorum was established for this meeting.

Also present were Bob Pelcyger, Don Springmeyer, Ali Shahroody, and John Jackson, Water Resources Director.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Councilmember Jason Davis stated he would like to address the letter regarding Finance. John Jackson, Water Resources Director, would like approval to post the changes to the Tribe's regulations. Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Councilmember Jason Davis read a portion of the email that was sent to the Council, "It is clear from Friday's meeting that the issues of the Tribe's financial substance are not important." He would like to know from Chairman Wright why he thinks it was not important. He feels it was important and it was addressed because the position was vacated and was necessary to get it posted as soon as possible. It was important to the Tribal Council. He said he knows it was the Chairman's view – Ralynn submitted her resignation and reinstated it at the end of third week and he would like to know why the Chairman felt it wasn't important to the Council.

Chairman Wright said in re-reading the message he thought the first sentence could have been placed later in the message. He thinks they recognize all the issues involved with the Finance Department and he was trying to explain the magnitude of the problems in Finance and expected it all to be cleaned up in the short time frame that Ralynn was here. The seven items that were discussed have been addressed and a report will be coming forth from the former Comptroller with recommendations. He realizes the memos and emails aren't helpful and today, after meeting with Genevieve, everything is under control. Sometimes he can be candid and sometimes pushes it and he does realize that. The Contracts & Grants Accounting Specialist position has been filled and the reports will be done. It will take at least a year to get caught up with the reporting. The delegation of signing off on requisitions, employee action notices, and budget modifications have been completed today. He can't say for sure if Ralynn will be here next Wednesday, but he did ask her for the report.

Councilmember Janet Davis asked if the Tribal Council will receive a plan for the Finance Department, as far as the direction and how many employees will be hired. The Accounts Payable position is posted and the Contracts & Grants Accounting Specialist was filled and will begin on Monday. The Comptroller position has been posted. The Comptroller will be the one to determine the needs for the department. Councilmember Mendes said why wait on posting for the Accounting supervisor because she believes the position was approved. Chairman Wright said it could be posted on Monday and will follow-up on it.

Councilmember Janet Davis asked if Gina Sander took over Alvin's position. John Jackson replied it was contracted out temporarily and he believes Chairman Wright is developing a new position to handle the realty. Chairman Wright clarified that he did the comparability and the position is called "property manager." The realty manager focused on land exchange and water rights purchases and somewhere along the line the Tribe became a landlord. Currently there is almost 100% collection rate. Inspections on the homes were done and recommendations will be forthcoming. Councilmember Mendes asked about the timeline to go to personnel and Chairman Wright said John has the proposed job description and it should go to the Personnel Committee next week. Councilmember Mendes asked if funding was available for the supervisor position and Chairman Wright replied yes, it was included in the budget.

Vice Chairman Eben said she is leery of signing checks. She asked for a list of equipment that was being purchased because Roger Cole had requested it. Chairman Wright stated the procurement policy states any item purchased that is over \$5,000 is considered equipment. Anything under that amount is difficult to maintain the inventory. Councilmember Janet Davis said any independent contractor provides their own equipment. Chairman Wright said once the contract ends, everything will remain in the program. Vice Chairman Eben asked the length of the contract and John said it ends on June 30. Chairman Wright said if the position is classified and filled before that date, then the contract could end. Vice Chairman Eben asked who the lead person is for the Finance Department and Chairman Wright said he is, but the signing authority is with the staff. Councilmember Mendes asked what Genevieve's role is and he stated he did meet with Genevieve today and she will be getting a list for him.

NEW BUSINESS

Water Team: John Jackson, Don Springmeyer, Ali Shahroody, and Bob Pelcyger were present.

Don stated he prepared two documents; one is a reference guide for the appeals and the other document is a list of files for active protests.

The reference guide are those that are matters on appeal with the State Engineer or in one exception case, the Recoupment case, which took place in front of Judge McKibben. There are a lot of items on appeal in various appellate courts.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked what happened to the issue of Dodge Flats when the rights were going to be sold to Fernley and the other half to the Tribe which was appealed. Don said right now Nevada Land & Resource has communicated a willingness to resolve the matter. Bob said there was a total of 1,430 AF the State Engineer said was available for appropriation which was half of what they were seeking and the Tribe said there was none available for appropriation and that it all contributed to the Truckee River. Also the State Engineer's calculation didn't take into account the water the Tribe was using because he said the Tribe didn't have any state permits and he doesn't recognize the Tribe has any federal reserve rights and didn't take into account the groundwater the Tribe was using. At some point there were negotiations with Nevada Land & Resource and we tried to purchase it with the land exchange program. The price of water increased and Fernley interests wanted to obtain that water. Nevada Land & Resource said they could sell the water to Fernley and they would turn over the remaining 1,750 AF to the Tribe, if the Tribe agreed to not challenge the use of the 1,750 AF by the developer but the Tribal Council rejected that. Ali said Nevada Land & Resource put a time limit on the 1,750 AF and after that it was unavailable. Don said the current situation is that they are interested in talking.

Don stated the second document is the protests. He said they are in the mode of where the State Engineer issues an order for a hearing or demand for brief and they respond. Councilmember Jason Davis asked about the Smoke Creek protests, there are two that are identical but have two different applicants, are they after the same water. These are numbers 74336 and 74337. Ali replied that Bright Holland is the same as Jack Rabbit properties.

Don said the first issue is the language for the special election ballot for TROA. The Water Team and leadership have exchanged suggestions and have different ideas and suggestions for the Council. This is the opportunity to talk about these things and a decision has to be made. The debate breaks down into simpler is better, which is his thought and Bob's is more descriptive. Chairman Wright and Gina contributed thoughts which were kind of in-between. There is a range of things to consider, but the voter has to answer yes or no to the question. The question is how much should be included.

Chairman Wright informed the Tribal Council that the Interior Department, State of California, and the State of Nevada, have reached the point of approving TROA. The Truckee Meadows Water Authority has just completed negotiations on the storage contract and they are clear to begin the approval process. It appears that everything is in place for approval by the five signatories.

Don said his suggestion is "I approve TROA and authorize the Tribal Council to sign it and implement it."

Bob said there are requirements in the statute that have to be satisfied and there are a lot of requirements in TROA. It's important for the membership to understand that just because TROA is signed, does not mean that it takes effect. His concern of presenting an over simplistic ballot question, could lead to misunderstandings. The question he grappled with was how to present a relatively simple question and but one that doesn't mislead the membership and preserve the Tribe's option, particularly with regard to the issue of unappropriated water.

The unappropriated water issue is we thought we had a deal with the State and they granted new permits to appropriate water from the Tracy segment. We believe it results in less water reaching Pyramid Lake, but they maintain they are able to do that and we say it's against the agreement and shouldn't be allowed. There is a requirement in the statute that says the unappropriated water has to be resolved to the mutual satisfaction of the Tribe and the State. He wants to make sure the Tribal referendum doesn't put the Tribal Council in a position of saying – or are they going to be directed to implement TROA and if we have to agree with the State no matter what the State says. He wants to make it clear the Tribal Council has options. TROA could be implemented in a way that the Tribal Council might not want to have happen. Bob said there is continuing responsibility and he was trying to develop language that would make it clear to continue

to work with other parties to implement TROA in a way to make sure the conditions are properly satisfied to the Tribe's point.

Bob said there is one condition that relates to the Tribe's interests and concerns and relates to unappropriated water issue. The statute says before it takes effect, there are five cases that are specifically mentioned that have to be either dismissed with prejudice or otherwise finally resolved. Three of those cases have been done away with so that leaves two cases. Those two cases both raise the issue of the Tribe's right to the unappropriated water. If the Tribe dismisses those cases with prejudice, then the strength of the Tribe's position on the unappropriated water issue would be weakened. The language would make it clear that the Tribal Council retains the authority to satisfy those conditions in accordance with the Tribe's view of those conditions. We want to make sure the conditions are properly satisfied from the Tribe's standpoint before TROA is implemented. The suits are in the statute that Congress passed. The Tribe has control over this because the Tribe can decide on whether to dismiss the cases or not to dismiss them. The Tribe's position is that it is up to the Tribe to decide only when the unappropriated water issue is satisfactorily decided.

Don said the other part is complicated and if you try to put it on the ballot, it could be gibberish to anyone except the Council and Water Team. The best way to explain it is through the education session. If there is concern about committing to doing this stuff after the signing, then the ballot question could be to just sign TROA. He believes that the Tribe has set itself to this task of the special election related to signing TROA. It is the Tribal Council's prerogative and responsibility and obligation to keep looking after the Tribe's best interests.

Chairman Wright said the other entities have their constituents and share holders and we have the Tribal membership. The states have delegated the authority to those departments to sign on its behalf and for the Tribe; it's up to the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Jason Davis said he suggests the question to be, "Do you want the Tribe to sign TROA and to implement Public Law 101-618?"

Bob said one of his concerns with Don's proposal, is that it just says "sign it or don't sign it." The problem is we have already met with the four parties and some of them take the position that if the Tribe signs TROA, then they are going to say that the Tribe agrees to dismiss the litigation. He would like to accomplish that if the Tribe approves TROA, to recognize this as an ongoing process and the Tribal Council will be the entity responsible for insuring the conditions are properly complied with.

Bob said the language he had was to say, "The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe should approve and sign the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA) and the Tribal Council should continue to work with the other TROA parties to satisfy the conditions necessary to implement TROA that is stated in Public Law 101-618 and in TROA."

Ali said his suggestion is: "The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe should approve and sign the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA); and implement TROA subject to the conditions stated in Public Law 101-618 and in TROA."

Don said they met with Mary Connelly in which she recognized the difficulty with the Fisheries fund and the wetlands that were created by the problem of the Bureau of Reclamation and Truckee Meadows Water Authority's (TMWA) negotiation for the storage contract. Also, there is the complicating factor of the storage contract is only for four years. Ali said there are substantial advantage and value in terms of the storage contract. Mary had asked them to make an evaluation. He did a supplemental evaluation and Don submitted those and that is supposed to be considered by the Senator's office in terms providing a one-time payment to the Fisheries program. They have fully heard our concerns on the loss of this revenue. Ali said his evaluation was based on the value of perpetuity.

Chairman Wright asked about the provision in PL 101-618 that establishes the fund, what obligation the Bureau of Reclamation or TMWA has with regard to satisfying that component of PL 101-618. Bob said no, it is completely in negotiations between those two and the Tribe is not a party to those negotiations. We have stated our position and urged Reclamation to hold the line. Don said the only obligation is if there is anything above operation and maintenance and that gets divided 50/50 of whatever the amount might be.

Councilmember Frazier asked about the 6,700 AF; the water used for the golf course. Bob explained it's a right to 6,700 AF per year and when TROA goes into effect, they are required to make available 6,700 AF that would be staying in the River and would flow to Pyramid Lake to improve water quality; and that water could also be stored. The amount is the value of the water right. It is important because we hope to be able to take that water right and turn them, through exchanges, into a lot more water for Pyramid Lake.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the question for the special election ballot to read: "SHOULD THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE APPROVE AND SIGN THE TRUCKEE RIVER OPERATING AGREEMENT (TROA), AND IMPLEMENT TROA SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS STATED IN PUBLIC LAW 101-618 AND IN TROA?" The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

of PL 101-618 that have gone into effect that are not related to TROA. For example, the Fisheries endowment funds. An important provision in TROA that directs the Secretary of the Interior to pursue and seek recovery of water that TCID illegally diverted and was not contingent upon TROA taking effect. Another provision that has not been implemented very well, directed the Secretary of Interior to update and implement recovery plans for the LCT and cui-ui. For the first 10 years it was implemented pretty well, but for the last few years, the Fish & Wildlife Services has forgotten about it. It's important to recognize that the overall settlement is not everything in TROA.

Don said the cui-ui has been a temporarily happy situation. Senator Reid called Secretary Kempthorn who consulted with Commissioner Johnson with the Bureau of Reclamation and they said they cannot delist the cui-ui. The exception was the fish & Wildlife Service. Secretary Kempthorn committed to Senator Reid to shelve the cui-ui delisting. It could come back later, but at least, for the foreseeable future, unless something destroys TROA, but until TROA is implemented, it seems the delisting is off the table.

TROA/MOA: Chairman Wright stated the first federal Interdisciplinary Team meeting was held on Wednesday with regard to TROA/MOA to discuss the forecast and meeting flow regime requirements under the Comprehensive Resource Management Plan. Now that the Tribe has the team lead, they sensed that all of their attention was focused on the Tribe and John had to make a decision as to what we were going to do with regard to releases out of Stampede.

Bob said TROA/MOA is a historic accomplishment. From 1844 until present day, the Tribe was basically dealt out of the Truckee River. For the first 150 years, it was everybody against the Tribe and this has now changed. Once TROA goes into effect, the Tribe will have more to say about the way in which the Truckee River is operated for the benefit of the Pyramid Lake fisheries and TCID is out of the picture. TROA is also a political document and over time, it should bring the parties together so they will be dealing with each other.

Bob said he would like to begin talking about having special meetings to discuss these water issues every month. There are an incredible number of issues that they need direction from the Tribal Council. He would like to give the "big picture." The greater importance is what role they play in trying to bring about the Tribe's major goals.

Bob says he sees four major goals: First, implement TROA. There are a lot of items that deal directly with implementation.

Second, is to complete the task of closing the Truckee Canal. This will be a lot harder to get, but the Tribe now has an incredible opportunity because of the breach of the Truckee Canal. The Tribe should come up with a plan for the reformulation of the Newlands Project. People have already been to Congress saying they should provide money to reconstruct and rebuild the Truckee Canal. The estimated cost is between \$28-400 million to repair. We need to be in the front with a plan and to work with other entities in making them allies.

Third, remove the effluent being discharged to the Truckee River. The TMWA, Reno/Sparks and Washoe County say that is a nice goal, but they have to discharge it somewhere. If there is no Truckee Canal, they won't have to worry about that and then we won't have to worry about discharges and significantly improve the water quality of Pyramid Lake without the discharges. Ultimately, water quality will preserve Pyramid Lake in perpetuity.

Fourth, is the importance of the restoration of the lower Truckee River which is also combined with flood control.

There is a list of other issues being dealt with and it's important to see how each of the issues relates to the goals. If you succeed in one, then it will contribute to more than one of these goals. The Tribal Council needs to take part in these discussions to make an informed decision. There are more things going on that require this big picture type of approach. If the Team doesn't have direction from the Council, then they are wasting time and money. They need to know what the Tribal Council wants to do in any particular issue.

Ali said one of the things they need to do is to get Fernley off of the Canal. They have water rights and they want to exercise those water rights and they can do this by taking water directly from the Truckee River and not the Canal. One of the reasons it is difficult to close the canal is you have municipalities saying their lifeline depends on the Canal. He thinks one step to closing the Canal would be if arrangements can be made to take the water directly from the River instead of the Canal. In the long run a business decision can be made by Churchill County and Lyon County in terms of a pipeline to pump water from Lahontan Reservoir to Fernley.

Don said he does agree with Bob about the opportunity and the complexity of what is involved. To him, it's the whole approach the Tribe takes. He urges the Tribe to get out of the reactive mode and into the active mode. He would like to talk about the goals and objectives and methods of how to get out of the reactive mode and get into the active mode. The idea of having the "big picture" goal is great, but there are things that could go wrong with it.

Bob said he agrees with Don that we should be active and we do need to look at it in terms of the resources and what it is costing. He suggests going over the goals and then talking about specific issues and priorities in terms of developing positions and how important it is. Don raised a legitimate question of how many of the cases are contributing to the goal and is there another way to do that.

Suggestions for discussion with the Water Team include the following items: Don suggests the Fernley negotiations to discuss the points Fernley is trying to get to and what position the Tribe should take. This will be advanced by a document that Fernley's attorney is drafting for the Tribe. The document can be used for discussion and debate and see how it fits into the overall goal. Bob suggests talking further about the Truckee Canal, also the unappropriated water negotiations with Nevada and a possible partnership with the federal government. Ali suggested including the Numana dam and restoration of the lower Truckee River. Chairman Wright suggested the Water Team review the list and refines it for the Tribal Council so they can see how it progresses.

The Tribal Council scheduled a special Council meeting for Wednesday, June 18, 2008 at 6 p.m.

Councilmember Jason Davis said at the last meeting he had asked Bob about his California state bar issue and Bob said he didn't have one. Jason stated he read the article from the Eagle Valley News which stated there was possibly 3 years of probation and 1 year actual suspension and asked Bob to clarify this. Bob said he is admitted to practice in California and is in good standing. There was an adverse decision issued in March. He was unaware of the article. The initial decision was issued in March and they asked for reconsideration. He didn't find out that the California bar had rejected the motion for reconsideration until the day after the last Council meeting. There is an appeal process and the decision has not yet taken effect and his lawyer thinks it will take about a year. He admits it was a mistake and regrets what happened. There has been no harm or no alleged harm. He didn't report CEU requirements and as a result he was on inactive status, but continued to practice. The Nevada bar looked at everything and issued a public reprimand.

Regulations: John said the working group is requesting approval to post the draft regulations for the 30-day comment period. Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to approve posting of the draft regulations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis.

Discussion: Lyle Kochamp (in the audience) asked if there is a concern with the regulations that are not highlighted, would they be considered. Chairman Wright stated it would have to be in writing during the comment period.

Votes taken on the motion to approve posting of the regulations were all in favor, **motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the ____ day of _____, 2008, having ____ members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of ____ for and ____ against, with ____ abstentions.

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____
Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman



Pyramid Lake Board & Committee Scheduled Meetings	
Tax Commission	1st Tuesday
Cattlemen's Assoc.	1st Monday
School Board	2nd Tuesday
Personnel Committee	2nd Wednesday
PLF Board	2nd Thursday
Law & Order Committee	1st Tuesday
Enrollment Committee	3rd Tuesday
Higher Education Cmte	1st Wednesday
Land & Resource Cmte	4th Monday
PLHA Board	3rd Tuesday
Economic Dev. Committee	Last Tuesday
Inter-Disciplinary Team	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Tribal Council	1st & 3rd Fridays

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**PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
May 14, 2008**

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Johnnie Garcia
Jason Davis
Genevieve John
Judith Davis
Clayton Servilican
Gordon Frazier

Members Absent: Janet Davis
Sherry Ely Mendes
Carla Eben, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the May 14, 2008 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 6 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

Chairman Wright stated at the last meeting he was criticized for offering a prayer and stated he is open to how other people believe and have their faith. He then offered a short prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Vice Chairman Eben and Councilmembers Janet Davis and Sherry Mendes were not present at the meeting. All other Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated there are requests from the Nixon Headstart, UCLA Native Nations Law and Policy Center, and the Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michelle Ruize stated she had a question regarding the ballot question and asked where is the plan and what plan is the Tribe going with as far as the money is concerned. She stated she submitted a document to John Jackson regarding a 2005 draft plan and is that the one the Tribe is going to be using. Another issue is regard to the four lawsuits that are going to be settled. In Section 210 of PL 101-618, it says "the four cases brought by the Tribe and one case fought by the Tribe in the United States that must either be dismissed with prejudice or otherwise finally resolved before the Interstate Allocation and TROA can take effect and before the Secretary can disburse any money for the Tribe from the Tribe's economic development fund. Three of those cases have finally been resolved. The two remaining cases that must be dismissed or finally resolved are listed in TROA Section 12a. Two of these cases involve the Tribe's claims to the remaining unappropriated waters of the Truckee River and its tributaries in California and Nevada." Michelle said it seemed to her that if the Tribe is voting on the four cases, that the Tribe is going to settle and she thinks it is premature to have the members vote on anything until the other two are resolved. She doesn't understand why the Tribe is voting on TROA so soon. Additionally, she has a question on storage water. There are many questions that were raised during the meeting.

Councilmember Jason Davis said as far as the money, the money cannot be released until TROA takes effect and TROA doesn't take effect until the stipulations of PL 101-618 are met. As far as the Tribe taking any of that money, there was already a vote for the money going for per capita payments.

Chairman Wright said there are two parts, TROA itself and the second part is economic development. The money Michelle is referring to is the economic development plan. There was a draft plan in 2005 but was not approved because it was more of a spending plan. The Economic Development Committee is currently working on a draft economic development plan.

Chairman Wright said the 2005 draft economic development plan resembled more of a distribution plan which was voted on. He said Councilmember Jason Davis is correct in saying that 100% of the interest would be distributed per capita. There have been at least seven plans introduced to the Tribe and at this point TROA is a management plan to revise the operations of the River system. The economic development plan doesn't need Secretarial approval. The Tribe has to work with the BIA in development of the plan, but the BIA doesn't have any authority to approve it or deny it.

Chairman Wright said the scheduled signing for TROA is in September and from there the document will be submitted to the Orr Ditch Court. Once the judge rules and accepts TROA then we move into the phase of the document taking effect.

Elmira Copeland said she is here because they are not getting information from the Council. What are they voting for? She thinks we are still in litigation. Nobody knows why they are voting and she thinks it is not right to jump ahead.

Dewey Sampson said if you're voting on TROA, why was the misconception given to the Tribal members that if they vote for TROA then you also get the money. It's going to take years before they see anything. He continued to voice his concerns regarding the Tribal Council's lack of giving out information.

Elmira also voiced her concerns about Bob Pelcyger. Councilmember Servilican stated if we don't come together as a Tribe and think as one unit, we are never going to go anywhere.

Chairman Wright said several workshops were held regarding TROA. There were a lot of questions asked at the meetings. Michelle said she believes the vote is premature and the Council doesn't say anything. There is no reason to vote on TROA because there are issues looming. The Council is trying to get people to vote because of the money which was told to her by a Councilmember. Chairman Wright stated the Council is not saying that. The position of the Tribal Council was that they were going to advocate the operations of the River system and the different operations that will come with TROA. They stayed away from per capita distribution.

Dewey said all of the people who live off the reservation will share in per capita and yet they don't have any right to vote. Chairman Wright stated he does have proposed amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws.

Stella Pancho asked for a letter from the other signatories saying why they support TROA. Michelle asked if the Tribal members vote, do they understand what they are voting for. Why are we voting, does that mean they understand. Chairman Wright said we want to do everything we can so they have enough understanding of TROA so they can make a decision. The Tribe is the last one to decide on TROA. Councilmember Jason Davis said when the Tribal Council set out to put the plan into place, one of his main goals was to not bring the money issue into it and let the people decide on TROA itself. That is why the Tribal Council attempted to put the economic development plan lower on the list and to show what TROA really is. The Economic Development Committee was asked to work on the economic development plan, the Tribal Council has not yet seen a draft and as far as the money, it is still in the Treasury.

Duane Dunn said he attends a lot of meetings and said he still doesn't know what is going on. He submits complaints and nothing is done. He comes up here and witnesses lies. Duane said Clayton doesn't like what he says. When he attended the last Cattleman's Association meeting and the Chairman was asking for money and he wanted to know where the Tribe spent the money. The Chairmen don't want to talk about the past. You guys don't answer him.

Stella Pancho asked what the Council is going to do about the standing ponds that are the Reservation at Paiute Pit and Albert John's assignment. Councilmember Jason Davis said the Council's action on Cemex was for them to stop what they were doing because they dug too deep. He doesn't know if it was ever followed up on.

CONSENT AGENDA

The items on the Consent Agenda are: 1) approval of Tribal Scholarships for Kaylea Dunn and Kim El-Chammas; 2) approval of a Sellers Permit for Meredith Jim; 3) approval of a resolution requiring Tribal programs to comply with existing Tribal and federal policies, procedures, and regulations; and 4) approval of invoices for Stephanie Zehren-Thomas, Wes Williams, Jr., and Robert Maddox & Associates.

Councilmember John and Councilmember Judith Davis stated they have questions on item #3, Approval of a Resolution Requiring Tribal Programs to Comply with Existing Tribal and Federal Policies, Procedures, and Regulations. Chairman Wright stated this item can be placed under New Business. Councilmember Servilican made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, except for item #3. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

STAND Neighborhood Watch Program – James Gibson: No one present. The Secretary stated a letter had been sent to Mr. Gibson regarding the Council's questions. No action taken by the Tribal Council and the item was removed from the agenda.

Budget for the Closed Circuit TV/Technology Grant: Councilmember Jason Davis said it's getting closer to the end of the grant and it should be sent back. Chairman Wright stated he will follow through with Contracts/Grants.

NEW BUSINESS

Election Committee – Karole McQueen: Karole McQueen, Election Committee, was present.

Certification of Eligible Voters List: Karole stated there is a total of 488 eligible voters. The Committee has just approved five people to be added to the eligible voters list and one is questionable. The Committee received a letter from Elizabeth Sarabia and it was not specific as to what she wanted. The letter states, "I reviewed the members who have reached the eligible age to vote list and my name was misspelled. It was listed as Sarabis, by name is SARABIA." The Committee did not add her name to the eligible voters list. Chairman Wright said he would recommend adding her to the list. If it is the consensus of the Tribal Council to add her name to the list, then they will add her. Jim Plympton (in the audience) said by making this exception, you may have to consider all the other individuals who turned 21, because it may set a precedent. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested the public notice should state that they wanted to be added to the eligible voters list.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to accept the eligible voters list. The

motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Ballot Question: Karole stated she informed the Committee that the Tribal Council approved the ballot question as, "Should the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe approve and sign the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA), and implement TROA subject to the conditions stated in Public Law 101-618 and in TROA?"

Karole said one concern or question from the Committee is if the information can be made available on election day. Councilmember John said any information given should not indicate to the members to answer a certain way. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested a sign be posted about not asking the Committee about TROA.

Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Constitution and By-Laws – Jim Plympton: Jim Plympton was present. He has been working with the veterans on and off the reservation. This organization is about all Native veterans and they would like to be recognized as a focal point for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The group would like to set up a Veterans of Foreign War post, which could be difficult. They want their own color guard and have already begun working on getting headstones for those that don't have one. They would also have a representative for a family member whose veteran has passed on. Jim said they spoke with the Finance Department about getting their own tax identification number and will be responsible for their own finances. The Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors Constitution and By-Laws had been sent to Wes Williams for review and took his comments into consideration.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the Constitution and By-Laws for the Pyramid Lake Veterans & Warriors group. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Nixon Head Start: Jolyne Sander was present on behalf of the Nixon Head Start parent group. They are requesting a donation to help assist with graduation activities. They will have six graduating from Head Start. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve a donation of \$100. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

UCLA Native Nations Law and Policy Center Request: Chairman Wright stated he received a letter from the UCLA Native Nations Law and Policy Center. They are requesting the Tribe's participation in a research project at UCLA concerning the administration of justice in Indian Country. If approved, they will submit a list of positions relevant to the research. Councilmember Jason Davis said with all the problems the Tribal Council is hearing, it may be beneficial for the information. He asked if the Council can request the research results. Councilmember John stated that the results will include other reservations from across the country and not only Pyramid Lake. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request for permission to participate in the research study. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

ITCN Donation Request: Chairman Wright stated the Tribe received a request for donation to assist with expenses related to the NCAI conference. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to donate the group rate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

Approval of a Resolution Requiring Tribal Programs to Comply with Existing Tribal and Federal Policies, Procedures, and Regulations – Della John: Della explained they are trying to set a parameter for enforcing the departments to abide by existing Tribal policies, procedures, and regulations. This is a suggestion that it should be in place so they have something to reference to when working with the department heads. Councilmember John said she spoke with Della about this. There is a chain of command to follow and supervisors should be monitoring this. The personnel policies are in place for disciplinary action if it is needed.

Chairman Wright said this resolution will supersede any other entity and make everybody come into compliance. For example, the Fisheries have their own personnel policies. Della said last year the High School didn't follow the employee versus contractor rule and there were some IRS rules not followed and the Tribe was fined. This resolution is so we can avoid this in the future. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve resolution with the correction. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were 5 for, 1 opposed, and no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 36-08**

Della reported the Tribe has already used 10 burial plans for this year. The current contract will soon be terminating and we will have to go out to bid. She said Ross, Burke and Knobel would like to create casket panels for use inside each casket and the panels will only be used for Pyramid Lake tribal members. They are also working on getting caskets with Pendleton lining.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Court Clerk Confirmation – Jeraldine Magee: Jeraldine Magee, Court Administrator, was present. Jeraldine stated she is requesting confirmation of the Court Clerk. This is required through the Law & Order Code. Interviews were held and Jeraldine said she is requesting confirmation of Amanda Davis as Court Clerk. Councilmember John made a motion to confirm the appointment of Amanda Davis as Court Clerk. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes taken were 3 for, 1 opposed and 1 abstention (Councilmember Judith Davis was out of the room during the vote). **Motion carried.**

Request for Funding for Compliance with U.S. EPA – Duane Florez: Chairman

Wright explained that the Tax Department addressed this item and it was determined that this expense could be funded under the Tax Fund Use Plan. It was asked if the Nixon Store was included with the compliance issues. Chairman Wright replied the cost is approximately \$8,000 for the Nixon Store. They are also looking at the Marina tank and the old NDOT State yard and we are waiting for the reports for these two locations. There is enough funding in the Capital Improvement and infrastructure line items. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

TVA Grant Resolution – Mary Dodd: Mary Dodd, Victim Services Coordinator, was present regarding a grant submittal. The Tribal Victim Assistance Continuation Grant program is in its third year. The amount is \$67,500 with a match of \$22,500 and there is no indirect cost associated. Mary stated the match will come from several different areas including wages and fringe, program volunteers, project supplies, emergency food vouchers, office rental cost, value of the building, prorated shelter rental cost, emergency clothing, and donations from the community. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the resolution for grant submittal to the Tribal Victim Assistance program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 37-08**

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Report submitted. Chairman Wright said the Interdisciplinary Team met and made several recommendations for Tribal Council consideration. The first one is from the Great Basin Bird Observatory requesting permission to conduct bird surveys and a water bird count on Pyramid Lake. The bird survey will be done along the Truckee River from May through July 2008 at Fred John Ranch, Numana Wetlands, Dead Ox Canyon, Little Nixon, and Lower Nixon to count breeding birds. He stated the Tribe has already participated with them. The water bird count will be done along the Lake shore on boat. There was a question if the Council will grant a waiver of fees. It was a consensus of the Tribal Council to move forward with the bird survey request and for the water bird count; they can make a request to waive the fees.

Dr. James Brock of the Desert Research Institute submitted a letter regarding research on the exchange between groundwater and surface water on the Truckee River in Little Nixon. The request is to extend the expiration date to December 2009. Dan Mosley's research will also be complemented by this study. The Tribal Council's consensus was to move forward.

The Western Regional Water Commission is requesting a representative to serve on the Commission. The IDT recommends John Jackson with Dan Fairbank as the alternate. Chairman Wright said he reported at the last meeting that Doug Gardipe previously sat on the Truckee River Fund Advisory Committee and he recommended a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe be appointed to this committee. The IDT is recommending John Mosley for the Committee.

Chairman Wright stated he provided a copy of the request for proposals for gaming. He said Councilmember Servilican had asked it to move forward. It had been recommended that the RFP be broken into different parameters. Phase 1 would be a feasibility analysis; Phase 2 and 3 would be to develop a Class II/Class III gaming development plan and development of financing options for Class II/Class III gaming development. The process list was taken from John Jackson's review form. The project evaluation and business review team will comprise of the Economic Development Committee and the Gaming Commission.

Finance Operations: Chairman Wright stated Della signs the budget modifications, employee action, and travel requests and Accounts Receivable and the Contracts/Grants Accounting Specialist are signing requisitions. The interviews for the Accounts Payable Technician and Grants Administrator have been scheduled. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if the Finance Manager Assistant returned to work and Chairman Wright replied she was placed on layoff status and he doesn't know if she is going to return to work. Chairman Wright reported the 2006 audit is almost complete and the 2007 audit will begin soon.

Realty Program – Chairman Wright distributed a CD containing photos on the Tribe's rental properties. He reported that water pipes broke at the South Depaoli property and flooded the home. When it was inspected, there was mold and moss on the floor. On the Urrutia and Depaoli leases, both accounts showed no payments have been made. Chairman Wright said he was reminded that the Tribal Council may have decided to forego rental payments because of the Herman dam situation.

Black Rock Solar – This group met with the Interdisciplinary Team and said they are interested in putting up solar panels at the High School. The cost is \$1,000 per kilowatt. We will work with the High School and the Water Resources Department in determining the funding for the project. Tom Price of Black Rock Solar will be submitting a letter of intent.

Della asked for clarification from the Tribal Council on use of the Tribe's letterhead image for development of a casket panel. The consensus of the Tribal Council was to approve the request.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Carla Eben: Vice Chairman Eben was not present at this meeting, but a written report had been submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing minutes were adopted by the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, at a meeting duly held on the 6th day of June, 2008, having _____ members present, constituting a quorum, by the vote of _____ for and against, with _____ abstentions.

Minutes attested and concurred by: _____
Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman
Pyramid Lake Tribal Council

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