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Vision and Mission Statement of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe

VISION:

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe envisions an ideal lifestyle where its enrolled members prosper physically, emotionally, spiritually, and economically. Our vision is to increase and use cultural knowledge and experience to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Pyramid Lake and Northern Paiute homelands. We endeavor to foster individual growth and personal responsibility through education and economic opportunity.

MISSION:

The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council is dedicated to creating a respectful environment that inspires values; protects and preserves our cultural and traditional heritage; supports tribal self-sufficiency; promotes emotional and spiritual wellness; and encourages innovation and positive leadership. We aspire to achieve through trusted cooperation, coordination, and collaboration with local, regional, and national communities, and with individuals and organizations who aim to achieve similar goals of the Tribe and its community.

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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 at 7 p.m.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

The tribe is beginning to take control of the issues affecting its ability to succeed. The 2001 audit is the beginning of understanding the manner for which the tribe operated for the past seven years. Organizing the information is a challenge and by organizing 2006 records preparing it for the audit will provide needed insight to our current status. Since coming into the management of tribal affairs, it is now apparent that operations were not in control and that management continued to operate without adequate controls. It is now coming into focus where we have been and where we need to be and ultimately where we want to go.

Tribal Finance is gaining control of the management of our financial resources by auditing each account and coming to realize financial control requirements that will be instituted. The misappropriation of assets is a critical component to understanding our status and the risk factors for the operation. Some of these factors include poor recordkeeping, inadequate job applicant screening, poor physical safeguards, inadequate documents, unusual cash transactions, and poor segregation of duties or independent checks.

Due to these risk factors our operation is adjusting and making the necessary changes to limit, reduce, and eliminate any factor of risk. It is reported that as our books are being cleaned up to meet expected accounting standards, safeguards will be developed and implemented. A major occurrence with tribal organizations is "occupational fraud," which is defined as, 'the use of one's occupation for the personal enrichment through the deliberate misuse or misapplication of the employing organization's resources or assets.'

A principle ideal is to know that each individual responsibility is not about personal gain or about how one can gain over anyone else and benefit personally. All that we represent and all that we intend to accomplish by our work is about our children, our grandchildren, and our great grandchildren. There are other factors that are amongst us that are making our individual differences prevalent and are causing limitations to cooperate, collaborate, and unite.

The popular cliché, "united we stand, divided we fall" is so true and has never changed within our society. At this time, it is up to our leadership ability to recognize this and begin the effort to move unification into the forefront. I have been doing all that I can to assist, provide means and ability, and provide solutions to questions and problems. We are all responsible to certain extent for the success of our Tribe.

It is realized that we are so critical of our own and we tend to treat our own worse that we treat those who may not be tribal members or who are not Indian. Our generation has the capability to break cycles of animosity, and bring together our ideas, our intentions, and efforts to make better the situation and circumstances for our future. I will continue to do my best to unite, and bring about changes for the betterment for our tribe.

By doing this social and economical questions must be addressed. How the changes are made will be up to each of us and not entirely up to the Tribal Government or the Federal Government. The governments are responsible to certain extent, but as we must take back control over the addictions of alcohol and drugs, are all have a role. To protect our children is the focal point with breaking cycles of abuse.

The Tribal Council adopted resolution PL 79-05 that denounces and takes a stand against the use, manufacturing and distribution of methamphetamines. By this adoption it gives our tribal governing authority the means to address the dangers this drug presents to our communities. It should be the foundation of all actions deterring the drug activities on the reservation.

It is important that resources are applied to support our youth. If resources are lacking, we must determine the reasons for not having it available and secure the resources. At times we may be missing signals and signs from youth who may be reaching out for help. Let us all find the words, the encouragement, and motivation to promote positive influences.

As we a proceeding full motion into this new year with gains and progression for the tribe. It is realizing that we must move projects forward in order to realize progress. For the past 30 or so years, our community has not experienced any real changes or improvements. It leaves one to think that is it just us or is there another reason for not making any progress.

Regardless of our speculations about why how or when; the opportunity has always been in front of the Tribe, we need to be able to seize the opportunity, think about our future and develop our ideas of success into reality. The Tribe has stopped projects for one reason or another, but now that we are indicating seriousness with development a due diligence checklist will provide the means to assure protective measures are applied to companies who wish to work with the Tribe. Background checks and determining viable relations with companies will provide the best measure for collaboration.

The securities fraud hearing has been continued and the new hearing date will be scheduled. The issue of mining operations using tribal resources is still uncertain as to the overall objective of what the tribe was doing and how deep it was in regard to the mining proposal. Kick backs were issued to former tribal officials and through the investigation and hearing we hope to determine how and why these arrangements were allowed.

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From the Chairman's Office continued...

The Tribe adopted a Code of Ethics in early 2006, but it later rescinded it in September 2006. It will be reintroduced and the concerns that led to its rescission will be addressed, corrected, and understood. It is viewed as a critical means for checks and balances over the conduct of elected and appoint officials.

In the realm of water rights settlement, the date has been scheduled for the TROA referendum vote – May 31, 2008. The tribe realizes that much effort will be required to educate our membership of the goals, benefits, and long-term solutions to Truckee River management.

As part of the overall objectives for the tribe is the economic development plan. Seven plans have been introduced and each of them were voted down by the Tribal Council. A plan is scheduled to be completed by the Economic Development Committee and it is anticipated that the plan will be completed by July 2008. Through this process defining economic development will be a key part of the overall plan.

Section 205 of the Settlement Act directs the Secretary to negotiate an operating agreement, for operation of Truckee River Reservoirs, among at least California, Nevada, Power Company, Pyramid Tribe, and United States. Section 205 further provides that Truckee River Reservoirs shall be operated to accomplish certain specified objectives, including implementing the provisions of the Preliminary Settlement Agreement between Power Company and Pyramid Tribe, as modified by the Ratification Agreement of the United States, and may be operated to realize additional benefits and objectives. The Preliminary Settlement Agreement, as modified by the Ratification Agreement, provides for changes in the exercise of Power Company's existing water rights to benefit threatened and endangered Pyramid Lake Fishes, and to provide an adequate supply of water for Reno and Sparks and surrounding areas during periods of drought. (TROA p 19)

This Agreement is negotiated pursuant to Section 205 of the Settlement Act. Portions of this Agreement must be submitted to the Courts in *United States v. Orr Water Ditch Company, et al.,* in Equity, Docket No. A 3 (D. Nev.) (Sept. 8, 1944), and *United States v. Truckee River General Electric Company,* now No. S-643 (E.D. Calif.), originally entered in No. 14861 (N.D. Calif.) (1915) for approval of any necessary modifications in the provisions of the Orr Ditch Decree and the Truckee River General Electric Decree. (TROA p 19)

The contents of TROA will be presented in a series of public workshops and it is our hope that our communities attend the workshops and learn about the future operations of the Truckee River and the management of Tribal water resources

There is much happening for our oversight and assurance for success. We are continuing to build for the tribe accountability standards that will be codified to remain regardless of the turn over with administrations or tribal government officials.

Thank you, Mervin Wright, Jr. Tribal Chairman

DEPARTMENT



TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

VISION

TO ENVISION A STRONG TRIBAL GOVERNMENT BY PROVIDING EFFECTIVE SERVICES.

MISSION

TO PROVIDE EXECUTIVE LEVEL RE-SPONSIBILITY AND PROVIDE SUP-PORTIVE SERVICES FOR THE DAILY ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS AND MANAGEMENT OF TRIBAL PRO-GRAMS AND ORGANIZATIONAL COMPLIANCE WITH POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE.



Tribal Finance Department Mission

...to provide
Accurate, Timely, and
Complete
Financial information.

Human Resources

Happy New Year to everyone there has been quite a few new additions to the Tribe and we would like to recognize and welcome everyone.

The High School has added to their personnel: Jenny Cortez, Registrar/Secretary Walita Querta, Teacher's Assistant Elena Sanchez, Teacher's Assistant

Shannon Stockton, Science Teacher

The Police Department has added to their personnel: Michael Gagne, Police Officer Alen Primeau, Police Recruit Taylor Williams. Police Recruit

The Clinic has added to their personnel:
Liz King, Certified Nursing Assistant
Isaac Williams, Sumunumu Director
Shari Williams, Contract Health Service Clerk
Melissa Decker, Pharmacy Technician
Lesley Williams, Medical Billing Clerk
Karen Hernandez, Optometry
Clerk

We wish them the best in their new positions!

We also would like to wish everyone whom celebrated a birthday so far this year a Happy Belated Birthday and to the March Birthdays Happy Birthday!

Rose Barlese, Michael Durham, Sandra A. Garcia, Brenda Harry, Peggy Lorge, Randy Melendez, Arlene Mossefin, Kristyn Johnson

Pyramid Lake Tax Commission Mission Statement

Dedicated to serve the Community & Businesses by administering the Tax Code of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe with integrity, efficiency, and consistency, as well as providing a structured Tax Fund Use Plan.

Pyramid Lake Fisheries

Pyramid Lake Fisheries is in the finishing stages of our website. To access the website go to www.pyramidlakefisheries.org. We are in the process of adding pictures and finishing up additional information to be added such as current jobs that are available, departments, lake and project information. Pictures on the website are courtesy of Michelle Moore of the Resource Department. Final details are projected to be completed by March 15th. Any comments or suggestions would be welcomed and can be sent to tvogel@plpt.nsn.us, the Resource Manager at the Fisheries.

Mission Statement:

The mission of Pyramid Lake Fisheries is to create a balance within natural resource management actions, which reflects social, cultural, economic, and natural resource values of reservation residents.

Goal:

The goal of Pyramid Lake Fisheries is to maintain a recreational fishery at Pyramid Lake while working collaboratively with partners to protect, conserve, and restore aquatic resources, including habitats in the Truckee River Basin.

Tribal Council Meetings

1ST Friday of each Month at 7:00PM

3RD Friday of each Month at 6:30PM

For Board and Committee Meetings Contact the Pyramid Lake Tribal Administration Office at 775-574-1000 Department News continued....

NEWS FROM THE DEPART-MENT OF WATER RESOURCES

By John Jackson

TROA Special Election set for May 31. 2008

What does TROA Special Election Mean?

The final Truckee River Operating Agreement document needs to be approved by the eligible voting membership of the Tribe. The Tribal Council has set aside this date for the vote to take place. In order for the Tribe to sign the final TROA document it must first be approved by a majority yes vote in this Special Election. (Formerly referred to as the referendum vote)

What is TROA?

TROA is an acronym that stands for Truckee River Operating Agreement. TROA will replace the Truckee River Agreement (TRA) as the formal operating statute for the Truckee River System.

TRA was negotiated and enacted in 1935. As you can imagine the Tribe was not represented in this agreement and the parties that benefited the most were the upstream water diverters.

In 1944, through the Orr Ditch lawsuit, the Tribe was finally represented on the Truckee River and was awarded water to irrigate small Tribal land assignments within the Reservation boundary.

This was known as the 'Orr Ditch Decree'. The Orr Ditch Decree divided the waters of the Truckee River and managed these water rights through the TRA.

The TRA was born in an era of agriculture and industry associated with settling of the West, and the Truckee River was operated strictly for these purposes. This lead to the ultimate demise of the Truckee River ecosystem, Pyramid Lake, and its fishery.

TROA is designed to accumulate, impound, store, exchange, and release water from the upstream reservoirs in a more balanced and environmentally conscience manner.

TROA has been negotiated or the last 18 years between the five mandatory signatory parties in order for it to become in effect. These five parties included the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Truckee Meadows Water Authority, the State of Nevada, the State of California, and the United States.

What now?

The Department of Water Resources at the direction of the Tribal Council will be conducting informational workshops from now until the Special Election, A minimum of four are being planned but the approved dates have not been set as of print time. Notices will be posted and mailed as soon as they have been nailed down.

These informational workshops will include presentations from our Tribal Water Team to provided information and answer questions in their field of expertise. The Tribal Water Team consists of Mervin Wright Jr., Tribal Chairman, John Jackson, Director of Water Resources, Ali Shahroody, Stetson Engineers, Bob Pelcyger, Legal Consultant, and Don Springmeyer, Attorney of Record. There will also be guest presentations from the Federal TROA Team.

Please participate in these workshops. These are historical times for our Tribe this Special Election will guide our Tribe into the 21st Century and will affect our future Tribal Members.

If you have any questions please feel free to call 574-1050 or e-mail me at jjackson@plpt.nsn.us.

Numaga Senior Fun Day

FUNDRAISER

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Date: March 20, 2008 Time: 6:00—8:30 pm

Where: Wadsworth Gym



The Numaga Senior Center is having an Indian Taco/Spaghetti Feed and Bingo Night on Thursday, March 20, 2008 beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Center is raising monies for the Senior Fun Day to be held this



OR

James Plympton or

Lela Christensen at

775.574.1000

Indian Tacos & Drink or Spaghetti, Salad & Drink Spaghetti Only

\$3.00 each card / \$0.50

help us out, we are asking for food donation & bingo prizes. Please contact the Seniors at the Numaga

If you would like to

at the Numaga Senior Center@ 775-574-1064 or

sign-up at the Tribal
Offices on the food

donation list.

DONATION ITEMS:

\$5.00

Hamburger

• Beans

10

• Lettuce

• Cheese

Tomatoes

• Drinks

• Spaghetti dish

Bingo Prizes

All donations are greatly appreciated.



For More Information contact:

Numaga Senior Center

Nixon, NV 89424-0256

PO Box 256

775.574.1064

Nevada Urban Indians, Inc

3rd Annual

Diabetes Wellness Fair

March22, 2008 1-9 PM

Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows Free Easter Egg Hunt: 11:30—1:00 PM Opening Introduction: 1:00PM Grand Entry: 1:30

> Pow wow 1:30 –9:00 PM Free Dinner: 4:00 PM—5:30 PM 2680 E. Ninth St, Reno 775-788-7600



DEPARTMENT



Pyramid Lake Police Department

On February 22, 2008, the Family, Community, and several Law Enforcement Agencies laid to rest a good friend and colleague Special Agent/BIA, Denise Phoenix-Smart. The Pyramid Lake Police Department would like to extend our heartfelt sympathies to Thomas Smart and her family. Denise has set a great example for those left behind, she kept going, no matter what, she remembered her duties and why she carried them out. Like all who enforce the law, Denise rarely thought of herself first. Although Denise left the area to accept work outside the state she always had time to return calls. Like many who admired her, we are deeply grieved by her death.

The following article was printed in the Billings Gazette shortly after Denise's death and describes her outgoing courageous personality.

Colleagues honor fallen BIA investigator

By BECKY SHAY Of The Gazette Staff

A Northern Cheyenne criminal investigator died Thursday while awaiting a double lung transplant. Denise Phoenix, 43, was in line to receive a donation and was flown Thursday to Denver to await a transplant.

"Denise was a great human being and a great agent," said Matthew Pryor, special agent in charge of Bureau of Indian Affairs law enforcement in Montana.

Phoenix had vasculitis, which according to the National Institutes of Health is an inflammation of the blood vessels that occurs when the body's immune system attacks the blood vessels by mistake. Phoenix had been fighting the vasculitis since last fall, Pryor said, after she came into contact with a substance on a table during a criminal investigation. "The chemical seems to be the catalyst that led to these health issues," Pryor said. Although Phoenix's death wasn't with guns blazing, it was in the line of duty.

"She went out silently, investigating crime in Indian Country, going after these guys," Pryor said. "It's the reality of the dangers of what agents do."

Funeral services for Phoenix will be Thursday in Nevada. She was from Pyramid Lake, Nev. BIA officers and agents from around the country are expected to attend and will provide an honor guard, including escorting her body from a funeral home in Reno to Nixon, where services and burial will take place.

"She was impactful, and the people she had worked with want to participate," Pryor said.

Survivors include Phoenix's husband, Thomas Smart, who is a sergeant with the Crow Police Department. Pryor hired Phoenix and Smart when he was working in Arizona and trained them both at the Indian Police Academy in New Mexico.

Phoenix worked her way up from being a tribal officer to one of the first female agents in the bureau. She was a dominating force physically, administratively and with her big smile, Pryor said. Tall in stature, Phoenix could be intimidating when she wanted to be, he said. She could tussle with the toughest of suspects, then return to the office to fix her lip gloss and hair.

Fellow agents characterized Phoenix as a woman who loved her work. She had a passion for solving crimes, especially those against children, and was known for striving to refine her investigatory skills.

"She always had questions, always wanted to learn," said John Olivera, a former BIA special agent in charge who was Phoenix's boss in Nevada.

Oliveira was chief of police in Carson City, Nev., and Phoenix was the lead patrol officer. When Oliveira moved up the BIA ranks, he recommended Phoenix for the chief's job, and she was hired.

When Phoenix and Smart decided to come to Montana - where Smart would take a career advancement - Phoenix was hired as an officer at Lame Deer. Her goal was to become an agent and when a spot opened up, she earned the job.

"She has just done fantastic, which we knew she would," Pryor said.

When the BIA and Indian Health Services teamed up last year for a kids' camp, Smart and Phoenix were the first BIA police employees Pryor tapped to be mentors.

"They have that attraction," Pryor said. "People gravitate toward them because of their attitudes, their personalities." If her friends find any solace in Phoenix's death, it is in their belief that she is with her children, Shasta and Justin. "She missed them so much," Pryor said.

Shasta, 6, and Justin, 8, were killed along with Phoenix's brother, Ronald Phoenix, in a wreck in February 2000. They died after a man with a medical problem crossed the median on the Pyramid Highway and hit their pickup head-on. Phoenix became an advocate for installing barriers on the median, which the state did. She also fought to allow road-side memorial crosses when Nevada considered having them removed - including the ones for her family.

Phoenix could have become reclusive after her children's deaths but instead shifted her maternal instinct to caring for co-workers and the victims that BIA law enforcement serves, Pryor and Oliveira said.

"I can't think of a day she wasn't doing for someone else," Oliveira said.

She hosted the annual Shasta and Justin Youth Memorial Basketball Tournament in their honor. The tournament grew to the point it "literally had too many teams," Oliveira said. Just as teams flocked to the event, people were drawn to Phoenix.

"She was like a celebrity," he said. "When people showed up, she was auntie. She was walking around holding kids and taking care of kids."

Oliveira said the Bible passage on John 15:13 best reminds him of Phoenix. "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends," Oliveira quoted.

"That is her," he said. "It's talking about devoting your life and giving your life. I think that's what she did, she devoted her life."

Contact Becky Shay at <u>bshay@billingsgazette.com</u> or 657-1231.

The Pyramid Lake Police Department would like to Thank all who helped send Denise off with a smile on her badge.

PLPD D.A.R.E NEWS

On Monday, January 28, 2008, 6th Grade Drug Abuse Resistance Education Graduation was successfully held. 18 6th Grade students listened attentively to the speakers to congratulate the students for their completion of the DARE program. Pyramid Lake Police Officer Angelo Hafalla opened the Graduation Ceremony in the 6th Grade Classroom and advised the students of the new skills they gained in avoiding alcohol, drugs and violence.

Officer Hafalla stressed the importance of refusal techniques' and avoiding peer pressure from experimenting with alcohol, illegal drugs and violence. The quest speakers were Principal Rick Taylor, Pyramid Lake Juvenile Probation Officer Christopher Klein, Chief Erin Calvin, and Classroom teacher Mr. Keesling. Principal Taylor advised the students about making important choices in life and in everything they do.

Probation Officer Klein advised the students of the consequences of falling into drug abuse, alcohol abuse, and violent criminal acts. Chief Calvin stressed the importance of being a good leader and not to fall into negative peer pressures. Mr. Keesling advised the students about accepting and learning from mistakes to avoid drugs, alcohol, and crimes.

14 students received their DARE certificates. The Valedictorian, Tyler Sumpter recieved a medallion and she read her DARE report which stated what she had learned during the 10 week program. In her DARE Report, Tyler pledged never to try drugs, alcohol, and crimes



The D.A.R.E. program is now in session at the Pyramid Lake High School. D.A.R.E. Officer Angelo HAFALLA is also available to talk to juveniles in other youth settings. Call the Police Department at 574-1014 for more information on D.A.R.E.

FOR EMERGENCIES PLEASE CALL 911, OR DIRECTLY TO THE PYRAMID LAKE DISPATCH @ 775-574-0444

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

- PUBLIC NOTICE-

WHEN: March 17, 2008

WHERE: Wadsworth, Nevada

CONTACT: The Pyramid Lake Police

Department Traffic Safety Division

The Pyramid Lake Police Department in conjunction with the Indian Highway Safety Office will be conducting a sobriety checkpoint during the St. Patrick's Day Holiday in the Wadsworth Community.

The Pyramid Lake Police Department Traffic Safety Division would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Holiday, and please designate a Sober Driver if you intend to consume alcoholic beverages, and remember to Buckle Up.

SATURATION PATROLS WILL CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH AND WILL BE CONDUCTED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE PYRAMID LAKE INDIAN RESERVATION. These patrols as well as the DUI checkpoints are made possible through the Indian Highway Safety Grant. This grant has assisted the Tribe by providing two full-time traffic officers. These officers primary function is to enforce Federal, State and Tribal Traffic Laws.

Draft - Vision and Mission Statement of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court

Vision

The Pyramid Lake Tribal Court's vision is to protect the independent sovereignty of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe by asserting the fullest extent of its criminal and civil jurisdiction over Reservation activities as outlined by the Constitution and Bylaws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The Tribal Court will endeavor to protect the best interests of Indian children while supporting the unique cultural values within Indian families by providing services to assist the stability and security within the families.

Mission

The Pyramid Lake Tribal Court strives to serve the public and foster a friendly accessible environment, treating all individuals with dignity, respect, honesty and fairness. The Pyramid Lake Tribal Court is dedicated to promoting the health, safety, welfare and peace of the people of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation by enforcing the laws governing the conduct of members and nonmembers within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation. The Tribal Court will aspire to achieve trust, respect and partnership with the community, and local and regional agencies. The Tribal Court also promotes safety of the citizens of the community by providing probation services: conduct investigations for the court, enforce court orders, ensure victim's rights, engage in crime prevention partnerships and facilitate the resocialization of offenders.

Sharon Williams

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council

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RESOLUTION NO. PL79-05 RESOLUTION OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL OF THE PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE NIXON, NEVADA

Tribal Council resolution adamantly opposing the use of and/or distribution, delivery, possession of the controlled substance "methamphetamine" and any other manufactured drugs that have a severe effect on our members and their families.

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Indian Reorganization Act (25 U.S.c. SD. 476) and is federally recognized by the United States Government through the Secretary of the Interior; and,

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, charged with the responsibility to establish policy and taking action to provide services and programs for the tribal membership; and

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council is the duly elected governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and has been delegated the authority to direct day-today business and governmental affairs of the Paiute Tribe under the general guidance of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Tribe adamantly opposes the manufacturing, delivery and possession of the controlled substance methamphetamine, it is a major contributor to the crime rate on the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation;

WHEREAS, the use of methamphetamine is endangering the health and welfare of our children and families; and,

WHEREAS, the Pyramid Lake Tribe in conjunction with the Multi-Disciplinary Team and various tribal entities has declared methamphetamine and other controlled substance use as one of the major issues facing our Tribe and our community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tribal Council adamantly opposes the use of and/ or distribution, delivery, possession of the controlled substance "Methamphetamine" and any other manufactured drugs that have a severe effect on our members and their families.

CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the foregoing resolution of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council, governing body of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, composed often members of whom eight (8)constitution a quorum, were present at a meeting held on the 215t day of October 2005, was adopted by the affirmative vote of seven (7) for and zero (0) opposed; and zero (0) abstentions, pursuant to the authority contained in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe.

TRIBAL COURT NEWSJANUARY - FEBRUARY 2008

NUMBER OF CRIMINAL CASES {convictions} CIVIL CASES HEARD

Traffic (33)
Minor in Need of Care Cases (15)
Misdemeanor (2)
Drug & Alcohol (10)

Minor in Need of Care Cases (4)

Juvenile Delinquency Cases (4)

Civil Cases (27)

Domestic Violence (2) Civil includes civil complaints, divorce,

Fishing & Hunting (8) custody/support, repossessions, evictions, etc.

ACTIVE WARRANTS

Jeremy Baker Billy Barlese Gary Brown Jr Phelon Brown Conrad Dunn Garrett Fellows Gibson Fielder Joanna Hancock Frank Henry Jr William Astor Imus Bo Jackson Boyd Jackson V Sebastian Jackson Steve James Bryan Johnson Rayfield Kelly Royce Kochampenasken Teresa Lenoir Kim Lowery Waelty Robert Leyva Duane Lopez Sharon Malotte Kevin Melius Sterling O'Neil Cecelia Phoenix Lonnie Savage Teresa Royer Reed Skenadore Jr James Shaw Shawn Shaw **Everette Smith** Reuben Smith Shepard Taylor Nicholas Thompson Wendy Thompson Leland Vaca Walter Washington Patrick VanBrundt Maynard Victor Anthony Williams Delson Williams Martin Williams

The Tribal Court is looking for projects for juveniles who have community service. If you have any suggestions please contact Chris Klein, Juvenile Probation Officer at 574-1094.

For Adult Community Service please contact Lea Geurts, Probation Officer at 574-1094



Laker News Hotline

Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr. High School now has a HOTLINE set up for the latest on dates & times for:

Sport Events, School Closures, School Activities, School Holidays & Vacations

We welcome Parents/Guardians to Call 574-1016 or 574-1061 Press 9 to access the hotline.

The 2008 Northern 1A Champions, the Pyramid Lakers!

The Pyramid Lakers capture the Northern Nevada 1A basketball championship title in Winnemucca on February 16, 2008. The challenge of the series was the Virginia City game on Friday afternoon. According to Mr. Melendez, "This game felt like the championship game, in that intensity level and the size of the crowd made the game so exciting and fun to be a part of. By winning the tournament, we will go to state as the number one seed."



Adrian Paul, Dawayne Plummer, DeRyan Walema, Andrew Jack, Treamelle Collins.

Robert Olivas, Alexis Sarabia, Desmond Lewis, Vincent Nuanes. Not pictured: Gerard Jim.

Coaches: Randy Melendez, Brandon Harrison, Lindsay Blossom.

21st Century Newsletter February 2008 Irwin Sharp Fish, Sr. Coordinator 21st CCLC

The 21st Century program began the month of February readjusting to the changing academic demographics, in the month of January the student's concentration was on homework and credit recovery. Mid-January also marked the end of the 1st semester giving the student a fresh academic slate.

February marked the beginning of the Cultural and career enrichment component we would like for individuals in the community and the various departments of the tribe to become partners of 21st CCLC, come and share your talents and life experiences with the students. We are asking for people to share their knowledge of beading, hide tanning, Paiute language, story telling, Paiute history of Pyramid Lake, family history, Paiute song and dance, drumming, making or repairing regalia and so on and we are also asking for professionals working in various fields i.e. finance, education, medical, game, fish and parks, police dept, etc. share life experiences on what it takes to get to were your are, type of schooling, training etc. Lets work together to give back to the children of Pyramid Lake.

To kickoff the month of February the 21st Century program hosted community wide cultural enrichment assembly we called the "Team Spirit Rally" Student and staff participation was 100% and the community participation of approximately 75 people consisting of parents, guardians, relatives, friends, elders and veterans.

I have asked Mrs. Paula Paul a parent and staff member to share her thoughts and experience and I also asked Mr. Joseph Esposito a staff member and a veteran, on his thoughts and experience of the rally.

Team Spirit Rally By Paula Paul- Parent

"Since my family joins the Native Dance Circle whenever possible, I take great pride in the men in my life, my sons Gene, Adrian and husband Ken, whether they perform traditionally or competitively I give my full support. Gene is 2004 PLHS alumni had decided to return to the dance arena two years ago and since developed a passion for beadwork and regalia design. I taught him the basics, how to loom bead using two needles from which he created two dance harnesses and matching belts. His aunt Pam taught him the finer technique of appliqué beadwork and as made arm cuffs and medallions. I am very proud of him, he took family teachings and made it his own and one day I would like for him to teach another to carry on our family and tribal tradition.

Adrian is in the 11th grade at Pyramid Lake. With much coaxing, he danced as the Junior Class representative during the Lady Lakers' half time on February 2 and for the Spirit Rally on Feb. 7. Adrian brings me much joy I love to watch him dance, he has become so talented and has won many awards. He emulates his late uncle Alex Paul, Jr's dance style, which I believe he inherited. Adrian has become well known in Northern Nevada for his northern traditional dancing and often joins the Whirlwind and Mason Valley Singers.

Keeping our children in the Native Dance Circle has allowed us to teach our sons to be gracious and respectful in every way of life. They remember to dance for those who are unable to or those they maybe not feeling good. They are taught to have a humble attitude when they enter the dance arena. They did learn difficult lessons as a result of self-pride while being in the competitive arena early on. Our Native way of life has allowed for them to avoid the distractions of drugs and alcohol, it has allowed for them to pursue the positives in life and the dancing lifestyle that is challenging physically, mentally, and spiritually keeps them attentive. Ken and I were both reared by grandparents with similar values and we believe in the importance of passing on positive morals, values and tradition. We want our children to have the opportunity to live a better and comfortable life, than we had."

Team Spirit Rally

By Joseph Esposito- Veteran

Last week here at the High School we held our first ever "Team Spirit Rally." It was a resounding success with everyone attending having a great time. Sure we have held "Pep" rallies at the school before but this event was different than any before. Let me tell you the story:

Two days before the Virginia City game up in Virginia City I went into the principal's office (I used to go there all the time was I was young) and suggested we hold a pep rally before the "Big Game" against the Virginia City Muckers. Mr. Melendez said that was a great idea! I also asked if it would be all right to have Mrs. Paul and Mr. Sharp Fish help with the rally so it could have a "Native Theme." That too received the principal's seal of approval. So off I went to enlist the help of two of the native staff here at the high school hoping they would have a few great ideas. Little did I know that not only did they have some great ideas they both took off with the concept creating the first ever PLHS Team Spirit Rally.

Both staff members worked hard to enlist the drummers, dancers and community members on very short notice. They were able to pull it off in Grand Style creating a successful event we hope to recreate in the future.

Looking back at what they accomplished proved how successful we could be when we work as a team and work together. In addition we will ensure that everyone will receive enough notice so the largest group of family members were able to attend this great event.

PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 18, 2008

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman

Janet Davis Jason Davis Judith Davis

Carla Eben, Vice Chairman

Gordon Frazier

Johnnie Garcia Genevieve John Sherry Ely Mendes Clayton Servilican

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the January 18, 2008 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. All Tribal Council members were present at roll call and a quorum was established for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated a travel request was submitted by Councilmember Garcia. Also, there is an Emergency Senior Request that was received. He stated these requests can be included under *Committee/Department Action Required*.

A motion was made by Councilmember Judith Davis to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carla Molino asked the status of the regulation changes and Chairman Wright replied that there was a meeting held today regarding the changes which will be proposed regarding the beach closures at the Net Pens, raceway, and for the boat docks.

Fred Crosby asked if alcohol will be allowed on the beaches and Chairman Wright stated that issue was not addressed during the meeting that was held.

Lyle Kochamp stated he was cruising to Warrior's Point and he saw a sani-hut about 10' into the water and he wanted to bring that to the Council's attention.

Joe Mendes asked why no Police Officer was on duty in the lobby. Chairman Wright replied that there were complaints of why the officers are not on patrol when they are at the Council meetings. The Police Department is aware of the meetings and there are times when they are requested to be at the meetings.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Approval of Tribal Council Meeting Minutes: Chairman Wright stated these minutes were tabled from the last Tribal Council meeting. The minutes are for the meetings held on December 7, 2007; December 13, 2007; December 14, 2007; and December 21, 2007.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the Tribal Council minutes of December 7, 2007; December 13, 2007; December 14, 2007; and December 21, 2007. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were 8 for, zero opposed, and 1 abstention. *Motion carried*.

Request for Emergency Education Assistance: The request for education assistance was also tabled from the last Tribal Council meeting. The Tribal Secretary informed the Tribal Council that Anthony Sampson, Higher Education Coordinator, is working with the student. The request will be going through the regular scholarship process and no action is needed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Sport Fishing Charter License – Tom Loe: Tom Loe was present requesting permission to operate a fishing guide service at Pyramid Lake. He previously operated the guide service under the Reno Fly Shop's license. He explained that it is a catch-and-release service.

Chairman Wright informed Mr. Loe that we received a copy of a default judgment for a citation through our Tribal Court that was not taken care of. Mr. Loe explained he has the citation and it was found that he was not in violation. He had suspended his services and there were no other problems. The issue was a technicality because he was guiding under the Reno Fly Shop's guide license and all obligations were fulfilled.

Chairman Wright stated the citation was in late-March of 2007 and there were a number of individuals under the one license that was issued to Reno Fly Shop and Tom Loe was cited by the rangers. This was an agreement from the prior administration for authorization of guide services and it didn't define what was entailed. There were a number of guides under the one license. Since the permit was already approved, the permit was honored. A letter had been issued allowing the multiple guides under the Reno Fly Shop permit.

Councilmember Mendes asked Jason Mitchell about the permit for guide services. He remembers this situation and Chairman Wright had told them they had to honor the existing contract. Councilmember Mendes said if there was an agreement in place, it should be honored, but we need to be careful not to supersede any court action or have anybody plead ignorance of the law if it is in the regulation.

Councilmember Mendes asked if he was going to be a fly fishing guide and also a charter and Tom replied yes, he will be the only one under his permit, if approved.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the fishing guide service for Tom Loe. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were 7 for, zero opposed, and 2 abstentions. *Motion carried*.

Chairman Wright clarified that Mr. Loe is now requesting a guide license. Tom clarified that 100% of his trips will be fly fishing from his boat, but there are times during the spring that it may not be safe to launch and he would like the opportunity to have an option of fishing from the shore. Councilmember Jason Davis stated he thinks there is a section in the regulations there is a guide application process. Tom said there is a fee of \$500 and it will only be himself. Councilmember Mendes asked Della John if there is an application for the guide service. She would suggest he complete the application because they are separate services.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to approve the guide application for Tom Loe. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were 3 for, 2 opposed, and 4 abstentions. *Motion carried*.

Councilmember Judith Davis stated for the record that she opposed the motion because Mr. Loe should have been given a chance to complete the application before action was taken. Councilmember Mendes stated she abstained for the same reason.

Future Fishing Derbies – Fred Crosby along with Model Dairy, K-BUL, and Custom Boat Representatives: Fred Crosby was present and introduced Andrew Perini of KBUL and Jim from Custom Boat. Fred stated Model Dairy will not be having their tournament this year due to an injury. Jim said Custom Boat is going to hold a tournament next year and would like to have an option to hold it this year if they get everything together, but it is doubtful if they are going to do hold it this year.

Andrew Perini stated the company, Citadel Broadcasting, holds the KBUL tournament and this will be the 4th year of the tournament which is held on the 3rd weekend of April. The tournament is called the Hook, Line, Sinker Ken Hembree Classic. He stated they would like to be able to have their fishermen be allowed to fish in the Net Pens area.

Chairman Wright said the regulations, Section 5, Closed Waters, state, "the fish pens located in the Sutcliffe area shall be closed to fishing. Fishing is prohibited within a 1,000 foot radius around the fish attraction channel at the fish pens located in the Sutcliffe area. Fishing in any facilities, including but not limited to the fish hatchery facilities, ponds or raceways utilized for the purpose of rearing within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation, is prohibited."

Chairman Wright said we are finding out that when citations are issued and are trying to be enforced, the language of the regulations is being interpreted differently by our Tribal Court. The liability question is important. There is a reason for the insurance requirement. The Tribe's intent is about conservation and promoting fisheries and we are doing what we feel is necessary to regulate and assure that conservation measures are in place to preserve and protect our resources.

A question was asked if the recent changes in the regulations were done for one group or was it blanket decision. Chairman Wright explained that the decision was for everyone. Councilmember Mendes stated for the record that she would not make a decision for one specific person or group.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Wes Williams, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated Wes submitted his report and an invoice for November 2007 in the amount of \$1,021.20. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the November 2007 invoice for payment. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were 8 for, zero opposed, and no abstentions (Vice Chairman Eben out of the room during the vote). **Motion carries**.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Approval of Two Budgets for the Ranger Program – Erin Calvin, Chief of Police: Chief Calvin was present requesting approval of two budgets.

Law Enforcement Equipment Grant – The amount of the Department of Justice grant is \$143,080 for vehicles, technology services, uniforms, and supplies. This is a 2-year grant and has no match requirement. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

Rangers Equipment Grant – The grant was received from the Department of Justice in the amount of \$114,400 with no match requirement and is for equipment only. Council-member Jason Davis made a motion to approve the budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were 8 for, zero opposed and no abstentions (Chairman Wright out of the room and Vice Chairman Eben chaired the meeting.) Motion carried.

Chief Calvin asked if there were any questions on the spreadsheet on the amounts for derby breakdown. Terry Bohl stated explained how the figures were determined. Council-member Mendes stated she would like to see a formula developed to be used every year. An analysis should be done on the regulations every year.

Approval to Recruit for Parks & Recreation Committee – Della John, Tribal Administrator: Della John, Tribal Administrator, was present a request to recruit for the Parks & Recreation Committee. Chairman Wright said he had a question regarding the posting of a vacancy and he believes this would be an administrative function. Councilmember Jason Davis said there is a committee already formed and they were never dissolved. He was on the previous committee along with Irwin Mix, Lynnette Kelly, Nate Dunn and Maureen Smith. He suggested they be contacted to see if they want to remain on the committee. This was a voluntary committee and they received no stipends. Chairman Wright said those members will be contacted.

Councilmember Servilican asked Della where the FEMA trailers are coming from. Chairman Wright said there were 1,000 trailers that were inspected and given a "good inspection." The Tribe received notification and it was forwarded to Della and Christine John. All of the tribes across the nation were notified of the trailers. We received notice that we were eligible to receive five trailers, but we have to move them. Della said the Nevada and California tribes are working together to have them moved to save costs.

Renewal of Liquor License for the I-80 Smokeshop – Duane Florez, Store Manager: Duane Florez, I-80 Smokeshop Manager, was present to request renewal of the liquor license for the Smokeshop. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the liquor license. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked for clarification on whom the supervisor is for Duane and Chairman Wright replied that it was the Chairman which happened in October.

Tax Commission Vacancy: Chairman Wright stated there is one vacancy on the Tax Commission and there are three individuals interested in serving on this Commission: Jackie Larks, Bonnie Akaka-Smith, and Angey Dunn. The Tribal Council voted by ballot. Jackie Larks received 1 vote; Bonnie Akaka-Smith received 7 votes, and Angey Dunn received 1 vote. Bonnie Akaka-Smith was appointed to the Tax Commission.

Councilmember Johnnie Garcia Travel Request: Councilmember Garcia submitted a request to travel to Phoenix, AZ on February 20-21, 2008 for a roads inventory training session being conducted by the BIA, Western Regional Office. Councilmember Janet Davis asked if funding is available and Chairman Wright replied yes. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if this was only on the grant or would the roads department staff be participating. Della replied that the training is how the BIA computes the funding that is allocated for roads maintenance and/or construction to the tribes.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the travel request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes taken were 8 for, zero opposed, and 1 abstention. *Motion carried*.

Emergency Senior Request: Chairman Wright stated we received an emergency senior request from Orville Barlese in the amount of \$363.00 for propane. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican.

Discussion: Councilmember Judith asked if they met on the revision of the emergency senior request policy. Councilmember Mendes explained they did meet and it will be brought before the Tribal Council.

Votes on the motion to approve the emergency senior request were all in favor, *motion carried*.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated last year he had proposed adopting a vision and mission statement and he was directed it to send to the staff. He received several comments and they were incorporated into the proposed statement. The Tribe needs to have a vision and mission statement to remind people of what we are here for.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to approve the vision and mission statement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked the Tribal Chairman to read the vision and mission statement for the record.

"Vision: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe envisions an ideal lifestyle where its enrolled members prosper physically, emotionally, spiritually, and economically. Our vision is to increase and use cultural knowledge and experience to protect and preserve the natural resources of the Pyramid Lake and Northern Paiute homelands. We endeavor to foster individual growth and personal responsibility through education and economic opportunity.

Mission: The Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Council is dedicated to creating a respectful environment that inspires values; protects and preserves our cultural and traditional heritage; supports tribal self-sufficiency; promotes emotional and spiritual wellness; and encourages innovation and positive leadership. We aspire to achieve through trusted cooperation, coordination, and collaboration with local, regional, and national communities, and with individuals and organizations who aim to achieve similar goals of the Tribe and its community."

Chairman Wright stated each program and department has been asked to develop their own mission. The Health Clinic, High School, Police Department, and Environmental Department all have a mission as part of their purpose.

Chairman Wright stated he distributed a copy of a Federal Charter of Incorporation to the Tribal Council. He would like to transition from a Tribal Council to a business council. The objectives of the Tribe are about operating a business and we need to focus on business objectives of the Tribe. We should be approaching our efforts on a business level and he would like to work towards having a business council, but this is only an idea.

There is an issue with regard to public utilities and non-Tribal members that are in the Tribe's service. There is one individual who has not paid a fee and is now being uncooperative. The Tribe's ordinance allows non-Tribal members to use our service. The Public Utilities Board dealt with this issue and they are recommending termination of service. The Council is being informed of this because arrangements were made with non-Tribal members in Wadsworth during the formation of the ordinance. The Public Utilities Board will be revisiting this portion of the ordinance.

Tahoe-Pyramid Bikeway: There were questions regarding the NAGPRA Committee's recommendation. A letter has been submitted by Ben Aleck which stated the NAGPRA Committee determined there would be no negative impacts. We also received a letter from Public Utilities Board regarding the use of domestic water in Wadsworth and their recommendation is to approve the request. The amount being requested is 1-acre foot of water, which equals to 42,560 gallons.

Chief Calvin said they are finding that citations are being thrown out in court. If there is no signage, the judge goes with the other side. Even signing the permit is not good enough. Chairman Wright said the lack of signs is being worked on by the Maintenance and Environmental departments.

Chairman Wright stated there have been a couple of complaints from the Numaga program about the delivery of food. There have been a couple of people who have been cut-off from home delivery. A review was done in 2007 and there were several noncompliance issues with the grant one of which is the criteria for home-bound deliveries. Vinton Hawley informed the Chairman of maintaining compliance with the grant and that some of the participants won't be happy. The concern is if we don't maintain compliance we could possibly jeopardize funding and future funding.

Councilmember Janet Davis suggested a letter be sent to all of the participants of the Numaga program about the changes because not all of the seniors were aware of the changes. Councilmember Mendes suggested the criteria for home delivery be included in the letter.

Chairman Wright stated he is requesting permission to travel for a Department of Energy technical external coordination meeting in San Antonio on February 4-7, 2008. This is a follow-up meeting from the meeting he attended in Denver. This is regarding nuclear waste transport to Yucca Mountain. Expenses are covered by the Department of Energy which is all reimbursable.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the travel request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Wright informed the Council that when the Vice Chairman seat became vacant, the supervisory responsibility was taken by himself and the Administrator. The decision to fund the position was made by the Tribal Council and the plan was to focus on the Tribe's need with regard to projects and issues.

Councilmember Servilican asked about supervisory duties of the Vice Chairman. Chairman Wright replied the reporting and follow through was not happening and we would like to put the focus on the areas that are needed. Councilmember Mendes stated it is a paid position with a job description and those would be the duties until it is changed. Councilmember Jason Davis stated the Tribal Council adopted the organizational chart and is still in effect and it does include supervisory duties.

Chairman Wright said we will follow the organizational chart that was adopted by the Tribal Council and look at the job description.

Councilmember Servilican stated the Economic Development Committee is working on PL 101-618 and so what does the IDT do. Chairman Wright replied that the IDT is reviewing the projects that are received by the Tribe. Any business proposal or project that comes in to the Tribe will impact our natural resources and they go to the IDT. Councilmember Servilican then asked why have an Economic Development Committee. Councilmember Mendes explained that the IDT looks at the environmental impact that an economic development project might create. Chairman Wright stated the Water Resources Department is responsible for the implementation of PL 101-618 and in the Settlement Act there is an economic development plan requirement. John Jackson is aware of this and the Committee will focus their attention on the economic development plan.

Councilmember Servilican asked about Chairman Wright's report and the statement regarding information being released. Chairman Wright replied that the communication between people other than Don Springmeyer and himself are creating problems with the other TROA signatories. In order to control the official position of the Tribe there needs to be two people to be the lead contacts. Don will be bringing in a proposal regarding official contacts for the Tribe at the February meeting.

Councilmember John asked about a strategic plan and Chairman Wright said this is a decision for the Tribal Council.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Carla Eben: Vice Chairman Eben stated she has set up her office and found that one of the constraints is the location of her office. She has been working on the insurance claims with Stetson Beemer on the buildings that were damaged by the winds. She has also been working on the underground storage tanks with Torey Byington, Environmental Director. According to EPA we have 16 tanks that have to be tested, but we have to first locate the tanks.

Councilmember Janet Davis asked about the doctor not seeing children and sending those children to the emergency room. Councilmember Mendes reported that one of the doctors is not licensed to see children and the Clinic is working to get a physician or nurse practitioner who will be able to see kids.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Submitted by, Gina Wadsworth Tribal Secretary

PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL **REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

February 1, 2008

Janet Davis Jason Davis

Judith Davis

Gordon Frazier Johnnie Garcia Clayton Servilican

Sherry Ely Mendes

Carla Eben. Vice Chairman

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman

Members Absent: Genevieve John

CALL TO ORDER

Members Present:

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the January 8, 2008 regular meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmember Genevieve John was not present. All other Tribal Council members were present at roll call and a quorum was established for the meeting.

PRAYER

Chairman Wright stated he would like to include opening prayer for each meeting and to give each Councilmember an opportunity to offer a prayer. There are a lot of other tribal councils that do the same thing. At this time Chairman Wright offered a prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated he would like to include two senior emergency requests. Anthony Sampson, Higher Education Coordinator, is present to request approval on scholarships. Councilmember Mendes stated she would like to include a discussion on the Elder Assistance Program.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to approve the agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terrylee Sampson: Terrylee Sampson thanked Chairman Wright for the prayer. She agrees that this needs to be done for each meeting. She would like to inform the Council that the Court situation is still there and the court system is not going away. She stated the Council hired Mitch Wright and that there was no background done, but it was a Council decision. Terrylee stated she has developed a team on the reservation and her team has talked about submitting a petition and she verified with the Tribal Secretary about the process. The Tribal Secretary informed Terrylee that she will have to submit the reason for a petition, submit the payment, and the forms for signatures would then be given to Terrylee. Terrylee stated the petition is not against the Tribal Council, but is to request the Tribal Council to quit "looking the other way."

Karen Williams: Karen Williams stated she doesn't normally get involved in Tribal politics, but she is fighting a case in Tribal Court and from what she knows about Tribal laws, the Court is violating her due process. She asked about complaints that were filed in December. Chairman Wright explained that he did issue a memorandum to the Law & Order Committee Chairman but he has not received a response. He recently spoke with the Committee Chairman and she informed him that the response will be brought forward.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated on the Consent Agenda are Tribal Council meeting minutes for December 27, 2007; January 8, 2008 (outgoing); and January 8, 2008 (incoming) and a reclassification of a job description for Clinical Registered Nurse.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Maddox and Associates - Don Springmeyer: Chairman Wright stated two invoices were submitted for August 2007. Councilmember Servilican asked what the Jackrabbit Project is. Don Springmeyer replied there are several developers who have made applications to the State Engineer for underground water permits that could support large subdivisions. Councilmember Servilican also asked what the San Emidio pipeline is. Don replied that is in the northeastern area and is about a project to extract groundwater from the San Emidio basin and Blackrock Desert and other areas, to bring towards Fernley. The protests were directed at protecting the potential underground water in the area of the Reservation which may have an affect on the Reservation. Chairman Wright suggested holding off on the discussion until the report under the Water Resources report.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the special counsel invoice in the amount of \$17,037.50. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the tribal attorney contract in the amount of \$17,369.19. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Business License Renewal for Marks of Beauty - Teresa Wright: Teresa Wright is requesting renewal of her business license for Marks of Beauty. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the temporary business license for Teresa Wright. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

Request for Donation for the 4th Annual UNR Pow-wow: Chairman Wright stated Kari Emm submitted a request for a donation for the 4th annual University of Nevada, Reno Pow-wow which will be held on May 3-4, 2008. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to donate \$100 for \(\frac{1}{2} \) page advertisement. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Enrollment – Carol Smith: Carol Smith present, Enrollment Officer, was present with several items for Tribal Council action.

Approval of Eight (8) Applications for Regular Membership: Carol stated the Enrollment Committee is recommending approval of eight (8) applications for regular membership. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee for approval. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*. **RESOLUTION NO. PL 03-08**

Chairman Wright then read the names of the newly approved members: Gloria Ann Benallie, Kaijou Orin Blindman, Skyler Ledesma-James, Tyeese Ledesma-James, Darren Mauwee, Blain Joshua Rosales, Laura Ann Rosales, and Mahena-Whey Rose Smith.

Approval of One (1) Application for Adoptive Membership: Carol stated the Enrollment Committee is recommending approval of one application for adoptive membership. The applicant has met all the criteria of the Ordinance and now needs 2/3 approval of the Tribal Council. Councilmember Jason Davis asked Carol if the applicant understood his rights under as an adopted member and she replied yes.

A motion was made to accept the Committee's recommendation for approval of the adoptive membership application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*. **RESOLUTION NO. PL 04-08**

Chairman Wright stated the approved application for adoptive membership is for Jon-Daryl Foster.

Schedule Rejection Hearing: Carol stated the Enrollment Committee is recommending rejection for one applicant and the Tribal Council will have to schedule a hearing. Council-member Jason Davis made a motion to schedule a rejection hearing for the March 7th Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carries**.

Water Resources – John Jackson: John Jackson, Water Resources Director, was present along with Ali Shahroody and Don Springmeyer.

High Desert Geothermal Contract Amendment: John stated he is requesting approval of an amendment to the High Desert Geothermal contract. The amendment is to extend the contract for six months and increase the budget by \$49,500. Councilmember Jason Davis asked if High Desert Geothermal contacted anybody about investors. John explained they are now conducting due diligence and there are potential partners. Councilmember Jason Davis asked about the exploratory holes and John said one 3,000 foot slim hole has to be done and they are waiting for funding. Councilmember Mendes asked about the cheaper alternatives for fixing that problem. John replied they were looking for a low-cost fix, but it was determined that there was a safety risk involved. She then asked if there are potential partners. John said there are partners who are approaching us and he is sending those to the consultants for due diligence. She asked for timelines and John said he is putting together a presentation and it should be ready next month.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the amendment to the High Desert Geothermal contract. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

Maddox & Associates Contract: John stated Don Springmeyer submitted a proposed contract that had no ceiling amount and John recommends a ceiling. Don then proposed a ceiling of \$410,000; \$320,000 for regular work and \$90,000 for expenses. The funding is available.

Don stated he would like to provide a short explanation of how the water team has been divided up over the last year or so among his firm, Bob Pelcyger, and Stephanie Zehren and how it has been changing. Councilmember Mendes stated she believes the Council should meet with the legal team to see the scopes of work. The Council should be a part of delegating the portion of what each one is going to be handling and what the priorities are.

Councilmember Mendes stated the scope of work is very broad with various projects that have various levels of importance and the Council should have a clear understanding of it. It needs to be mapped out and she proposes a special Council work session with the water team to go over this to see how it is split. She would recommend not making a decision tonight and have each one of the water team members explain to the Council what they feel their priorities are and where they fit and then the Council can decide what contracts will go forward.

Chairman Wright stated the reason for the reduction is because there have been duplication of services. John discussed with each of the team members on what is expected from them on behalf of the Tribe. If this is what the Council wants to do, that is their decision. But we may end up in negotiations. John has done a lot of work in streamlining the work and eliminating any duplication of services.

Councilmember Mendes said she doesn't want to sound as if she doesn't trust John's decision, but this is something she has been thinking about. The Council's decision should be an informed decision and to know as much of what is being talked about. The Tribal Council does approve the billing and the Council should know what it looks like.

John said he is asking for permission to do a counter-proposal with Bob Pelcyger and Stephanie Zehren. He did speak with Bob about this and he does understand what is being done. He said Bob asked that he be present at the Council meeting when the counter-proposal is brought forward to the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Mendes said we lost a little bit of direction and control over what is John's administrative responsibility, but the water issues and water department is a legislative deal and she would like more say in it.

Chairman Wright said for the Water Resources Department, they have been talking about staffing up his program because he needs staff and the priorities have been set. Councilmember Mendes stated she doesn't believe the staff needs to be increased because there is no funding. We need to be able to get the most from the team and what are the outcomes and deliverables.

Chairman Wright stated as far as the contracts, you will hear from Don and Ali regarding their involvement and the determination can be made. As far as Bob and Stephanie's workload this is going to be discussed.

Councilmember Judith Davis said the scope of work is going to change as things arise with each issue and it's general right now, but she would like to use John, the Chairman and the Vice Chairman to get the information to the Tribal Council. But she doesn't see having to sit down with each one of them.

Chairman Wright said John has the scope of work that his program is responsible for and has put in a lot of time and effort to address each of the issues. As far as the scope of work, John knows where the team is needed and knows how to utilize the team as a resource. There are many issues and a lot of the work that may be conducted by Bob or Stephanie could be completed by Don's firm.

Councilmember Servilican stated if they are doing the same work, why do we need another contract. John stated Bob is needed for historical consulting work. Councilmember Mendes stated we know he is needed for historical reference and Don will need that information. She knows John's recommendation is to not renew Stephanie's contract, but where does her scope of work go.

Don stated that they did meet with the Tribal Council and discussed every thing they worked on. Councilmember Mendes stated but the Council never prioritized any of it. Don said part of the problem is defining what the priority list means. Almost everything that happens, from a lawyer's prospective, requires action or it goes by. For example, a protest has to be filed within 30 days from the day of publication on the application. Don said he would offer an explanation of the roles of the water team over the last year. He doesn't see Bob's reports so he doesn't know what is being reported to the Tribal Council. Don said if the Tribal Council tells him to do less work, then that is what he will do. But it is not a good idea to work without a contract. He would suggest acting on the contract and if the Council doesn't want him to work now until there is a contract. They are absorbing work that Stephanie was doing in writing briefs for Bob and Don said he has it set up where there are three different rates for the attorneys so there is efficient use of the funding.

John said he will be looking at streamlining the projects and once he and the water team look at the projects, it will be brought back to the Tribal Council. Some of the contracts are based on federal funding.

Chairman Wright said there are recommendations from John on the four contracts. The scopes of work and prioritization were discussed, but he is hearing the Council should be meeting with the water team so they are informed on what is being done.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked Don if there is any work being done presently while there is no contract. Don replied yes because there may be issues that go to the wayside if he does not do any work.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the contract for Robert Maddox and Associates and to table the contracts for Stephanie Zehren and Bob Pelcyger. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican.

Discussion: Councilmember Mendes asked why John is recommending to not approve Stephanie Zehren's contract. John said Bob relies on Stephanie to do things he doesn't want to do, such as writing briefs. Councilmember Mendes asked if that would be additional work or is that within the ceiling amount. Don replied he did take that into account. She stated she thinks we still need Bob for the historical stuff and asked Don if he would be able to work with Bob. Don replied yes and that is one thing that they could absolutely do and his contract is set up to do this. She asked about the relationship between both firms and is there a working relationship. Don answered yes, particularly with the historical stuff. Bob's knowledge is important and he does utilize that information. The amount of work Bob has done has diminished and Don's has expanded which is the way Bob intended and the Council anticipated when Don was hired.

Councilmember Jason Davis stated he would also like to include in his motion that Bob Pelcyger and Stephanie Zehren be present at the February 15th meeting. Councilmember Servilican agreed. Councilmember Frazier asked if they will also be discussing the items with the water team. Councilmember Mendes stated that would be a special working meeting with the water team.

Votes taken on the motion to approve the contract for Robert Maddox & Associates; table the contracts for Bob Pelcyger and Stephanie Zehren and to have them in attendance at the meeting on February 15th to discuss the contracts were all in favor, *motion carries*. **RESOLUTION NO. PL 06-08**

Stetson Engineers Contract: John stated he is recommending approval of the proposed contract and authorization for Tribal Administration to negotiate and execute the contract. The amount of the contract is \$340,000.

Vice Chairman Eben made a motion to approve the contract for Stetson Engineers. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carries**.

Request for Attorney Fees from BIA: John stated he is requesting approval of a resolution to submit an application for attorney fees through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Chairman Wright stated this is a standard procedure the Tribe goes through when we receive notification from the BIA regarding special attorney funds. John explained these funds pay for legal fees and is funded through the BIA.

Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to approve the resolution for attorney fees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*. **RESOLUTION NO. PL 05-08**

Don stated in connection with streamlining the work he has a suggestion on the petition cases where there are several thousand parcels that are challenged by the Tribe as being water rights forfeited. A lot of them were resolved through the AB380 program. Don would like to suggest that the Council give John and himself discretion or authority to resolve cases of less than 1 acre in size. There are hundreds of these cases that are 1/10 of an acre and it would cost the Tribe a lot more money to do this in a trial setting to contest whether water was used. He suggested they be given authority to "trade" on the cases. For example, if we have a case where our evidence is weak and the other side has strong evidence, they could withdraw the challenge if they give up on this challenge. If they are given the authority, they can deal with parcels of less than an acre and figure out what is cost effective for the Tribe. Chairman Wright said in 1992 there were approximately 1,100 protests filed. He and John Jackson have discussed streamlining this process and it's the principle of filing the protests.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked how many types of cases are there and Don replied he is not suggesting giving up on everything under 1 acre foot, but there are different ways to make this work. This is an offer of economic efficiency as to analysis of the costs. Chairman Wright stated it would be cost effective to do it this way.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked John if he was in agreement with the suggestion. John stated yes and he has been talking to Don about this. Councilmember Mendes asked that once a decision has been made on these petitions, will it come back to the Council for permission to move forward. Don replied this would cost more money to come back to the Tribal Council because the Tribal Council may give up its discretion to evolve something of that size. He wouldn't be making a decision by himself.

Chairman Wright stated Don and Ali will apply the same amount of resources in energy and time for a 1/10 of an acre as they would for those that are more than 1 acre. Council-member Judith Davis stated she has not seen any statistics of how many petitions were filed and the amount of acreage. Don replied they were only filed once in 1993, but there were about 3,000 in one case. He would be able to supply this type of information. Councilmember Mendes stated this is something she would like to see because it is a decision of the Council. The Tribal Council asked for an analysis on the petitions before making a decision on the suggestion.

Higher Education – Anthony Sampson: Anthony Sampson, Higher Education Coordinator, was present to request Tribal Council action on several scholarships. The first is for the Higher Education scholarships and there are three applications for the \$350 Tribal Scholarship, and one AVT scholarship. He stated that he just spoke with Finance and there were funds located for some of the \$350 scholarships.

Councilmember Mendes asked Ralynn James, Tribal Comptroller, where she found the funding. Ralynn answered that the Higher Education account was reconciled and there was donation money from 2006 dollars to carry forward. There were two programs that had money available but the money had not been carried forward. She informed the Council that year end budget reconciliations are being done for all programs for 2007 in order to close the books.

Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the recommendations for the scholarships. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican.

Discussion: Councilmember Janet Davis stated the Council usually receives the minutes of the Education Committee meeting. Councilmember Jason Davis said he would like to make sure the students are listed. Chairman Wright then read the names of the students that are being recommended for approval: Josephine Melendez, Naomi Nevers, Pamela Gibson, and Douglas Williams. The students for the \$350 Tribal Scholarships are: Aaron Bill, Evan Bill, Nathan Dunn, Debra Harry, Joseph Livingston, Naomi Nevers, Justin Youso, Carlo Roche, Lindsey Kreller, Mitchell O'Daye, William Keever, and Elizabeth Sarabia.

The votes taken on the motion to approve the scholarships were 7 for, zero opposed, and 1 abstention. *Motion carries*.

The Tribal Council requested that Tony include the Education meeting minutes along with a list of the students who are being recommended for approval for scholarships with his monthly report.

Senior Emergency Requests: Chairman Wright stated two emergency senior requests were submitted. The first one is for Martha Thomas for \$167.82. The second request is for Rose Dodd in the amount of \$300.00. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve both senior emergency requests. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

Elder Assistance Procedure: Councilmember Mendes said she was asked by the Tribal Council to work with Administration on the senior emergency fund. She met with Vice Chairman Eben and Della John, Tribal Administrator, to discuss the program. The discussion from the Tribal Council was that they felt the funds were not equally distributed.

They determined that there are senior emergencies particular to items such as repair of water heaters or leaky roofs. There would be a particular sliding scale. The emergency assistance program is broken down to assist with these costs. She said Della created the application form for both programs.

The second program they talked about was an energy assistance program. These are requests for help in paying for utilities. They would like a specific fund to be developed for this that encourages the elders to apply for other assistance. They are proposing a \$100 "gift" for the seniors who applies for the LIHEA program. The application includes the information but the only requirement is to apply for the LIHEA.

Councilmember Mendes stated she would like to have input from the Tribal Council on the proposed program. She stated Chairman Wright had informed her there may be savings available for the program. Chairman Wright said there were some savings with regard to the Chairman's budget and a modification to the budget will be done. The amount is approximately \$10,000. Councilmember Judith Davis suggested it be held off until the meeting with the Appropriations Committee.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright said the water issue discussions will continue with John Jackson, Ali Shahroody, and Don Springmeyer.

There was a meeting today with Senator Reid's office. One request is to schedule the special election for TROA. This is an issue before the Tribe, along with the other four signatories, with regard to the Settlement. The Settlement requires a vote by the Tribe on the Truckee River Operating Agreement (TROA).

John stated he would like to have the special election scheduled as soon as possible. The final EIS has gone out with all of the comments. He recommends holding four workshops and there is a 60-day time frame for the special election. He is proposing to hold the election on the 3rd Saturday in April.

Councilmember Servilican asked if the four issues have been completed and Chairman Wright replied no, the issues being referred to are in the November 20 letter. The issue at hand is the storage contract negotiation and another issue is the TROA/MOA. The de-listing issue is one we are hoping is going to be "bookshelved" and not brought out during the time TROA is being signed. The complexity of these issues poses serious challenges to the signatories.

With regard to the unappropriated water or 5747 application, he believes the State of Nevada is beginning to recognize the difficult situation they are in with regard to their obligation to TROA and primarily with the interstate allocation. The issues addressed in the letter are works in progress. By the time of the special election, we would prefer to have information to report to the Tribal members that everything is complete.

Councilmember Jason Davis asked if another letter is going to be sent because there were good points in that letter that was sent, but we need some kind of response from them and we need to keep fighting to get what we want, we shouldn't be backing down.

Chairman Wright said there are requirements that need to be in place. He disagrees that we are backing down and Bob's read on the political climate was incorrect. There was an opportunity that we could have strategically approached this issue differently, but we would have gotten the same response. The pressure is on the Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and the State of Nevada, as a result of that letter. It doesn't stop us from having to continue to work with the parties on these issues. There are time frames that have to be met with the TMWA and the State of Nevada.

Councilmember Janet Davis said once it's signed we won't have any leverage. Councilmember Jason Davis said it's only 3 months for the Council to get educated on TROA and then they have to educate the public. John said the TROA document is thick, but it could be done as simply or as complex as you want. He believes he can educate the membership about TROA in four working sessions.

John said he is asking to hold a special election for the Tribal membership to vote on the final TROA document and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Councilmember Frazier stated it was signed by the other parties before these issues came up. John replied right, he thinks most parties have already signed.

Councilmember Mendes asked John if he feels what has been worked on for all these years is secure enough to keep water flowing into Pyramid Lake for a sustained amount of time and that growth in the Truckee Meadows is not going to be a continual fight for the Tribe. She thought the Tribe's security in TROA was to tie up as much of the unappropriated water for Pyramid Lake as possible. It sounds like we will continually have battles.

Chairman Wright said with TROA we are talking about the 7 reservoirs: Tahoe, Donner, Martis, Prosser, Stampede, Boca, and Independence. The amount of water we have available in Prosser Creek Reservoir, Lake Tahoe, and primarily Stampede, is the Tribe's water supply and what we are destined to be assured that those water supplies will provide us water for a spawning run. The second component is water quality. We need to make sure we have a water supply during the summer months for restoring fishery in the River. The less than normal water years are the ones we have to be focused on. He doesn't look at TROA or what's in front of us as something as being frightening, but it is a challenge. When it comes to accounting, monitoring, and scheduling, we need to be on top of everything.

The growth in the Truckee Meadows and the water supply the Truckee Meadows community is going to receive under TROA is going to dictate their growth. Because we agreed, under the Preliminary Settlement Agreement of 1989, that they are going to have a right to store water and to have a build up based on their water demand up to a certain amount. All stated that is Truckee Meadows' own water. Chairman Wright stated it is water they have to convert into M&I use.

John said by scheduling a date for the special election puts the Tribe in the forefront and makes the other parties move faster. Right now they can just delay it. Chairman Wright stated Senator Reid has assured us that the other parties will have to step up. John stated he has the funding to cover the costs of the election.

A motion was made to schedule special election on 3rd Saturday in April, which would be April 19, 2008. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben.

Discussion: Councilmember Judith Davis stated she has a concern with the outreach to all Tribal members. She would like to have more time to educate herself first so that she is comfortable in answering questions on TROA.

Votes taken on the motion for the special election was 3 for, 1 opposed, and 4 abstentions. There was discussion again on the date for the special meeting. Councilmember Janet Davis called for a revote on the question. The votes were 3 for, 5 opposed, and no abstentions. *Motion failed*.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to schedule the special election on May 31, 2008. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

Chairman Wright then reviewed his monthly report. In his report the request is for approval of the Complete Wireless agreement, however, the agreement is not ready to be presented to the Tribal Council.

Chairman Wright discussed the organizational chart that was adopted by the Tribal Council on January 13, 2005. The current supervisory duties are based on this chart. The Tribal Council action taken to move supervision of Pyramid Lake Fisheries to the Vice Chairman was due to personal involvement with the department. With regard to the issues that occurred back then and compared to today, clearly they are very different. It is not if the Council feels he has to be held to past administration standards.

Councilmember Servilican asked what the reason was to change supervision of the Fisheries to the Chairman and Chairman Wright said so it was in compliance with the adopted organizational chart and that it was not fair that he's being compared to past administrations. Councilmember Janet Davis said the organization chart can be changed and to leave it the way it is. Councilmember Jason Davis said it was done by a motion and it should be under the Chairman. There were things going on when the change was made.

Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to change the organizational chart so that the Vice Chairman is the supervisor of Pyramid Lake Fisheries. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were 7 for, zero opposed, and 1 abstention. *Motion carried*.

Councilmember Mendes voiced her concerns that it seems as if the Council is ceding a lot of the decision-making, which should be at the administrative level, to departments. She feels we have given away everything to different teams and that Council involvement has been greatly diminished. There were improprieties in the past but she feels we are going in the same path.

Chairman Wright informed the Tribal Council that the Interdisciplinary Team is considering several business ventures such as Cabela's, and Casino Development Services (CDMS). A letter had been sent to CDMS expressing interest. The Tribal Council felt the letter should have been brought to the Council for approval. Chairman Wright stated if there is a response from CDMS, he would notify the Council. On the projects that the prior Vice Chairman was handling, the only response was from Sunset Ethanol and it was forwarded to the IDT. Councilmember Janet Davis asked if that information to come before the Council and that it should be common courtesy to bring it to the Council. She said the Council didn't even decide on the Nixon Store to which Chairman Wright said the Tribal Council requested a business plan be developed before a decision was made. It will still be the Council's decision.

Councilmember Judith Davis said the communication break is where it states "we," which is the IDT. The IDT was set up for TROA/MOA and if there are business proposals, they are shared with the IDT and the Council is stating the proposal should be brought here.

Chairman Wright stated no letters have been sent yet and would like to know if the Council would like to send the letters to Foxwoods and Peppermill and is the Tribal Council interested in gaming. The Tribal Council replied yes. Chairman Wright said the CDMS letter went out, but the Foxwoods, Peppermill, and Cabela's letters will be brought before the Council. He will inform the IDT that the Council will let them know when to move forward.

Chairman Wright stated that High Desert Recreation (HDR) representatives were present tonight. He said Russell Cruz is the new president for HDR and we will be dealing with him. On March 4th the mediation session is scheduled with the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

There was discussion regarding the memorandum from Terry Bohl to Chairman Wright. The memo is a proposal to consolidate the Ranger program and the Emergency Response program. Chairman Wright stated he would like the Council to read the report. Councilmember Judith Davis said the memo did not include the Chief of Police. He would make sure Chief Calvin receives a copy for her input.

A memo was sent to the Law & Order Committee Chair as a result of the December 13, 2007 meeting. He met with the Chair and she asked what he wanted and he explained to her what was requested which was case numbers and details of the incidences.

A report was received from Janet Crutcher, Diabetes Program. The report was on the status of the home and is not what was reported by the Realty Manager who stated the home was completely renovated. The facility should be dedicated to the Diabetes Program and it's the same for Victim Services Program because they are required to pay rent. They shouldn't have to pay rent since they provide services to the Reservation communities.

Councilmember Frazier made a motion to move into an executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 11:23 p.m.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to move into open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carries*.

The Tribal Council moved into an open session at 11:53 p.m.

There were concerns brought up about the Vice Chairman not having an office. The Secretary stated the Enrollment Officer moved into the previous Vice Chairman's office and there is an office available, but Carla did not want to move into the office. Vice Chairman Eben stated she had asked Lela Christensen for her office. Councilmember Judith Davis stated Lela had spoken with Environmental staff about possibly moving her office to which the Secretary stated that was in the event she was asked to move. Councilmember Mendes stated this should be discussed within Administration.

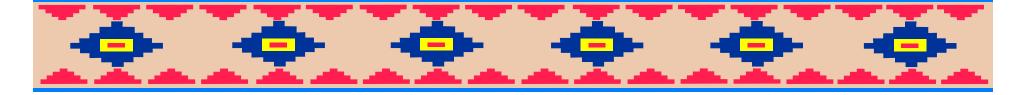
ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gina Wadsworth Tribal Secretary



PYRAMID LAKE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES February 21, 2008

Members Present: Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman

Janet Davis Jason Davis Judith Davis

Carla Eben, Vice Chairman

Members Absent: Johnnie Garcia

Sherry Ely Mendes
Gordon Frazier
Genevieve John
Clayton Servilican

CALL TO ORDER

Tribal Chairman Mervin Wright, Jr. called the February 21, 2008 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 6:35 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice Chairman Eben gave the opening prayer.

ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary. Councilmember Johnnie Garcia was not present and Councilmember Sherry Ely Mendes arrived at 6:40 p.m. All other Councilmembers were present at roll call and a quorum was established for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Duane Florez, I-80 Smokeshop Manager, requested to be included on the meeting agenda. Wendell Henry stated he would also like to be on the agenda. The Secretary stated she would like to include an emergency senior request, a request for waiver of day use fees, and a request for a copy of the Tribal Council meeting recordings. Vinton Hawley, Numaga Program, requested to be placed on the agenda. Councilmember Mendes stated she would like to address the regulation changes that were made by the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kellie Harry stated she would like to ask about our ancestor found at Wizard's Beach. She has heard a lot about this and is wondering what is being done. She would like to know how the State is able to keep the remains since it was found on the Reservation. Chairman Wright said in 1966 the Tribal Council authorized a permit for the BIA with the Nevada State Museum to excavate certain areas and these remains were found. The Tribe filed a claim with the Bureau of Indian Affairs in November 2007 and we are waiting for a response from the BIA. Kellie said it didn't make sense to her why we can't just go get the remains. Chairman Wright said it is a lengthy process, especially when the scientists get involved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Elder Assistance Procedure – Sherry Ely Mendes: The application form was completed by Della John, Tribal Administrator. The final draft is done, but was not given to the Council. Councilmember Judith Davis said she would like to see the final format and the criteria. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to table action on the elder assistance procedure. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

Regulations: Chairman Wright the meeting regarding the closed areas – the statement made was that the beaches in Sutcliffe would be closed from the Marina to Mullen's Creek. The regulations state that in the fish pen area, "fishing is prohibited within a 1,000 foot radius around the fish attraction channel. The fish pens located in the Sutcliffe area shall be closed to fishing." As far as the entire beach closure, it wasn't done. Councilmember Frazier stated it has always been that way. The Fisheries was going to put up signs in the area. Councilmember Mendes said since it is the Tribe's regulations, the Tribe should do that. Chairman Wright said it should probably be the Ranger Program. Councilmember Servilican said when the regulations are passed by the Council, they shouldn't be changed and once a decision is made, we stick with that decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to Hold 4th Annual Fishing Derby – Andrew Perini: Mr. Perini was unable to attend the meeting due to a family emergency. He had a couple of questions on the application but had been informed of the changes made to the application. The Tribal Council had requested the application be amended to remove item "b" and to change the fee amounts. Mr. Perini said their attorney changed the wording on item "c" to read "Citadel hereby agrees to hold the PLPT Administration harmless from and against any injury, death, or property damage caused by the intentional or reckless or negligent misconduct, act or omission of Citadel in connection with the event to be held on April 19th and 20th at Pyramid Lake." Councilmember Mendes said the entire application should be changed to that wording for all applicants.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the 4th Annual Fishing Derby to be held on April 19 and 20, 2008 by Citadel Broadcasting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Approval of Invoices Submitted by Robert Maddox & Associates: Chairman Wright stated there are two invoices submitted by Don Springmeyer. Councilmember John asked if it was normal to receive the invoices late. Chairman Wright replied the invoices are for 2007 and there were some billing issues and we are now catching up. There is carry forward money for the old invoices. Councilmember John said she would like to know how much money is spent for a year. The Tribe's books are probably already closed and now we have an invoice for September. Chairman Wright said we did receive the award in August 2007 for TROA implementation and these invoices are being funded from that program. He will contact Maddox & Associates to bring the account current.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the general counsel invoice in the amount of \$15,360.87. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the special counsel invoice in the amount of \$13,350. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken on the motion to approve the special counsel invoice were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Wendell and Denise Henry: Wendell Henry stated he is here as a concerned Tribal member who is concerned for the community he lives in. There are certain activities within the community where he lives that is common knowledge of the Police Department and the citizens. He would like to ask the Tribal Council to have law enforcement to keep the community safe. The Tribal Council has an obligation and a responsibility to the community – there was an incident at his residence – Councilmember Janet Davis interjected and asked if there is going to be a suit. Councilmember Mendes asked if it is an open court case and he said not now. Denise said everybody knows about it but nobody is doing anything about it and they are here asking for guidance. Wendell said this is a drug problem.

He said on February 10 there was an incident with his 10-year old boy who was playing in his own backyard. We have an officer here who knows this individual but his hands seem to be tied and also law enforcement's also because we have to have proof or evidence. There was a court order to have this person evicted, but it was not followed through by the Housing Authority. They are frustrated by the police, courts, and housing. Nobody seems to care.

There was another incident on Wednesday when the pit bulls came under the fence and his wife told him to call the police. The police arrived and looked where the dogs went under the fence. The dogs were taken away, but were back again today. If the Council fails ... where do they go for safety?

He said there is going to be a funeral for a law enforcement officer as a result of the same problem. He asked what they can do to get rid of unsavory people who are a danger to the community. He is here because it is inexcusable to have a frightened boy of a non-tribal member. This is where it gets crazy with law enforcement because it's his word against another.

Chairman Wright said he will follow-up with several items and with the Housing Authority and police department. Councilmember Jason Davis said when the eviction goes out, it should be followed through. Councilmember Mendes asked if there is anything that can empower the Tribal Council to act on those individuals who are not Tribal members to have them removed from the Reservation. It was stated that expulsion is in the Law & Order Code. Wendell said this has to be dealt with before something happens.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion for Chairman Wright to find out who the non-tribal members are and have them officially expelled from the reservation and not to return. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Judith Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Closed Circuit TV/Technology Grant Budget Approval – Janice Gunderson, Social Services: Janice Gunderson, Social Services Director, was present to request approval of a budget for the Closed-Circuit TV/Technology grant. Councilmember Judith Davis asked if this is complying with the Law & Order Code and Janice said she couldn't find anything in the Code that prohibits this. The grant was originally under the Victim Services Program and then transferred to the Social Services Department. It was asked if the transfer was approved by the funding agency and Sandra Hicks, Contracts/Grants, said it was. Councilmember Judith Davis said she would like to see the approval letter for transferring the program from Victim Services to Social Services.

A motion was made and seconded to table action on the budget. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Land & Resource Committee – Jolyne Sander: Jolyne Sander, Land & Resource Committee, was present with a recommendation for approval for a land assignment for Kellie Harry. She stated Kellie has a land assignment already, but will relinquish that assignment if the new one is approved.

Councilmember John made a motion to approve the land assignment for Kellie Harry. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion* carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 07-08

Pyramid Lake Police Department – Erin Calvin, Chief of Police: Erin Calvin, Chief of Police, stated she has two items for Tribal Council action.

Approval to Purchase Three (3) Vehicles: The first request is to purchase three vehicles under the grant that was recently approved by the Tribal Council. The cost for each vehicle is approximately \$30,000. She is recommending purchasing the vehicles from Fallon Auto Mall and it may be the expedition or a combination of expeditions and trucks.

Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the purchase of three vehicles, not to exceed \$30,000 apiece. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Approval of Departmental General Orders: Chief Calvin stated she worked with Wes Williams, Jr., on finalizing the orders. The last procedures were done in 1996 and it has to be updated. Councilmember John stated she has not seen the orders or CD. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to table the orders so that the information can be given to Councilmember John. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

A motion was made and seconded to move into an executive session. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 8 p.m.

A motion was made and seconded to move into an open session. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

The Tribal Council moved into an open session at 8:40 p.m.

Councilmember Janet Davis made a motion for a short break at 8:40 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

The Tribal Council took a short break and reconvened at 8:53 p.m.

Environmental Department – Torey Byington, Environmental Director: Torey Byington, Environmental Director, gave a brief update on the staffing of the department. Last week one solid waste worker was out with an illness, another employee resigned and a temporary employee was hired. The Environmental Manager position has been advertised. Councilmember Mendes asked what the specific duties the manager will assume. Torey replied the manager's main tasks are to write the integrated solid waste management plan and to be the PUD manager.

Underground Storage Tank Compliance – Greg Phillips: Greg Phillips, EPA Project Officer, was present to discuss the underground storage tank compliance issue. This issue began in 1999 with the first inspection where there were some findings on the underground storage tanks at Tribal facilities. In 2006 there was another inspection and the findings were the same as those in 1999. Walter Guggenheimer, also of the EPA, will be here in April for re-inspection. There has been no noticeable compliance by the Tribe to fix the issues. At Nixon, the monthly leak detection and the annual line leak detector test must be done at these facilities. These are federal regulations that must be complied with. Any off-reservation facilities are fined for being out of compliance. When working with tribes the EPA has a policy for compliance and assistance before enforcement. The concern is because EPA does not know if the tanks are leaking.

Councilmember Judith Davis asked who is responsible for the inspections and monitoring. Greg replied it is the Tribe's responsibility to conduct the monthly monitoring and annual testing and to comply with federal regulations. The Tribe needs to develop a plan to be in compliance and to begin monitoring. He wants to make sure that Walter is going to be able to work with the Tribe. They are also asking for a work plan and a time schedule for correcting these things.

The EPA would like to have voluntary compliance from the Tribe rather than looking at enforcement. Councilmember Janet Davis asked what the timeline is for submitting the work plan and Greg replied it would be okay to have it in the next few months.

5-year Grazing Permit – Dave Smith, BIA: Dave Smith, Rangeland Management Specialist for the Western Regional Office along with Matt Spaulding, Range Conservationist. Dave said they are here to discuss the 5-year grazing permit. No decision is needed tonight, but is more informational on a long term grazing permit for the Tribe for management of range resources.

Dave explained that the BIA has been issuing the Tribe an annual grazing permit for the last five years. They have been doing this while the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) is completing a vegetation inventory. The Tribe has issued sub-permits for its members and sending those sub-permits back to the BIA for review and approval. They have been working on a long-term grazing permit for almost 10 years and it is almost complete. The NRCS completed a reservation-wide vegetation inventory and recommended stocking rates in 2004. They also completed the comprehensive resource management plan for the Tribe in 2005. The BIA has been working on adopting the recommended stocking rates through the completion of a NEPA compliance document. The stocking rates were accepted with one exception, Pasture 13. They accepted the Tribe's recommended stocking rates for that pasture and this document is in the environmental assessment in April 2007.

Dave said once stocking rates were established, the Tribe would provide a plan on how to allocate the forage for each pasture. This would include a percentage for livestock, wildlife, and the wild horse population. They are also requesting direction from the Tribe on the length of the next grazing permit issued by the BIA for either 5 years or 10 years.

The follow-up items they would propose to get the long term grazing permit would be working with the Environmental Program, representatives from the Stockman's Association, and any others designated by the Council, to work with the BIA-WNA to determine allocations for each pasture. BIA will issue a long-term grazing permit to the Tribe and will assist with the development of sub-permits and conservation plan for grazing activities. BIA will continue to conduct the annual compliance inspections and communicate findings and recommendation to the Council. The Tribe will provide the BIA, upon request, with documentation of sub-permit administration actions. The Tribe and/or the Stockman's Association will have enforcement responsibilities for non-compliance issues in accordance with the Tribe's Grazing Ordinance.

Councilmember Servilican asked if this should be presented to the Cattleman's Association first. Dave explained that the Cattleman's Association would help determine the allocation rates for each of the pastures. The BIA has the federal responsibility to establish the stocking rates for each pasture and they would work with the Cattleman's Association.

Chairman Wright stated the Cattleman's Association would be responsible for working with the BIA. He would like the Council to consider putting this responsibility back with the Cattleman's Association. If the 5-year or 10-year permit is granted to the Tribe, we would then issue the sub-permit to the Cattleman's Association.

Councilmember Frazier asked how soon they need a decision for the 5-years or 10-year permit. He believes there should be a meeting with the Cattleman's Association. Matt replied it was up to the Tribal Council. Councilmember Jason Davis said the Cattleman's Association meeting is scheduled for March 3rd and they could make a recommendation to the Tribal Council after that meeting.

PUD Water Rate Schedule – Randa Mitchell: Randa Mitchell was present representing the PUD Board. The request is for a 30 day posting for changes in the water rate schedule. She said they will be holding three community meetings. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the posting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

I-80 Smokeshop – Duane Florez: Duane Florez, I-80 Smokeshop Manager, was present to request a liquor license for the Nixon Store. Councilmember Jason Davis stated the reason for not having liquor sold at the Nixon Store is because the community members did not want liquor to be sold there. Duane said this is an option for the Nixon Store to produce income. He doesn't know if the Tribe is going to take over operations of the Nixon Store or if it was on hold, but something has to be done. Chairman Wright stated the Council had requested a business plan for the Store and this is something that is being worked on.

Terrylee Sampson stated the Council needs to look at this from a business perspective. The Store is losing business to Sutcliffe, Wadsworth, and Fernley and it needs to be reconsidered.

Chairman Wright suggested the request be tabled until the next meeting to get more information. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to table the request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

REQUESTS

Senior Emergency Request – Chairman Wright stated Beverly Houten submitted an emergency senior request for \$300 to purchase propane. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Servilican. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Waiver of Day Use Permit: Wayne Burke, Deputy Probation Officer with Lyon County Juvenile Probation, submitted a request for waiver of a day use permit to conduct a Sobriety Bike Ride on March 29, 2008. There will be 10-15 riders along with a safety vehicle. Councilmember Servilican made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Eben. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Request for a Copy of the Council Meeting Recording: Terrylee Sampson submitted a request for copies of the Council meeting recordings for meetings held on December 7, 2007 and December 13, 2007. Terrylee said the reason why she wanted the tapes – she read the minutes and there were a lot of things that were wrong. That is why she wants to have that tape. She doesn't want to use it against the Council. She just wants the public comment section of the meeting. The Secretary explained that the minutes are not done verbatim and the minutes are only a summary of the meetings. Terrylee said she wanted to recap what was said by the judges and some of the argumentative things that were said. It was clarified that she just wants the public comment period of those meetings and Terrylee replied yes.

Councilmember Judith made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Numaga Program – Vinton Hawley: Vinton Hawley, Senior Services Director, was present to give an update on the program. He received a program summary report that was completed prior to his hiring and there were some compliance issues in the report. He distributed a copy of the findings to the Tribal Council.

The first finding is that a needs assessment for the program had not been completed for previous years. Vinton stated the needs assessment has been done and submitted to the agency. The next finding is regarding Title 6 Policies and Procedures where current policies are available in the Center, however are incomplete. All of the information on the findings and the recommended corrective actions have been sent to the Administration on Aging.

The third compliance issue he received is a big issue because it is regarding home delivery meal eligibility in that not all meals delivered are to homebound eligible clients. This means that not all meals being delivered were delivered to clients who did not meet the criteria for homebound. The clients were able to go into the Center for a congregate meal.

The recommended correction, to be completed by February 1, 2007, is to advise those elders receiving home-delivered meals who do not meet the Tribe's eligibility criteria that they are eligible for congregate meal. If an elder wants to continue receiving home-delivered meals, the elder would be considered a guest and would have to pay the cost for a home-delivered meal. The cost for a home-delivered meal is about \$6.75 not including gas and labor for the meal.

It is also recommended that Tribal leaders be actively involved in helping the elders understand this requirement and encouraging them to participate in the full range of services and programs offered at the Center.

Vinton said with this implementation he has received some slack and comments about him cutting people off from services. This is not the case. The clients that are calling in have been notified and told that they don't meet the criteria but if they would like to be picked up, transportation would be provided.

The resolution that was submitted is for review by the Council and may be an option at a later date. Councilmember Mendes stated that the funding agency is really strict and the only way the Tribe can alleviate this problem and to make meals available for home delivery for everybody is to allocate money for the program. This is the only way to solve the problem because we would then be able to dictate how the program runs, but now we rely on the grant and we have to follow their requirements.

Councilmember Mendes asked if it was discussed about having a site in Wadsworth. Vinton said this was discussed and an option is the Episcopal Church. Vinton was asked to report back on the Wadsworth center. It was suggested that signs be posted to welcome the elders to the Center and to also put it in the newspaper.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright submitted a written report and has two questions for Tribal Council consideration.

Question if the Tribe is Interested in Considering a Golf Course on the Reservation: Chairman Wright stated he would like to know if the Tribal Council is interested in having a golf course on the Reservation. He received a response from Jack Gilmore who submitted a proposal to look at the feasibility of a golf course on the Reservation. The IDT had concerns with regard to waste water. The concern with waste water is the use of herbicides and other types of chemicals. The cost of a feasibility study is approximately \$40,000. He is looking at a couple sources of funding to conduct the study, but he needs to confirm the information.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to table for more information. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Question if the Tribe is Interested in Developing Businesses in the I-80 Corridor (Dairy Queen, Dollar Tree, Jimboy's Tacos, Papa Murphy's): Chairman Wright stated the franchises that are listed are only suggestions for bringing in these types of companies to the Reservation. Councilmember Judith Davis made a motion to approve the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor. *motion carried*.

Chairman Wright reported he received a subpoena from the State of Nevada regarding the Mine Central hearing. The hearing is scheduled for February 27th in Incline Village.

He spoke with Russell Cruz, President of High Desert Recreation, who asked if there were any issues that need to be discussed. He told him about the cultural items, departments being moved back into the building, and told him to refer to his legal counsel.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Carla Eben: Vice Chairman Eben submitted a written report and has several requests for the Tribal Council to consider.

Approval of a U.S. Dept. of HUD Grant for the Wadsworth Community Center: Sandra Hicks, Contracts/Grants, reported on the grant. This grant was received on October 24, 2006 in the amount of \$495,000 but it never came before the Tribal Council to be accepted. This amount of funding is not enough to construct an entire building, so she met with several departments and they recommend renovating the old Nevaco building. There is no cash match required. The Tribe is currently out of compliance with the grant because no reporting has been done. Sandra said this project should have started in September 2006 with an ending date of September 2008. She contacted the funding agency and told them the budget had not been approved and asked if we could still get the funds and was told yes. The former Vice Chairman was to oversee the project. There may be some drawdown issues and Sandra will find out from the funding agency on the requirements.

Councilmember Servilican made a motion to table until we receive more information. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Janet Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, *motion carried*.

Approval of a U.S. Dept. of HUD Grant for the Wadsworth Water Infrastructure Project: Sandra said this grant is for the Wadsworth water infrastructure project with a starting date of September 1, 2005 and an ending of August 2006. This grant was a one year project to develop plans for the water pipeline infrastructure in Wadsworth. She met with John Jackson, Water Resources, and Christine John, Pyramid Lake Housing Authority, to discuss the grant and they want to use previous documents that were completed for a local wastewater treatment and disposal system and a water system master plan. They want to use the grant money to update these two plans.

Vice Chairman Eben asked if in-kind match is allowable. Sandra replied that the match would be \$33,750 from the Housing Authority and \$33,750 from Navy water rights. Federal law says we have 36 months from the date of execution to finish this project, but we need to identify the match in writing. The projects are in conjunction with Washoe County and they will be partly paying for this project. Sandra stated she is not requesting any Tribal Council action and that this is for information only.

Approval to Solicit Proposals for Slot Routes: Chairman Wright stated he is requesting approval to solicit proposals for slot routes. He said there are three slot route companies in Reno. There is a conference call scheduled with the National Indian Gaming Commission to talk about approval of a management contract. He will assist the Vice Chairman in putting together a request for proposals for the slot routes. Councilmember Jason Davis made a motion to move forward with the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

Approval to Contact Peppermill and Foxwoods Gaming for Future Gaming Opportunities: Chairman Wright stated this was item was discussed at a previous Tribal Council meeting and the request is for permission to send letters to Foxwoods Gaming and the Peppermill regarding future gaming opportunities. Councilmember John made a motion to move forward with the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Jason Davis. Votes taken were all in favor, **motion carried**.

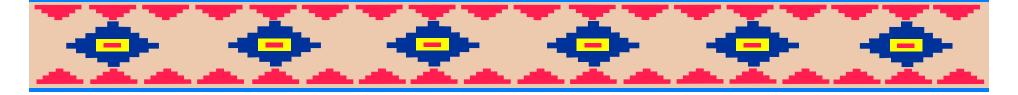
ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Eben 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 11:35 p.m.

Submitted by,

Gina Wadsworth Tribal Council Secretary



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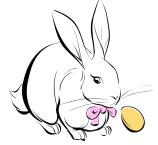


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