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SWINE INFLUENZA

Public health officials within the United States and throughout the world are investigating outbreaks of swine influenza (swine flu). Swine flu is a contagious respiratory disease of pigs caused by a type A influenza virus that regularly causes outbreaks of influenza among pigs. Swine flu viruses are not transmitted by eating pork, because high temperatures (160° F) kill the viruses as it does for other bacteria and viruses. However, public health officials have determined that the swine flu virus currently under investigation spreads from human-to-human and can cause illness in humans.

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include: **fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, chills, headache and body aches and extreme fatigue.** Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting with swine flu. Severe illness, such as pneumonia and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people in other countries. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions. Most people who get swine flu recover fully within 1-2 weeks. To date, the cases in the United States have all recovered.

There is no vaccine for swine flu at this time. Fortunately, the swine flu viruses isolated from cases in the United States are sensitive to two antiviral drugs, which can be used to treat patients with flu-like illnesses.

Because the current situation is likely to change, you can always get information at: www.cdc.gov/swineflu
www.azdhs.gov

**DECREASE
YOUR
CHANCES**

Wash hands frequently with soap and running water or alcohol based hand cleaners.



Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

Do not shake hands if you are sick.

If you get sick with the flu, stay home from work or school and other public places until you are well.

Other good health habits that help prevent illness include: getting plenty of sleep, being physically active, managing stress, drinking plenty of fluids, and eating nutritious food.

How long can viruses live outside the body?

We know that some viruses and bacteria can live 2 hours or longer on surfaces like cafeteria tables, doorknobs, and desks. Frequent hand-washing will help you reduce the chance of getting contamination from these common surfaces.

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick?

There is no vaccine available right now to protect against swine flu. There are everyday actions that can help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses like influenza. Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way. Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you get sick with influenza, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

What should I do if I get sick?

If you live in areas where swine influenza cases have been identified and become ill with influenza-like symptoms, including fever, body aches, runny nose, sore throat, nausea, or vomiting or diarrhea, you may want to contact their health care provider, particularly if you are worried about your symptoms. Your health care provider will determine whether influenza testing or treatment is needed.

If you are sick, you should stay home and avoid contact with other people as much as possible to keep from spreading your illness to others.

If you become ill and experience any of the following warning signs, seek emergency medical care.

In children emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

How serious is swine flu infection?

Like seasonal flu, swine flu in humans can vary in severity from mild to severe. Between 2005 until January 2009, 12 human cases of swine flu were detected in the U.S. with no deaths occurring. However, swine flu infection can be serious. In September 1988, a previously healthy 32-year-old pregnant woman in Wisconsin was hospitalized for pneumonia after being infected with swine flu and died 8 days later. A swine flu outbreak in Fort Dix, New Jersey occurred in 1976 that caused more than 200 cases with serious illness in several people and one death.

http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu_you.htm (20090430)

Swine Influenza and You

What is swine flu?

Swine Influenza (swine flu) is a respiratory disease of pigs caused by type A influenza viruses that causes regular outbreaks in pigs. People do not normally get swine flu, but human infections can and do happen. Swine flu viruses have been reported to spread from person-to-person, but in the past, this transmission was limited and not sustained beyond three people.

Are there human infections with swine flu in the U.S.?

In late March and early April 2009, cases of human infection with swine influenza A (H1N1) viruses were first reported in Southern California and near Guadalupe County, Texas. Other U.S. states have reported cases of swine flu infection in humans and cases have been reported internationally as well. An updated case count of confirmed swine flu infections in the United States is kept at <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/investigation.htm> CDC and local and state health agencies are working together to investigate this situation.

Is this swine flu virus contagious?

CDC has determined that this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is contagious and is spreading from human to human. However, at this time, it is not known how easily the virus spreads between people.

What are the signs and symptoms of swine flu in people?

The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Some people have reported diarrhea and vomiting associated with swine flu. In the past, severe illness (pneumonia and respiratory failure) and deaths have been reported with swine flu infection in people. Like seasonal flu, swine flu may cause a worsening of underlying chronic medical conditions.

How does swine flu spread?

Spread of this swine influenza A (H1N1) virus is thought to be happening in the same way that seasonal flu spreads. Flu viruses are spread mainly from person to person through coughing or sneezing of people with influenza. Sometimes people may become infected by touching something with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth or nose.

How can someone with the flu infect someone else?

Infected people may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 7 or more days after becoming sick. That means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

What should I do to keep from getting the flu?

First and most important: wash your hands. Try to stay in good general health. Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food. Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus. Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Are there medicines to treat swine flu?

Yes. CDC recommends the use of oseltamivir or zanamivir for the treatment and/or prevention of infection with these swine influenza viruses. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaler) that fight against the flu by keeping flu viruses from reproducing in your body. If you get sick, antiviral drugs can make your illness milder and make you feel better faster. They may also prevent serious flu complications. For treatment, antiviral drugs work best if started soon after getting sick (within 2 days of symptoms).

How long can an infected person spread swine flu to others?

People with swine influenza virus infection should be considered potentially contagious as long as they are symptomatic and possible for up to 7 days following illness onset. Children, especially younger children, might potentially be contagious for longer periods.

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From the Environmental Department:

Burn Season:

Open burning pollutes the air and poses a fire hazard. The air pollution created by open burning can irritate eyes and lungs, obscure visibility, create annoying odors, and can endanger those with respiratory conditions. As we all know, the wind can pick up at anytime and small fires of burning leaves can quickly spread to surrounding brush. Please be aware of weather conditions before deciding to burn leaves and weeds.

We have been receiving complaints from people by others who are **burning TRASH**. Burning trash is prohibited, and is something we take very seriously. Those who wish to burn trash will be subject to the law and fined. Burning trash releases toxic chemicals that will hurt and injure the elderly and small children. Please do NOT put your loved ones and community at risk! The open burn season will end on May 31st, and residents wanting to obtain a burn permit should contact the department. The burn season will begin again on October 1st, so please restrict your burning activities during the fire season. Also remember, Burn Permits are only needed for household yard wastes. They are not for agricultural lands, or for burning your deceased loved one's possessions.

What can I flush down the toilet and what can I pour down the kitchen sink?

Recent inspections of water and sewer lift stations throughout the reservation have found items that should not be flushed or poured down the drain. Items that end up in the reservation water and sewer system can cause pump failure, pipe blockage, and can create interruptions in residential water service.

Do NOT flush or pour down the sink:

- diapers
- dryer sheets
- cat litter
- cigarette butts
- coffee grounds
- paper towels
- large quantities of cleaning chemicals
- gasoline
- feminine hygiene products (tampons or pads)
- plastic bags
- toys
- clothing
- sanitary napkins
- and used cooking grease

Please remember that everything we throw out always goes "somewhere" and will eventually impact "something".

Dan Mosley honored by the US Environmental Protection Agency

The 11th Annual EPA Environmental Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 16th in San Francisco. Our own Dan Mosley was recognized as an environmental expert for his work to improve water quality and habitat on the reservation.

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SAN FRANCISCO -- During the agency's 11th annual Environmental Awards Ceremony in San Francisco today, U.S. EPA acting Regional Administrator Laura Yoshii recognized three Nevada organizations and individuals in recognition of their efforts to protect and preserve the environment in 2008.

"It is a great pleasure and honor that we can recognize the innovative and important environmental work achieved by this year's impressive group of organizations and individuals, and the example they set for all of us to follow," Yoshii said. "This year's winners and nominees have made superb efforts to protect and preserve our air, water and land, and increased awareness of the environmental challenges we all face."

The Pacific Southwest's Environmental Awards program acknowledges commitment and significant contributions to the environment in California, Arizona, Nevada, Hawaii, Pacific Islands and tribal lands. Forty groups and individuals were selected from over 200 nominees received this year from businesses, local, government officials, tribes, media, environmental organizations and community activists.

The winners are:

Daniel Mosley - Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, Nixon

Dan Mosley has been working to improve water quality and habitat on the Pyramid Lake Paiute Reservation for nearly 15 years. In that time, many of the programs he established have been adopted by other tribes, helping them sustain viable ecosystems using scientific evidence. Dan is an acknowledged and highly respected expert in bioassessments, having recognized early the importance of bioassessments in detecting impairments from stressors on aquatic communities. He was instrumental in the establishment of an Index of Biological Integrity for the Lower Truckee River and is developing an Index for perennial and intermittent streams within the reservation. In addition, he has conducted related training for tribes, and has given presentations at numerous national and international workshops and conferences.

Lou Castro - Earth Limos, Las Vegas

As a former fine dining waiter, Lou Castro learned the importance of superb customer service and the impact it can have on business success. Castro later began driving one of the first super-stretch SUV limos in Las Vegas and, after 7 years, he created the first and only eco-friendly transportation company in Las Vegas. In January 2008, Castro launched Earth Buses, which were all powered by biodiesel fuel -- even though it was significantly more expensive than regular diesel. He launched Earth Limos last November with plans to bring on more hybrid vehicles, as well as vehicles that will operate on compressed natural gas and liquid propane technology.

Rob Dorinson - Evergreen Recycling, Las Vegas

Evergreen Recycling, a Las Vegas recycler, has transformed recycling efforts in Nevada with a state-of-the-art automated construction and demolition debris and commercial sorting facility. The company worked with MGM Mirage to divert 50,000 tons of a construction project's debris from landfill disposal in 2008. The company's 85 employees have worked tirelessly to develop a business that has changed the state's waste management practices by supporting innovative green building and recycling programs to recycle over 200,000 tons of resources. Evergreen's founder and President, Rob Dorinson, has volunteered his expertise at federal, state, county and local forums, and his efforts have supported the growth of green buildings and helped Nevada's recycling rate double over the past 10 years.

Pyramid Lake Water Quality Website:

This new website provides a gateway to access data and information about the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe's Water Quality monitoring program, data, and related information. The site will provide a continuous picture of the health or "pulse" of the lower Truckee River and the Pyramid Lake basin. This data includes critical conditions for aquatic organisms such as; river flow, temperature, and dissolved oxygen. Links to documents, maps, photographs, GIS data and a networking web site for specific information can also be found. The web address is www.plpt-waterquality.net.

PUD Accounts:

The Finance Department is still in the process of reconciling the accounts. PUD statements will soon be issued indicating payments made and any balance owed. New account forms will be mailed to all PUD customers prior to the next billing cycle. Please be advised that ANY changes to accounts need to be requested in writing, and payments can be made in the Finance Department.



Tribal Enrollment

The Office of Tribal Enrollment is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please call ahead of time to make sure the office is open.

Addresses/Secretarial Election: The Tribe recently sent information regarding the Secretarial Election to approximately 1,600 enrolled members 18 and over. As of this date, we have had 215 returns from the post office with old addresses. This number is increasing daily.

If you wish to participate in the Secretarial Election, you will need to make sure your mailing address is current. Our data will be used by the Bureau of Indian Affairs for voter registration and absentee ballots. Please contact the Enrollment Office to confirm your mailing address as soon as possible. You may call and request an update form be sent to you or you may submit a written letter to update your mailing address. We cannot update or change records based on a phone call.

It is important that all enrolled members maintain contact with the Tribe, regardless of whether or not there is a distribution. All enrolled members are encouraged to maintain contact with the Tribe.

Thanks to everyone for their cooperation in this effort.



Approvals/April, 2009: We welcome the following new members of the Tribe: Adriana Rae Barajas, Laila Alvarita Blackowl-Davis, Krista Marie Carducci, Mark William Carducci, Makayla Rose Dodd Taylor, Sadie Jo Hinkley, Elijah Donell Lloyd, Vonda Gay Smith Lockard, Kinner Lawrence Flagg Parker, Sandra Fay Smith Robinson, Justine Suraye Shaw, SaMara Patricia Shaw, Isaac Gabriel Williams.

All of these individuals have met the criteria for Regular Membership and are the direct lineal descendants of Base Enrollees.

Membership Statistics: As of this writing, we have 2,775 enrolled members of the Tribe, less 346 deceased. The total living membership is 2,429 as of this date. This number is subject to change monthly. Names of the deceased are kept on the roll for descendency purposes.

If there are any questions or concerns regarding membership issues, please call the Enrollment Office at 775.574.1000, Ext. 115, or email: plnrollment@plpt.nsn.us

In Loving Memory of Freida Sam

Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grandmother Friend and Aunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt and B-B-Q would not be a success if it were not for our family, friends and young ones.

Who come over each year to celebrate in all the good times and remember how thankful we are for each other. We will continue on and carry on all the things that Gram had taught us. Our Family circle is still Strong.

Thank You to Everyone for your donations and Gifts...

Shirley and Dale Kaneshige

Penny & Jim Lang

Dominich Mix & Taleah Reymus

Leanna Jane Mix & James Cole Lang

I-80 SMOKESHOP & CAMPGROUND DISHONORED CHECK(S):

Listed below are the names of individuals who have written check(s) to the I-80 Smoke-shop, have been returned to us by your bank marked, "insufficient funds" or "other reason". Payment must be in the form of a money order, cashier's check or cash, ONLY.

Abel, Nancy
New Moon, Seneca
Alejos, Mario
O'Neil, Victor
Auguh, Colleen
Pancho, Shirley
Auguh, Rachelle Y
Pete, Dennis & Corrine R
Bettencourt, Manuel
Pete, Lili Ann & Thomas, Jr. James
Brown, Laureen G
Phoenix, Michael L
Bryan-Pulido, Ivy R
Ramos, Charlotte & Winap, Marvin
Burns, Janell
Romo, Keri L
Darrough, Mary
Sander, Jolyne
Davis, Judith
Serawop, Monica W
Davis, Marie
Smith, Cameron W
Deaton, Susan L & Randy L
Smith, Deyson N
Dickinson, Carol
Smith, Leo & Ginger
Dodd, Winona E
Smith, Melonie Y
Dunn, Conrad F
Smith, Natalie
Fox, Kenneth M & Lowery, Melinda E
Thomas, Jr. James
Frazier, Grace L
Thomas, Kevin E
Frazier, Melisea M
Tierney, Marie
Tobey, Jason
George, Nathan Jr
Wadsworth, Christopher W
West, Rachel
Henry, Ethel M
White, Michelle L
Henry, Kendall V
Williams, Jamie M
Henry, Shelly M
Williams, Lawrence P
Hunter, Daniel
Williams, Leanna M
Jackson, Dara L
Williams, Melinda
Jackson, Michelle Jo
Williams, Natasha
James, Georganna
Williams, Shari D
Keever, Daniel R & Patricia M
Williams, Shona
Kelly, Lynette
Yellow Hair, N.M.
Lee, Lorenzo & Marilyn
Leyva, Todd R.M.
Lowery, Lenora F
Lowery, Natalie J
McCloud, Jolene C
McClusky, Heidi
Mitchell, Randal
Morsette, Desiree D
New Moon, George

Tribal Council Meetings

**1ST Friday of each Month at
7:00PM**

**3RD Friday of each Month at
6:30PM**

2009 PYRAMID LAKE COMMUNITY BASKETBALL CHALLENGE

By- Officer Angelo Hafalla, PLPDA all the participants in the 2009 Pyramid Lake Community Basketball Challenge enjoyed a friendly game of Basketball. The game was held on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at the Nixon Old Gym. At 6:00 pm, the Puppy pack consisting of children 1st to 3rd grade split into two teams and played a scrimmage against each other. All the participants received a bag of giveaway prizes, and T-shirts for their participation from the Police Department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education Unit.

A group of 4th to 5th grade level students gathered to form 2 teams to scrimmage each other. At 7:00 pm, the Police Department played against a community team led by Monica Newmoon. Among the players in the community were Jessica Quartz, Brian Davis, Kim Dunn, Crissy Newmoon, Cyrus Davis Jr., Carlos Sarabia, Daralene Taylor, Todd Pancho and other unidentified players. Among the Police Officers who played are Chief Erin Calvin, Officers Dave Depoli, Allan Primeau, Michael Durham, Crisanto Guarin, Michael Gagne, and Angelo Hafalla. Outstanding citizens that played with the Police department were Steve Wadsworth, Frank Pancho, and Timothy Robert Wadsworth. Sgt. Steve Miller coached the team. Sgt. Michael Henry handled the concession stands.

During the halftime dance contest, Sgt. Miller and other random participants entertained the crowd with their amazing dance moves. Ranger Yellowhair added to the entertainment as he spun the records as the D.J. The community team won the game by 38-36 after Officers Hafalla and Primaeu missed 4 consecutive technical free throws accommodated by Referee and Councilman Irwin Mix. Overall, the friendly game was filled laughter and goofy entertainment from both the Community team and the Police Department team.

Pyramid Lake Tax Department

Another Tax Season has come and gone, the Tax Department staff has been busy preparing 2008 Income Tax Returns for Tribal and community members as part of V.I.T.A. (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), the last day to file your 2008 Income Tax Return was April 15, 2009.

The Tax Administrator has been attending meetings as well as working on how to bring more revenue to the Tribe. The Tax Assistant is currently working on the 2008 Tax Department Annual Report and the Tax Specialist is collecting the yearly Prossessory Interest Tax from Cingular Wireless, Kinder-Morgan Energy Partners LP, Level 3 Communications, CEMEX, Nevada Bell/AT&T Nevada, Sierra Pacific Power Company, Southwest Gas, Sprint Communications, Union Pacific Railroad Co, and Viacom/Outdoor Systems.

Social Security Stimulus:

A \$250 stimulus payment has been approved for Social Security, SSI and Railroad Retirement recipients. IRS will not be handling it this year but coming from the Social Security Department. If you receive any of the above you will receive a check or debit card in the mail by the end of May. You do not have to file an IRS return to receive this. Last year SSI recipients were not eligible, this year they will be.

Seller Permits:

2009 Seller Permits were due January 31st if you have not renewed yours, it will be considered closed.

Tribal Member Spouse Cards:

The Tax Department now has new plastic spouse cards available. Either you or your spouse may come into the office as we need a signature. If you have any updates to your application or no longer married, we ask that you notify the office.

The Tax Department provides many services such as:

Notary Services-Free of Charge
Pyramid Lake Souvenir License Plates
Pyramid Lake Spousal Tax Exemption Cards
Applications for a Seller's Permit (Not a Business License Permit)
Pyramid Lake Tribal Member Tax Exemption on deliveries made to the Pyramid Lake Reservation
DMV-Vehicle Tax Exemption Form(s)

For a DMV form you will need to provide:

Person(s) Vehicle is registered to
Year of Vehicle
Make & Model of Vehicle
License Plate Number
V.I.N. Number
Physical and Mailing Address

Tai Chi Class Schedule:

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

**Wednesday-Nixon Health Clinic 7:00 pm-8:00 pm
Snacks will be available after Tai Chi class**

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

Tai Chi began at the Natchez Elementary School October 1 and we are still doing the Tai Chi thing with the Afterschool Kidz.....**Thanks** Janet and Buddy and Brenda for the help.....



Tai chi's soft, fluid movements may give observers the impression that not much physical activity is taking place. But just a short period of practice reveals the benefits that can be gained. It is kinda sneaky.

The Diabetes Wellness Program will be sponsoring Tai Chi at the Senior Center Beginning May 5, 2009 from 10:30 am to 11:15 am. Steven Wadsworth will be leading this class.

If you are interested in Native Nikes please contact Janet Crutcher or Maxine Burns at 574-1018. Please bring a money order for \$48.77. It takes about 5-7 days for the shoes to arrive.

The 100 Mile Club.....if you have reached 25 miles please check in with Maxine (574-1018 x 236) we have a surprise for you!

The Diabetes Wellness Program will be sponsoring an Aerobics class in Wadsworth soon (after June 1, 2009). If you are interested please call Debbie Barlese at 574-1018 x212.

**The Exercise Modular-Nixon
The Diabetes Exercise Room
(Modular #02 next to the Nixon Gym)
will be open:**

Monday: 11:00-1:30-Open
Tuesday: 11:30-8:00 Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available at Modular
Wednesday: 11:00-1:30 Open
Thursday: 11:30-8:00 (11:00-4:30) Bill Myatt, Exercise Specialist will be available at Modular
Friday: 11:00-1:30 Open

MOTHER'S DAY BBQ & BINGO

"Let us Honor Mom"

Sunday May 10th, 2009

Wadsworth gym

12pm - ?

Bring your Mother's, Grandmother's, Aunts and Sisters to the Wadsworth gym on Sunday May 10th, 2009 for a fun day of Bingo and enjoy some delicious BBQ.

ALL Mother's will receive a free gift.

Come and enjoy some delicious BBQ & play a fun game of bingo!

Win great prizes!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

.25 a bingo card

\$5.00 a plate/BBQ hamburgers, hot dogs or chicken w/ your choice of chips & salad

Drinks & deserts sold separately.

Sponsored by the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee

For more info contact Gordon Dodd 775-560-1551

The *Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee* would like to **THANK ALL** who attended the Ground breaking ceremony on March 21, 2009.

A special **Thank You** to the following is being sent to the following for taking the extra step and making the extra time in helping with the ground breaking ceremony in a very special way:

Roger Sam – For grilling the fish

Pyramid Lake Veterans Association – Posting of the Colors

Pyramid Lake Vice Chair – Clayton Servilican

Ralph Burns for the Prayers

Red Tail Hawk Society- Donation of the meat

Thunder Badger Drum Group for the songs

Elijah "Bug" Williams - Grass Dancer

Darrell Garcia – Grass Dancer

The 2 young boys who also danced over the Sacred Circle

Loren "Iggy" Dunn for the delivery of the tables & chairs & shades

Mary Dodd for allowing the use of the Victim Services building

Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe for allowing the Sacred Visions Pow-Wow Committee to utilize the land at Big Bend

Ronald Guerrero for the use of the garbage cans

Burchard Kochamp for staking out the future Arbor area

Michael Hernandez for the BBQ bricks

ALL of the *community members* who donated food for the traditional feed

AND a **Thank you** to all of the *Sacred Vision Committee Members* who are making the Sacred Vision a reality.

THANK YOU!!

NEW DIRECTOR HIRED FOR NUMAGA SR. CENTER

My name is Jeanette (Mandel) Allen, 'nu koo-yooe tukadu'. I would like to thank the PLPT Tribal Council for having the faith in me to oversee the Numaga Sr. Center. My first day at work was March 31, 2009

It has been a very busy month as our two largest grants under Title VI Part A, Nutrition, and Title VI Part C, Caregiver, grants ended and the collection of data for the end year reports started. The Regional Transportation Grant will due the first part of May.

The Numaga staff members have been great in keeping up with the daily duties of keeping reports on the transportation and nutrition section. This gave me that time to become familiar with the program documents.

EASTER – The seams were bursting (building seams that is) during the Easter luncheon. Thanks to the PLPT Clinic staff, Numaga Sr. Advisory Board, Ralph Burns, and individual senior's that donated bingo prizes. Everyone went home with a prize. Prize drawings were held throughout the event. Ralph Burns provided a brush up course on Paiute words that you had to know in order to participate in the Paiute bingo. Even our guests from Toi Tukadu country learned 'the dialect' change.

RUG WEAVING – Remember the rugs that our grandmothers made from strips of rags? The Sun Valley Senior Center had a free class for elders 60 + to learn this lost art. It was thoroughly enjoyed, the laughter of having thinking that you have it down...only to have the instructor tear it down and starting all over again. I think we might have enough knowledge to start our own class here. Stop by and give us some feed back as to what you might want to participate in.

EXERCISE – It is very important that elders don't join in on the couch potato gang. As we age exercise is the best medicine for arthritis and diabetes. Come and join us for the new exercise class to begin MAY 5 at 10:30 A.M. Clinic staff, Steven Wadsworth, will be providing Tai Chi exercise at the center.

BINGO – May 21, 2009 the Numaga Advisory Board and Members of the Numaga Sr. Center will have a fundraiser Bingo in Wadsworth at the Gym. Don't cook that night because Mexican dinner will be sold.

GOAL FOR THE NUMAGA SR. PROGRAM: More elders to participate in the congregated meals. In order to meet this goal we need you to stop by have lunch or breakfast with us and give us your thoughts and ideas.

... From the Chairman's Office

I express my greetings to you for this May edition of Tribal news. There is much to report, so I will report on the ongoing significant issues of the tribe.

The Tribal organization has embraced, but certain programmatic areas have not entirely accepted the more strict internal control measures for sound financial responsibility. Certain components of operation have not fully accepted the terms of internal controls because of the shift in responsibility in that the responsibility is shared among the responsible tribal departments and that not just one department is responsible for program compliance.

The Tribe is current with its audits. The 2008 audit is on schedule as the 2008 financial reports are being closed out certain findings are causing concern, but each issue is being addressed with the respective tribal program. The past audits are considered a factual reporting of the financial condition of the Tribe. The 2005 and 2006 audits reported deficits; the 2007 audit reported the same level deficit; which indicates controlling tribal spending and that tribal spending did not exceed available revenue.

As the Tribe adopts its annual budget, any all revenues are applied to the approved budget for each program. When revenues are reported as higher levels than projected, it cannot be recognized as additional funds for additional spending like it had in the past which placed the Tribe in its deficit situation. If at the end of each funding cycle and a funding surplus exists; it will be reported against the deficit so that it can be reduced and eventually eliminated.

It is also recognized that because of the deficit situation, the Tribal Government's responsibility is to reduce and eliminate the deficit. Matters will not be easy for the decisions that have to be made to achieve this goal. Acknowledging that this situation began in 2001, it was a culmination of years of mismanagement, improper financial administration, and leadership that overlooked the eventual and calamitous situation.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, also known as the Stimulus Act has resulted in a number of announcements being made to Tribes about available funding opportunities. The funding opportunity is being made through grants. A critical component of grant funding is the cost share or cost match that must be borne by the Tribe. When cost sharing percentages are as high as 50%, identifying the matching funds becomes a difficult task especially when funding is not available. The Tribe is hopeful that it can respond with the appropriate information supporting its intentions to complete the tasks identified in the grant applications.

As part of the tribal grant application process, identifying the match is a requirement that has to be fully discussed and agreed before the application is sent to the funding agency. The Tribe is concerned that it will not obligate itself into a financial situation that further deepens the deficit or places it into a circumstance of non-compliance. Many of the grants are reimbursable; which places the Tribe as having to spend the funding before it can draw down agency grant funding.

The constitutional amendments are continuing. The deadline for receiving comments on the proposed amendments is May 8, 2009. So far comments have been submitted from the three community meetings that took place in March and April. The proposed amendments are included again in this edition. Once the comments are addressed, the final draft of the questions will be sent to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Western Regional Office (WRO) in Phoenix, Arizona. The WRO will then schedule the Secretarial Election in accordance with 25 C.F.R. Section 81.

Three important considerations for future amendments with respect to the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws are to remove the By-Laws portion, enacting the Indian Civil Rights Act and a Code of Ethics as a part of the Tribal Constitution. The action would bring the by-laws into procedural policy or ordinance. Since these may have legal implications to the inclusion of these new parts, thorough review must be completed before the amendments process is initiated.

The major differences between the Secretarial Election and Tribal General Elections is that 18 year old persons can vote, absentee ballots are available for voting, and that the election will be managed entirely by the BIA. Much work has already been put forth in this process and it is expected to be completed.

The distribution plan that was developed and presented in 2006 does not indicate revenue generating opportunity for the Tribe nor does it resemble a true economic development plan. A revision is underway in consultation with the BIA Western Nevada Agency. It is recognized that the manner in which the distribution plan was written, the principle would be eliminated after 20 years. This cannot be allowed as this economic development funding is to enable the tribe to generate revenues for years. The revision is underway now and the administration recognizes the importance of expediting the revision process.

Per capita distribution can be realized in two ways: a one time payment or that a distribution is made on a percentage basis so that every year a distribution can occur. The latter will not have any effect for minor children as their allocation will be held in trust.

The Nevada Skies Youth Wellness Center in Wadsworth is scheduling a grand opening for May 23, 2009. Once the date and time is confirmed, announcements will be posted.

It has been reported that the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe has two remaining EQIP contracts with the NRCS. The work remains to be completed for the Winter Range Unit and the West Lake Range Unit. If anyone has questions, you can contact the Pyramid Lake Environmental Department.

The Pyramid Lake Cooperative Cattleman's Association (PLCCA) is working together with the Pyramid Lake Environmental Department to coordinate efforts in addressing the issues of Pyramid Lake range management. The PLCCA is the responsible agent on behalf of the Tribe in dealing with range related issues. All issues should be directed to the PLCCA regarding any livestock and range issue.

In March, the Tribal Council heard three complaints. It was concluded that any complaint from now on must follow the complaint procedure with the Administration. Any and all complaints must now be submitted in writing to the Tribal Secretary in accordance with the Tribal Complaint Procedure.

The Tribal Inter-Disciplinary Team is responsible for the oversight and management of the Tribe's water supplies in federal storage facilities in California. Due to the drought condition, the limited water supply presents the Tribe with a conservative water management flow regime. Pyramid Lake evaporates about 300,000 to 400,000 acre-feet of water each year depending on the climatic conditions. In order to sustain a lake elevation it would require at least this amount of water flowing into it each year. Over the past two months according to the USGS provisional gauging data for Nixon, approximately 37,500 acre-feet flowed into Pyramid Lake. This amounts to about 10% whereas we are almost 5 months into the year.

The Tribe has never made any decision to sell any amount of its water resources. The Tribe has continually and routinely denied any request to sell Tribal water. The value of the water is high, just as in 2006 when the Tribe came close to putting Tribal water into a program where the term "sale" was used. The Tribal Council denied it.

As the propaganda of accusations are put out to the reservation public I will continue to urge you to please consider the source and go to the original source to verify the information being presented to you. There are always two sides of the story and for the sake of being fair, quick judgment does not help with understanding the truth. It is always easier to complain or argue over an issue, but bringing constructive solutions will forge alliances that can only make the position of the Tribe stronger. So as much as some may want to believe, the Tribe still is in a strong position with respect to its natural resources and management of tribal resources.

I am here to answer any questions you have and I will try to pull together as much information possible to give the best response affordable to your situation. Please contact me at (775) 574-1000 x102. Thank You.

Mervin Wright, Jr.
Tribal Chairman



safeTALK Workshop - A Success



On the evening of Tuesday March 17, 2009, a suicide alertness workshop was held at the Pyramid Lake Tribal Chambers. The workshop was co-sponsored by the Pyramid Lake Suicide Prevention Taskforce, the Nevada Office of Suicide Prevention, and Indian Health Service. The 18 attendees included concerned community members, staff from various tribal programs and other agencies and it was very well received.

The workshop did not focus on sharing the tremendous pain associated with losing a loved one or how to solve a person's problems. Rather, the workshop focused on prevention.....teaching participants to recognize the signs of a person who might be thinking about suicide and how to engage them so that they can be connected to community resources **BEFORE** something happens.

The training which involved a mix of video clips, lecture, discussion, and role playing, was facilitated by Ms. Cassandra Darrough, a certified LivingWorks Trainer.

Ms. Darrough is an instructor not only for safeTALK but for the suicideTALK and ASIST (Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training) programs. In 2006, she began conducting suicide awareness training as well as workshops on family violence and elder abuse for Emergency Medical Professionals and Community Health Representatives and has since expanded her sphere of influence. Ms. Darrough is a member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and resides in Nixon, Nevada with her family.

The Taskforce would like to sponsor another community safeTALK workshop and/or a two-day ASIST which prepares caregivers of all kinds to provide suicide first aid interventions that will help a person at risk stay safe while seeking help. If you are interested in either or would like more information, please contact Ms. Ima Scott at iscott@plpt.nsn.us or at 775.574.1047. You may also contact Ms. Scott with your interest in participating on the Taskforce.

Remember....Preventing Suicide is Everyone's Business.

Suicide Prevention Resources:

National Suicide Hotline 1-800-273-TALK (8255)

www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

www.suicideprevention.nv.gov

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBE

HUMAN RESOURCES

Current Open Positions

As of April 27, 2009

CHILD CARE PROVIDER JA08-62
PL Child Care Centers, Wadsworth & Nixon, NV
Salary: \$8.39 – 8.81 per hr; DOE; Intermittent On-call workers needed. **Closes: Open/Continuous**

TEACHER ASSISTANT JA09-15
Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr. High School, Nixon, Nevada
Salary: \$9.71 – 10.20 per hr; DOE; Part-time, 32 hrs per week **Closes: Open until Filled**

COURT ADMINISTRATOR JA09-27
PL. Tribal Court, Nixon, Nevada
Salary: \$32,905.60 – 34,569.60 Per Annum; Full-time, Exempt **Closes: 05/13/09**

MAINTENANCE WKR II JA09-32
PL. Maintenance Department, Nixon, Nevada
\$10.71 – 11.25 per hour; Seasonal; May – Sept.; Part-time, 32 hours per week **Closes: 05/14/09**

CUSTODIAN JA09-31
PL. Maintenance Department, Nixon, Nevada
Salary: \$8.39 - \$8.81 per hour; Part-time / 30 hours per week **Closes: 05/14/09**

CONTRACTS&GRANTS COMP. OFF. JA09-29
PL. Contracts & Grants Department, Nixon, NV
. Salary: \$26,324.48 – 27,655.68; Part-Time/32 hours per week **Closes: 05/14/09**

BUS DRIVER JA09-30
PL. Health Clinic, Nixon, Nevada
Salary: \$9.25 – 9.72 per hour; DOE; Fulltime, 40 hrs per week **Closes: 05/14/09**

ONE DAY ONLY !!!
Tuesday, June 30th, 2009
Truckee Meadows Boys & Girls Club
8:30am – 2pm
This is a FREE event open to the public

- Open to Boys & Girls, Ages 8-13
- All skills levels welcome

Campers will learn basketball fundamentals; the importance of sportsmanship, good health & nutrition; and learn life lessons from NBA & WNBA players and legends

All Campers will receive:

- Official Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA Summer Camp T-shirt
- Lunch
- Fundamental basketball instruction by two professional camp clinicians
- Interaction and instruction from NBA, WNBA, & NBA D-League players and legends
- Autograph session

NBA & WNBA prizes

Space is limited – Don't miss out
Register your child today!

To register, please contact:

Scheels Sporting Goods 1200 Scheels Drive Sparks, NV 775-331-2700	Reno Bighorns Office 300 N. Center Street Reno, NV 775- 284-2622	Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows 2680 East 9 th Street Reno, NV 775-331-3605
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News From Little Warriors Learning Center

Wadsworth 575-2774 * Nixon 574-1031

Friday April 3rd -Saturday April 4th the Staff attended the NevAEYC Annual Conference "Planting the Seeds to Grow a Green Future" @ the Grand Sierra Resort in Reno. The staff was able to attend this Conference due to receiving a full scholarship from The NevAEYC and we want to acknowledge and thank them for giving us the opportunity to receive such valuable training. One of the guest speakers at the conference was Greg and Steve who have entertained thousands of pre-school age children with their music and dance moves over the years. We got a chance to meet, dance and talk with them and we brought back their music CD's to share in our classrooms. The children are really enjoying the new music and moves that the teachers are introducing.

During Easter break we were able to take the children on two field trips. Tuesday the Wadsworth children went swimming at the Fernley pool, had a picnic lunch, and played on the new equipment at the Out Of Town Park. Thursday children from Nixon and Wadsworth went to Jump Man Jump, Mira Loma Park for lunch and outdoor fun. We would like to Thank Dorothy Ely and the JOM program and Kim Picetti and Pyramid Lake Jr./Sr. High School for the use of their vans on these trips. Without the help from these tribal programs we would not be able to offer these fun activities for our children. Our summer program also offers field trips, movies, water play, sports activities, etc space is limited so if you are interested in joining us, please contact one of the Centers and sign up soon.

MAY 8th 2009 is National Provider Appreciation Day.

Today's Child Care professionals are the world's unsung heroes. This profession is one of the most underpaid occupations in the country: yet research shows that Early Childhood is the most critical period in a child's life. It takes a special person to work in this field and the contribution these individuals make to the quality of children's and families' lives too frequently go unnoticed. Providers Appreciation Day offers a unique opportunity to recognize and commend the unselfish dedication, commitment, and compassion that Child Care Providers demonstrate every day. We would like to invite all of our parents, families, Tribal Employees, and the Community Members to a Pot Luck appreciation dinner in honor of the Child Care Staff on Friday May 8th, 6:00 P.M. @ the brown building. Sign up for the Pot Luck is located at the Tribal Building, and at both Child Care Centers. Please come out and help show your appreciation for our teachers Tasheena Florez, Bernadette Smith, Toni Marrietta, Jeri Rambeau, Amanda Jones, Christa James, Dina Christensen, Christi Williams, and Sophia Ruiz. Any questions please contact Child Care Director Cheryl Ewing. (574-1031 * 575-2774) Hope to see you there!



Ice Cream Break at the Park



Frank sliding fast



Cole- I made it!



Teacher Toni, Darrius and Taylor taking a break
Jeri, Eve and Teri. Who goes first?



Teacher Alyssa just a swinging



DO YOU OWE FOR CHILD CARE?

Little Warriors Learning Center is once again asking that the following families please contact Cheryl Ewing Child Care Director. We are trying to collect outstanding balances of \$50.00 or more due for services rendered. You may contact us @ 575-2774 or 574-1031 to make a payment arrangement. We are willing to work with all of the families to make arrangements acceptable in your budget range.

Vennisa Crutcher
Shirley Wise
Kelly Harry
Jonathan Yarrow
Marc Lowery Sr.
Carolyn Harry
Kaylea Dunn
Summer Phillips
Shawnee Sander
Shannon Rambeau

Melissa Frazier
Jennie Burns
Tonya Henry
Moxie Zermero
Donald Mashburn
Shasta Juarez
Minda Fels
Sophia Ruiz
Rebecca Dodd
Marci Skenandor

Sheri Nakai
Shannel Davis
Estella Lopez
Jolene Sanders
Larisa Joe
Deshonna Ballew
Keri Jackson
Gina Sander
Amanda Juliot
Erica Smith

Keri Romo
Tash Sander
Dave Matson
Jason Davis
Lessert Moore
Melinda Brazzanovich
Ross/Lucy Harden
Eddie Smith
Waylon/Jessica Nish
Florence Ramos

Failure to contact the Child Care Supervisor may result in this matter being turned over to the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court and all court fees will become your responsibility as well. Again, we are willing to work with all of you to make arrangements acceptable in your budget range. If you have verification of payment made please contact us so we can take your name off this list

Thank-You



Mervin Wright, Sr.
September 15, 1939—February 22, 2009

On behalf of our family, we are grateful for everyone's support during our time of sorrow. Our father left a legacy for us to follow and we appreciate everything he accomplished.

We are especially proud of his grandsons who served as pallbearers: Craig, Tyler, Eugene, Cisco, Waymon, and Nikwich. Their strength is a tribute to our family and their effort will continue to inspire our entire family. The family expresses our appreciation to his nephew Terrence "Bear" Wright for reading of the eulogy.

We would like to especially like to thank the Tribe for all of its support over the years and during his time of passing; Tribal Maintenance, Gina Wadsworth, Lela Christensen, Burton Malotte, Christie Gonzales, Betty Burns, Orville Barlese, Ed Ely, Jr., Dan Mosley, and Barbara Bennett.

Special thanks to Karen Brazier for going above and beyond for Mervin whenever he needed help your kindness is appreciated. Last but certainly not least, to Robert D. Stitser for being his friend and to his wife Patricia for the kind words and sharing her memories.

We would also like to thank all of the people who visited in the hospital, the phone calls and the hugs - every kind word and reminiscing meant the world to us. Let us not forget the laughs and stories we shared while he shared his life with each of us. His "tough guy" image that we remember was really a way of how he showed his care about us; and that's why and we have all of the special memories because we knew he loved all of his relations.

Pyramid Lake Higher Education Program:

Deadline dates for the Consolidated Higher Education and the Tribal Enrichment Scholarship for the school year 2009 – 2010

Tuesday June 30th, 2009 due @ 4:30 PM

Deadline dates for the Adult Vocational Training Scholarship for the school year of 2009 – 2010

Monday June 15th, 2009 @ 4:30 PM

The \$350.00 Tribal Scholarship is open and offered to each student one time a school year.

Please do not wait until the last minute to send in your Scholarship Application. All applications are online, Google the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Website, click departments, and click Higher Education. You will find the deadline dates and scholarship applications there.

If you do not have computer access, call (775) 574-0300 and request one to be sent to you.

Please read all the application instructions, you are required to attach all documentation required in completing your scholarship application.

Returning students must also attach a Class Schedule to their Application! This only applies to returning students. Incoming new students need to attach an Acceptance Letter from the Institution you have been accepted to attend.

If you are looking for funding for summer classes, there are other resources out there that you may be eligible for. Please contact the Consolidated Higher Education Office for more information. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:00AM to 4:30 PM. If I am not available, Please leave a message!!!!

Because we are not able to fund 100 % of your education costs, please call for information on available Scholarships!!!! There are many scholarships available for full time students, single parents and others!!!! Please be reminded that all available scholarships also have deadline dates. Call for more information. (775) 574-0300.

Please mark your calendars for the Tribes Scholarship Deadlines: And we hope to hear from you soon.

Anthony Sampson
PLPT Consolidated Higher Education
Program Director/Coordinator
asampson@plpt.nsn.us

The Sunshine Club

The Sunshine Club held their 3rd quarter awards ceremony on Wednesday April 8th to reward students for their hard work, positive behavior, attendance, and being a good student. The third quarter winners are as follows:

Category	Student Name	Grade	Item Won
No Referrals	Tatiana Willie	12	2 Movie Tickets
Perfect Attendance	Elija Floyd	8	\$15 iTunes Gift Card
Honor Roll	Amber Bill	12	\$25 Target Gift Card
Role Model	Nikwich Wright	10	Mp3 Player

The seventh and eighth grade Honor Roll student winner is **Destiny Calvin**. Destiny won a cell phone.

The Sunshine Club held a Logo Poster contest and 5 students submitted their art work. The logo will be used on any and all items the Sunshine Club puts out. The winner of the logo contest is **Elisha Jackson**, who won a \$25.00 VISA gift card.

Congratulations to all the winners! We look forward to the 4th and final quarter.

Our birthday party for March was held Thursday, March 26th, 2009. Our party for April is set for April 23rd. Our May birthday party will be held on May 20th, and it will include students who were born in June.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the high school and talk to Jenny Cortez, Andrea Alejos, Rose Barlese, Elena Sanchez, and lone Crutcher.

Benefit Bingo & Dinner Sunday, June 7th, 09



2pm until 6pm

**Natchez
Elementary
School
Cafeteria**

Benefit Bingo & dinner proceeds to be used to help with financial cost for Kidney Transplant

Recipient Rita Davis-Blackowl and Kidney Donor Carl Davis.

All donations and help is greatly appreciated.

For more info:

Judie Davis 842-5701 574-1050 x17

Rita 835-0161 or 303-7738

Proposed Constitutional Amendments

Amendment Number 1: **Voting Age, Residency Requirement, and Absentee Ballots**

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 4.**

Original: Any member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who is 21 years of age or over and who has maintained a legal residence for at least one year on the Pyramid Lake Reservation shall be entitled to vote.

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 4.**

Proposed: Any member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe who is 18 years or older is eligible to vote at a tribal election.

Article IV – Nominations and Elections; **Section 5.**

Proposed: Voting at special and tribal elections is conducted at a designated polling place or, by absentee ballot.

Amendment Number 2: **Four Year Terms, Primary Election, and Felony Restrictions**

Article III – Governing Body; **Section 2.(a)** [Approval date February 6, 1973].

Original: Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The chairman and vice-chairman shall be elected through popular vote and each shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected. Candidates for the offices of chairman and vice-chairman shall be members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older at the time of election (see By Laws, Article II – QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE), and must have lived continuously on the Pyramid Lake Reservation for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy. The chairman and vice-chairman may serve two (2) terms in succession.

Proposed: Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be elected by a simple majority vote and serve a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At the first election after this amendment, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve out their two year term and be elected to a four year term thereafter. Candidates for the offices of Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be an enrolled member of the Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older at the time of election, never been convicted of a felony, and shall comply with tribal candidacy requirements. The Chairman and Vice Chairman may serve any number of terms in succession.

Amendment Number 3: **Four Year Terms and Felony Restrictions**

Article III – Governing Body; **Section 2.(b)** [Approval date February 6, 1973].

Original: Councilmen. The councilmen shall be elected by eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and shall serve for a term of two (2) years or until their successors are elected; except that at the December election following the adoption of these amendments half of the councilmen receiving the highest number of votes shall serve a two (2) year term and the remaining half shall serve a one (1) year term. Candidates for councilmen shall be members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older and must have lived on the Pyramid Lake Reservation for not less than one (1) year immediately preceding his announcement of such candidacy. All councilmen shall serve any number terms in succession.

Proposed: Councilmen. Councilmen shall be elected by eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and shall serve for a term of four (4) years or until their successors are elected. At the first election following the adoption of this amendment, four seats shall be elected for two year terms and four seats shall serve out their current terms.

Thereafter, all councilmen shall be elected to four (4) year terms. Candidates for the Tribal Council shall be an enrolled member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe, twenty-five (25) years of age or older, never been convicted of a felony, and shall comply with tribal candidacy requirements. Tribal Council members shall serve any number of terms in succession.

Amendment Number 4: **Article III** – Governing Body; **Section 4** [Approval date February 23, 1962].

Original: Councilmen shall hold office for a term of two years or until their successors are elected, except that at the first election of Councilmen under this Amendment to the Constitution, the five candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall hold office for two years and the five candidates receiving the next highest number of votes shall hold office for one year. Thereafter, every year five councilmen shall be elected for a term of two years.

Proposed: To eliminate provision from the record.

Amendment Number 5: **Vacancy, Removal, and Recall Provisions**

Article V – Vacancies and Removal from Office; **Section 2** [Approval date January 15, 1936].

Original: Any councilman who is proven guilty of improper conduct, or gross neglect of duty may be expelled from the council by a two-thirds vote of the council members, provided that the accused member is given full opportunity to reply to any and all charges at a designated council meeting and provided further that the accused member shall have been given a written statement of the charges against him at least five days before the meeting at which he is to be given an opportunity to reply.

Proposed: **Article V – Vacancies, Removal, and Recall Section 2 – Removal**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any Tribal Council member who is convicted of a criminal offense, proven guilty of improper conduct, failure to perform duties prescribed by law, or gross neglect of duty may be removed from the tribal council by a two-thirds vote of the full council, provided that the accused is given full opportunity to reply to any and all charged at a designated council meeting and provided written statements of the charges against him/her at least five days before the meeting at which he/she is given the opportunity to reply.

Proposed: **Section 3 – Recall**

The Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any Council Member may be recalled from office by the eligible voters of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. Upon receipt of a petition signed by 30% of the eligible voters, it shall be the duty of the Tribal Council to certify the petition, to call a special recall election, and to hold a special election in accordance with established laws of the Tribe. The decision of the voters shall be binding on the Tribal Council, provided that at least 30% of those entitled to vote shall vote in such election.

Amendment Number 6: **Employing Legal Counsel**

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Tribal Council; **Section 1.(b)** [Approval date January 15, 1936].

Original: To present and prosecute any claims or demands of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; to assist members of the tribe in presenting their claims and grievances at any court or agency of the Government; and to employ representative or counsel for such services, the choice of counsel and fixing fees for counsel and representatives to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior.

Proposed: To present and prosecute any claims or demands of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe; to assist members of the tribe in presenting their claims and grievances at any court or agency of the Government; and to employ legal counsel for the protection and advancement of the rights of the Tribe and its members, the choice of counsel and fixing of fees to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior so long as such

approval is required by Federal law.

Amendment Number 7: **Lease Provisions**

Article VI – Powers and Duties of the Tribal Council; **Section 1.(c)** [Approval date January 15, 1936].

Original: To approve or veto any sale, disposition, lease, or encumbrance of tribal lands, interests in lands, or other tribal assets which may be authorized or executed by the Secretary of Interior, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, or any other official or agency of the Government, provided that no tribal lands shall ever be sold, encumbered, or leased for a period exceeding five years.

Proposed: To negotiate, approve, or veto leases, permits, encumbrances of tribal lands, interests in land, and other tribal assets consistent with Federal law and Article VII – Tribal Lands of this Constitution.

This amendment will also include amending the Corporate Charter of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Section 5.(b)(2).

Original: No leases, permit (which terms shall not include land assignments to members of the Tribe) or timber sale contracts covering any land or interests in land now or hereafter held by the Tribe within the boundaries of the Pyramid Lake Reservation shall be made by the Tribe for a longer term than five years, and all such leases, permits, or contract s must be approved by the Secretary of Interior or by his duly authorized representative; but mineral leases or any leases requiring substantial improvements of the land may be made for longer periods when authorized by law.

Proposed: Leases, permits (which terms shall not include land assignments to members of the Tribe) or timber sale contracts covering any land or interests in land now or hereafter held by the Tribe within the boundaries of the Pyramid Lake Reservation may be made by the Tribe as any lease, permit, or contract is consistent with Federal law, and all such leases, permits, or contract s must be approved by the Secretary of Interior or by his duly authorized representative; but mineral leases or any leases requiring substantial improvements of the land may be made for longer periods when authorized by law.

Amendment number 8: **Tribal Council Meetings**

Article IV – Meetings and Procedures; **Section 2** [Original approval date January 15, 1936; Amended on February 3, 1956]

Original: The council shall meet regularly on the first Saturday of each month.

Amendment 1: The council shall meet regularly on the first Friday of each month.

Proposed: The Council shall meet regularly on the first and third Friday of each month. Meetings may be rescheduled by the Tribal Council for purposes of holidays or as determined by the Tribal Council. Changes in the schedule shall be announced not less than seven days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Cui-cui Ticutta

Twenty minutes to eleven. My grandfathers and I went to the Ground Breaking Ceremony at Big Bend. Its nice to see and hear the activity. The drums of the Thunder Badger, along with the singing of the group and then a ground breaking, then a prayer. The color guard and then a final prayer. All in all its all over. "But wait," there's a hawk soaring in the sky directly above the ceremony, his wings blessing the ceremony and the people below. This is real native Indian that goes back centuries. What a blessing.

Adrian Arthur

Your trip begins at Pyramid Lake!



New billboards along I-80 intends to bring more visitors to Pyramid Lake. Visitors can also buy their permits on line at www.plpt.nsn.us

Jayne L. Temoke—(Lewiston Maine.)
Twin Boys—Both weighed 4 lbs 12 oz.
Born March 20, 09

Sidney Franklin, Kendal Sammuell.
Daughter of Julie Lawrence
Grandmother—Arlene,
Auntie, & Uncles.
Love you.

Memory of
Kendall Henry, Jr.
1986—2008—(4-3-09)

It's been a year now—we all miss you so dearly.
Your grandma Arlene & Your family
Cousins

*Memorial
For
Loryn
"Weasel"
Barlese*

November 15, 1982 - March 11, 2008



Saturday, May 16, 2009

Nixon Gymnasium

Nixon, Nevada



*10:00 A.M. - Gospel Singing
OB's Family
12:00 P.M. - Dinner
Following Dinner: Give Away
Family Rejoining
Round Dancing*

For More Information Call: (775)574-0110
(Food/Give-away Donations Greatly Appreciated)



thanks a bunch!



Thank you to everyone who came together in support of Cadence Rey Davis. You truly touched our hearts with your prayers, donations, and words of kindness. It is wonderful to see how a community can come together in a person's time of need to get things done. Cadence went through her surgery without any complications on April 8th and is now home. Thanks again to everyone for all of your support and all that you have done.

The Family of Cadence Davis

The Sacred Visions Pow-wow Committee Is looking for interested Individuals to compete in their **ROYALTY CONTEST**

Contestants may compete for the following titles:

Sacred Visions Tiny Tot Princess
(ages 0-6 yrs.)

Lil' Ms Sacred Visions
(ages 7-12 yrs.)

Jr. Ms Sacred Visions
(ages 13-18 yrs.)

Ms Pyramid Lake
(ages 19 & up)

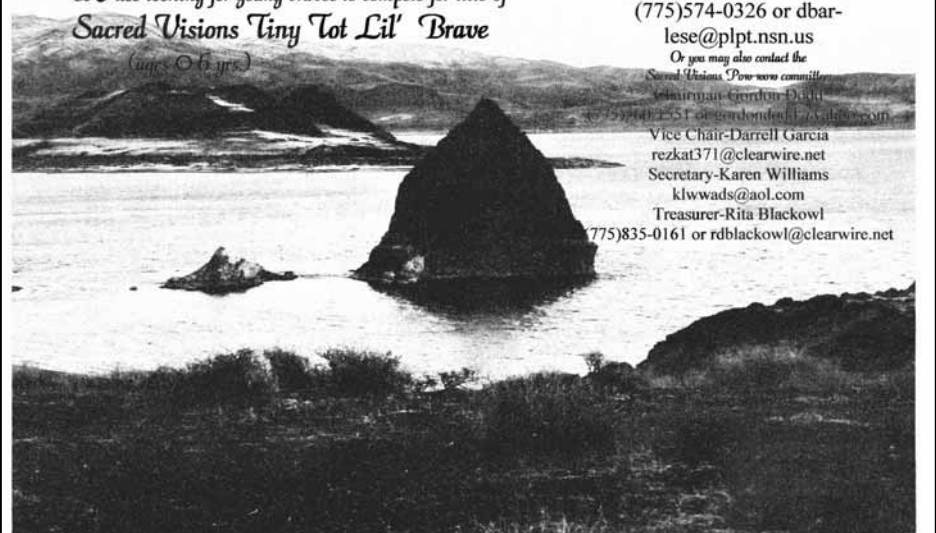
& Also looking for young braves to compete for title of
Sacred Visions Tiny Tot Lil' Brave

(ages 0-6 yrs.)

The 1st Annual Sacred Visions Pow-Wow will be held on July 24th, & 26th, 2009 at Big Bend, in Wadsworth, NV. The theme for this year is "Bringing the People Home", "Te nanumu magodjuka". This theme is based on the Pyramid Lake Paiute tribal legend of the Stone Mother.

Anyone interested please do not hesitate to contact the Royalty committee:
Royalty Chair-Debbie Barlese
(775)574-0326 or dbarlese@plpt.nsn.us

Or you may also contact the Sacred Visions Pow-wow committee:
Chairman-Gordon D. Hill
(775)835-0151 or gsdhill@plpt.nsn.us
Vice Chair-Darrell Garcia
rezkat371@clearwire.net
Secretary-Karen Williams
klwads@aol.com
Treasurer-Rita Blackowl
(775)835-0161 or rdblackowl@clearwire.net



In Loving Memory Of Freida Sam

Mother, Grandmother, Great-Grndmother, Friend and Aunt

Our Easter Egg Hunt and B-B-Q would not be a success if it were not for or family, Friends and young ones. Who come over each year to celebrate in all the good times and remember how thankful we are for each other. We will continue on and carry on all the things that Gram has taught us. Our Family circle is still Strong.

Thank You to Everyone for your donations and Gifts...

Shirley and Dale Kaneshige

Penny & Tim Lang

Dominick Mix & Taleah Reymus

Leanna Jane Mix & James Cole Lang

**PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 6, 2009**

Members Present:

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman	Johnnie Garcia
Lela Christensen	Genevieve John
Judith Davis	Elwood Lowery
Sherry Ely Mendes	Irwin Mix
Gordon Frazier	Clayton Servilican, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman, called the March 6, 2009 regular meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary, took roll. Councilmember Irwin Mix arrived at 7:13 p.m. All other Council members were present at roll call and a quorum was established for this meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright stated the following items should be added to the meeting agenda: under Unfinished Business include Don Springmeyer regarding a resolution on the Fernley negotiations; CFO Group for the 2007 audit; TrashPros; Black Rock Solar; and Pyramid Lake Housing Authority. Under New Business add Canyon Day Community request and three elder assistance requests.

Councilmember Christensen stated that item #1 under New Business should not be heard by the Tribal Council because it is a personal issue. Chairman Wright said the request was submitted so it can be discussed at that time.

Councilmember Frazier made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duane Dunn spoke about grazing, the Pyramid Lake Cattleman's Association and that the Council has claimed sovereign immunity in Court. But the Cattleman's Association is out of compliance.

Terry Sampson said she sent a letter to the Tribal Council about the Chairman concerning violations of his position. She asked the Council members what they thought about her letter and each Councilmember stated their opinions on the letter, a few of which did not receive the letter.

Duane Dunn asked how Wes Williams' services are handled and if his services are used against Tribal members. Chairman Wright said when lawsuits are filed against any officer of the Tribe, it is automatically sent to the insurance company and the insurance company then contacts legal counsel.

Lyle Kochamp asked about "rampant" officers of the court and if it is going to be handled. Councilmember Davis said the Council did step up to handle the complaints that were submitted and it should be followed up with. Councilmember Mendes also agreed.

JoJo Smith voiced his concerns when he was approached by a Tribal police officer when he was practicing for a firefighter test and carrying his pack. He has been in the court system for a long time because of his mistakes. Councilmember Christensen stated that this should have been reported.

Duane Wasson said he has a concern about civil rights violations that have occurred over the past years. He said the Law & Order Committee met and he gave a directive to the other members to address the Civil Rights violations.

CONSENT AGENDA

On the Consent Agenda are the following: February 6, 2009 Tribal Council Meeting Minutes, Don Springmeyer January 2009 Invoice, and classification of Investigative Assistant. Councilmember John asked to remove Don Springmeyer's January invoice since the contract has not yet been acted on. Councilmember Frazier said he had a clarification on the minutes, page 3; he was not on the Council at that time and would like his name removed. Councilmember John said that even though he was not on the Council at that time, that was what was reported and would have to stay in the minutes.

Councilmember Davis made a motion approve items 1 and 3 on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Wright stated the items approved were the February 6, 2009 Tribal Council meeting minutes and classification of Investigative Assistant.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wes Williams, Jr. January 2009 Report and Invoice: Chairman Wright said there had been questions on the January 2009 invoice. Councilmember Davis said during the budget meetings the departments were going to be asked to include a legal line item and if the Tribe was going to be reimbursed from those programs that utilize the attorney's services. Chairman Wright said when the budget was approved there were no conditions attached to the approval with regard to use of legal counsel until those programs establish a legal line item. As far as reimbursement, this will have to be discussed with those programs. Councilmember John asked if some of the programs could be charged and he answered that each of the invoices could be reviewed to determine the amounts for the different programs. Councilmember Davis said in looking over the invoice she was surprised to see the Pyramid Lake Police Department on the invoice, particularly because the Council was not a part of the protest that was held and why the Tribe was paying for it. Chairman Wright said if the Council decides that if a charge is not appropriate then this type of discussion should be held with Wes and if the Council decides to deny paying a portion of the amount that is their decision. Councilmember Mix asked if this should be tabled and to ask Wes to attend a Council meeting.

Councilmember Mix made a motion to table the January invoice for Wes Williams, Jr. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Mendes said the programs should start tracking why they need legal services and to include in their budget and not assume the Tribe is going to absorb those costs. Councilmember Davis said she would like to see if there is clearance from the Chairman's office on authorization for use of legal counsel. Councilmember Christensen said there would be no need for any type of clearance if it was in their budget.

Don Springmeyer Contract: Councilmember John asked why the contract wasn't amended last year when the switch was made and Don stated the contract is with him and the BIA's interpretation is that the contract had to be with the firm. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the resolution and contract for Don Springmeyer. Councilmember Frazier seconded the motion. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 20-09**

January 2009 Invoice: Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve Don Springmeyer's January 2009 invoice. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Principles for City of Fernley-Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Comprehensive Settlement: Chairman Wright stated that the Tribe started negotiating with the City of Fernley in 1995 and we've gotten to the point of starting to include language into an agreement. We are now at the point of this agreement. Don stated that in October 2008 the Council approved a resolution relating to the appropriation of \$5 million jointly to the Tribe and Fernley for planning, development and construction of infrastructure. There have been changes of Fernley board members and Tribal Council since then and it seems privy to bring back the fundamentals to the Council on what the negotiation is about and what the primary goal of the Tribe is. This same principles document was presented to the Fernley City Council on Wednesday and was approved by resolution. The resolution is the Tribal Council's approval and direction to continue negotiating in trying to reach an agreement based on these principles. The main principle of the Tribe is to find a way for Fernley to get its municipal water from its Newlands Project rights and not through the Canal.

Don said there is an incentive of additional interest by the federal government in providing joint funding to Fernley and the Tribe for infrastructure. There are in-ground benefits which we are pursuing. The draft resolution says to negotiate according to the principles and final agreements would be reviewed by the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the resolution for continued negotiations with Fernley. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 21-09**

Don reported said the State Engineer ruled in favor of the Tribe which was appealed to the State District Court by TCID, Corkhill Brothers and others. The State District Court upheld the State Engineer's ruling and only the Corkhill Brothers appealed to the Nevada Supreme Court. The opening brief was to be due next week and in the meantime, because they did not request a stay, the water team talked to the State Engineer to issue the permits to the Tribe for the unappropriated water. The attorney from the Corkhill Brothers said they were going to withdraw their appeal in the Nevada Supreme Court and now the ruling from the State Engineer and the permits will become final and not subject to further attack except for the parallel proceeding that involves the TCID applications for unappropriated water.

TCID is making moves to begin talks with Bureau of Reclamation about not opposing TROA so strongly and they withdrew a couple of their lawsuits. This is a slight good sign in progress without going through years of litigation.

San Francisco State University Request: The request had been tabled from the last Tribal Council meeting to ask for clarification with regard to a waiver of the camping fees and to inform them the east side of Pyramid Lake is closed to camping. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the request and to waive the camping fees. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Land & Resource Committee: Jolyne Sander, Committee Chairman, stated the first item is the four applications that were tabled at the last Council meeting. These applications needed to have the descriptions included and this was done on all of the original applications.

Lawrence Winnemucca: Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the land assignment application for Lawrence Winnemucca. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lowery. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 22-09**

Christine Braunworth: Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the land assignment application for Christine Braunworth. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lowery. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 23-09**

Mary Hanna: Jolyne reported that Kim Dunn checked the assignment and it does not encroach upon Joe Ely's assignment. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the land assignment for Mary Hanna. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican.

Votes on the motion to approve Mary Hanna's land assignment application were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 24-09**

Troy Arthur: Jolyne stated there were two letters opposing Troy Arthur's land assignment application. She did speak with Troy Arthur and informed him his application was being presented to the Tribal Council. He had also applied for an assignment about two years ago that had been tabled at the Committee level because there were questions on the amount of acreage being requested and they were unsure if the area was for economic development use. She did find out that the area was in a residential area. At that time, they were unable to contact Troy, so it had remained tabled. Vice Chairman Servilican said as a committee, did they take the letters into consideration and Jolyne stated there were no concerns because they can't make decisions based on an individual's past history. Councilmember Mix then made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 8:23 p.m.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to move out of the executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an open session at 9:04 p.m.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to deny the land assignment application submitted by Troy Arthur. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with no abstentions (Councilmember Frazier was out of the room during this motion). **Motion carried.**

Jolyne stated the Committee drafted a land assignment application and they would like Council input. There are two amendments to the Land Ordinance which would coincide with the application. They are requesting permission to post the proposed amendments. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve posting the amendments. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Finance Department – Robbin Scholl: Robbin Scholl, Comptroller, stated Dan Allen and Kristine Britton from the CFO Group were here to present the 2007 audit. Robbin said that GASB 34 was holding up the audit and the audit must include fixed assets.

Dan Allen stated the goal had been to complete the audit by December 31, 2008 and most of the work was done by December 13th but cataloging the artifacts at the Museum and evaluation of infrastructure assets was holding up the report.

Robbin said the other issue was the 2007 budget that was submitted to the BIA and not being able to locate the budget. She spoke with Fred Drye to get a copy of the budget and she finally received the budget on Thursday. On page 10 of the audit, the number under Unrestricted is the Tribe's deficit. On page 3 is the Management Discussion and Analysis which is an overview of everything. Pages 57 and 58 are the audit findings. The audit approval is needed for the PLHS school lunch program and the Tax Department needs it for an IRS audit that is happening on Tuesday.

Dan said the opinion was originally an adverse opinion in 2005 and changed to a disclaimed opinion in 2006. This is still a disclaimed opinion versus a totally clean and qualified opinion and the reason why it is documented in the report is because they can't give an opinion on the Nixon Store and Smokeshop financial results because they were prohibited, as a profession, from getting there. The goal is to get a clean opinion on the government-wide financial statement.

Vice Chairman Servilican made a motion to approve the 2007 audit. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 7 for and none opposed, with 2 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Robbin said she is asking the directors to turn in all 2008 invoices. There were outstanding attorney and/or consultant invoices and the biggest one was Stetson Engineers. There was over \$159,000 in invoices for 2008. For 2006 there were \$8,700 and 2007 had \$14,600. An analysis was done and determined that they did not go over any contract amounts. She thanked Lela for assisting with this work. They still have not received all of the 2009 budgets from the programs. Councilmember Mendes asked to have a copy of the budget that was approved by the Tribal Council.

Robbin said she spoke with Richard Zakrzewski of the Office of Special Trustee about the economic development fund which it is now earning .3% interest rate. The fund could be moved to 1% but it would need a one year commitment. The total earned after one year would be \$729,000. A two year commitment would be at 2%. If the Tribe does nothing with this we will continue to earn the lower interest.

She also spoke with Fred Drye about the economic development plan draft and he said it did not include employment growth and business growth. Chairman Wright said the Tribe needs to update these components in the draft plan. He spoke with Fred Drye about the plan and was told that Elwood, Gordon, and Johnnie met with him and that they were also working on an economic development plan. Councilmember Frazier and Garcia each stated they were not working on a plan, but they did meet with Fred.

Robbin asked if the Tribe wants the money to sit there and earn low interest. This would mean a difference between making \$123,000 or \$729,000 or if we leave the money at .3%. Her recommendation would be the one year. This would allow time to develop the economic development plan.

Councilmember John made a motion to invest the economic development trust fund for one year at 1%. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

TrashPros – Todd Alexander: John Mosley said he invited TrashPros to the meeting because there were concerns which are the TERO Ordinance which was written into the revocable permit and concerns of trash blowing around the transfer station. Todd Alexander gave an update to the Tribal Council. Improvements are almost complete. In the month of January, 447 tons went through the transfer station resulting in \$1,000 to the Tribe. In February there was 832 tons with \$1,000 to the Tribe. They accept recyclables such as newspaper, cardboard, mixed paper, ferrous and non-ferrous metals, used motor oil and antifreeze. They had one existing employee and recently hired a Tribal member as co-operator. During the last wind storm, there was a problem with the trash blowing around and they did clean the area. He said they are pleased with their partnership with the Tribe. Councilmember Mix said his concern about hiring Tribal members was addressed. Todd said they are working on a different location for a long term solution.

Black Rock Solar – Tom Price: Tom Price, Black Rock Solar, was present along with Matt Mitnon and Richard Scott. Chairman Wright stated the letter of intent is included with his report. Tom gave a background on his proposal. Last spring, Black Rock Solar, installed solar systems at Natchez Elementary, Gerlach School and in Lovelock at the Pershing General Hospital. They were recognized by IRS as the only non-profit installer and the only non-profit solar project contractor in Nevada. They have been working with Chairman Wright in exploring opportunities in getting more renewable energy into the community. The problem is the up-front cost and they worked with NV Energy to secure rebate allocations on behalf of Tribal property. The next problem was how to cover the difference between the rebate and the cost of installation. The stimulus package contains renewable energy. The proposal is that they would like to build a 30 kilowatt solar installation at the Health Clinic using material they already have that they need to use. As part of the process, they would like to do job training and education. To work in this industry in Nevada you have to have state certification. Tom said they want to find one or two Tribal members who have skills and background that would make good candidates to attend a training that is sponsored by NV Energy. Training will be available in Reno at the end of this month. At the end of the training they would be able to get their OSHA-issued state solar installer's license. Once an individual is certified, he would work with Black Rock Solar as an apprentice. The Health Clinic would save a minimum of \$6,600 in electricity costs.

They have been working on finding resources to pay for more solar at other Tribal facilities. An assessment has not been completed yet but they have enough rebates from NV Energy and if they could get federal appropriations to fill in the gaps, they could build a lot more solar projects and train a lot more people. There is no financial obligation on part of the Tribe to do the Clinic project but they need the approval to move forward.

Councilmember Christensen asked the process about finding the two individuals for training. Tom said the training is a 3 day course in Reno and costs \$150 to attend. They would pay the fee for one person. As for working on the project, they would hire this person as an apprentice to get on-the-job experience. The person should have experience with electrical systems or construction trades.

Permission is needed to pursue this and if the Tribal Council agrees with the Letter of Intent, a formal evaluation will be done, a construction plan will be designed and a Memorandum of Understanding will be presented to the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the Letter of Intent with Black Rock Solar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Pyramid Lake Housing Authority – Jackie Phoenix, Development Coordinator, was present requesting approval of a contract and payment for Mitch Keever Construction. Councilmember Christensen asked if a debarment form has to be included and Jackie replied yes, but she didn't include all of the paperwork for this contract. The paperwork includes the disbarment form, proof of insurance and other documents. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the contract and payment for Mitch Keever Construction. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Craig Willie Request (Executive Session): This item was discussed during the executive session. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Carla Eben Request: Carla Eben distributed a timeline on a custody case. She stated there were comments about going through the process last year on things in the court and people's rights being violated. Councilmember Davis asked if the case is still open and Carla replied no. Carla said there was involvement from different departments and the Tribal Chairman. Carla then read her letter.

"On September 4, 2008, I accompanied my son Carolos to finally report an incident of domestic violence at our home. This was not the first incident, but it was the first that he finally chose to report. He had had enough. After the report was taken at the Office of the Tribal Police, they visited our home. My grandson (hereafter "the baby") and his mother were removed from our home to the shelter in Wadsworth, Nevada. This was a call made by the PLPT Police Department. My son Carlos and I asked about the baby, as we did not want him removed from our home. The officer told us that it was for the night, a report would be sent to Social Services and they could work with the family. We accepted this to be true and we agreed to let the baby leave the house. The baby has been a resident of the Pyramid Lake Indian Reservation since late September 2007 and has lived at our home at 550 S. Hollywood Road in Nixon for a year. Both Carlos and his baby are enrolled members of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe. The baby had just celebrated his first birthday on September 3.

The following day, we contacted Social Services to see if we could get the baby returned to our home, his home. Social Services had no idea what we were talking about, as nothing had been forwarded to them from the Police Department. This was alarming, as it was Friday, and we worried that nothing would be done and we would not get the baby back. In desperation on September 5, 2008, my son and I filed a petition for custody with the Pyramid Lake Tribal court. We were assigned a case number PL CM.CS.2008-0012. We paid the \$25 filing fee for the civil petition. As we feared, nothing was done that day and the weekend came and went. Finally, the police report was sent to the Social Services Department the following week and they began working on a schedule for us to see the baby. I must commend the Social Services Director for his role in this which was always looking out for the best interest of the child as he had witnessed the violence in the home. They began questioning why the baby had not regularly seen the doctor and was not current with his immunizations. We explained that we had tried to set appointments for both WIC and immunizations for the baby, but his mom would not take him. Social Services acted a mediator between the families. This really bothered the Victim Services Program. It was also at that time that we began questioning why the girl was receiving services as she was not a victim of domestic violence. She had prior claims but nothing was ever substantiated. After reviewing the PL Police report taken on September 4, 2008 the Pyramid Lake Tribal Prosecutor did file charges against the mom for domestic violence.

Getting back to the civil custody case, we have been in and out of court and Victim Services has been helping the defendant throughout the whole case. The Victim Services Program has provided transpiration, an advocate and services to the female "supposed" victim of a crime. Carlos questioned the advocate as to why he is not being provided an advocate or been able to utilize the services of this tribal program. The response from the victim services advocate was that it would be a conflict of interest as the mom is a part of their program. In July, shortly before my family was leaving for the Sundance Ceremony in McDermitt, I told the mom that if she was not happy at our home then she should go and live somewhere else. She went to Victim Services and she and the baby were going to the shelter. Becoming homeless does not constitute being a victim of crime. The mom claimed that there was an incident in the spring of 2008 that showed she was a victim of domestic violence. It was an un-served temporary protection order that she filed while she was still living under my roof. It was filed in Fallon, Nevada. Carolos was unaware of the order until he was served in Elko a couple of months later, when he was served the Elko Police told him that she would have a month to appear in court or it would be dissolved. My son was at the time working in Elko, Nevada.

Since our Tribal program would not help two tribal members (my son and my grandson) they told Carlos to contact Intertribal Council of Nevada Domestic Violence program. Carlos went through the intake process, showed the tribal police report and it was determined that he was eligible for services as a victim of domestic violence. As a victim of crime, ITCN gave us a list of advocates to contact. Understanding that we would have to pay out of our own pockets for the advocate, we selected one. After the selection, ITCN Domestic Violence Program offered to help with a one time payment of \$200 to the advocate who filed a letter stating that she was on the case. We contacted Tammy Carrera and she has been advocating our case. She drives from the northern part of the state and we have been paying her travel costs to attend the custody case court hearings. There have been numerous hearings throughout the past six months.

Our final Tribal court hearing on the civil custody case was held on February 3, 2009, the defendant was given primary physical custody and we feel that it was directly due to the outside involvement (Tribal Chairman, Court Administrator, Mental Health, victims services) and the fact that Tribal dollars have been utilized to fight this case against a tribal member who rightfully should have been represented by the Tribal Victims Advocate. It was really sad that we were spinning our wheels and getting nowhere with the outside influences of the Tribal Chairman and other Tribal departments in this simple civil custody case. As the case has been decided, I am appealing to Tribal Council with my concerns:

Separation of powers violations, violations of right to due process, violation of right to confidentiality: What role did the Tribal Chairman play in ensuring that our family did not get custody of our baby? If the Chairman has allowed himself to become involved in this case, what is the Tribe's interest? What happened to separation of powers? I was made aware that the Tribal attorney had been involved in this civil suit in December. He submitted a motion into the case and was present via telephone on one occasion. The Tribal attorney was directed to acquire Carlos' records from the PLPT police department for the Victim Services advocate. The records were irrelevant to this case and the juvenile records could not be used. Does the Tribe now involve itself in every custody case of its members trying to fight for their children? Why were there post-it notes written by the Court Administrator from the Tribal administration giving Judge Humke directive on December 13, 2008? When Judge Humke was questioned after court was finished for the day, clarification was requested as to who was the note from and the Judge responded, "Tribal Chairman." While I was the Vice Chairman, I was well aware of the involvement by the Tribal Chairman and meetings being held in regards to this case with Victim Services, Mental Health and court staff. Somehow the Social Services subordinate staff got involved and I was accused of abusing my authority as the Vice Chair. I chose to never influence the case. I sat quietly during the hearings and just observed. I wanted only that my son get a fair slice of justice. I was even accused of influencing the Director of Social Services into taking the baby from this "poor mom." I feel that my son and grandson's due process rights have been violated. I feel that their right to confidentiality was also violated when meetings were held between the Tribal departments and the Tribal Chairman and ultimately when the Tribal attorney became involved. Last year, Chairman Wright was told to stay out of open case yet he chose to become involved. By the involvement, the case drug on and on and the Judge may have been influenced via the Court Administrator. I also feel that Carlos and his son's right to confidentiality were also violated when the Chairman sided with Victim Services against them. I would like the Tribal Council to hold him accountable for his actions. If the departments are using the Tribal attorney, then they also need to have budgeted money to pay for these services. Does the Tribal Chairman need to approve using the attorney?

Discrimination/denial of services, clarification on domestic violence code, misappropriation of funds: If the Tribe receives federal and state funding, why is Victim Services allowed to discriminate against male victims of crime. Who can be held accountable for this, the Tribe? The director of the program? Why do they pick and choose whom they will help? I read the report submitted by the director of the program to the Department of Justice dated July 31, 2008 where the director pats herself on the back for serving women. Victims of crime are victims of crime: they can be men, women, or children. In a recent case Woods versus Shewry in the Supreme Court of the State of California, it was found unconstitutional for any state-funded or federally-funded program to deny access to services and/or protection to male domestic violence victims. I have been in contact with Marc Angelucci, Civil Rights attorney from San Diego who file an online complaint to the Department of Justice Office of Investigations General about our case. As well, I have been contacted by RADAR, a lobbying firm from Washington DC who investigate inaccurate reporting on federally funded grant programs. As well, the Men's health Network would like more information. Suggestion, I would like the Tribal Domestic Violence Program be audited/investigated regarding the discrimination of male victims. Misappropriation of funding to alleged victims who utilize the program without proper documentation and denial of services or equal protection under the law. I would like the PLPT Tribal Council to review the current domestic violence code, as it is not being followed. Victims need to be protected whether they are male or female.

In closing, I am appealing to the Tribal Council to hold the Tribal Chairman accountable for his actions. His involvement while the case was open may have jeopardized the safety and security of an innocent member of this tribe. Last year, the Chairman was directly told by Tribal Council to stay out of open cases. He chose to ignore this directive and now he needs to be held accountable. If he had total disregard in following a Tribal Council directive and meddled in our case, how many other cases has he become involved in? I would also ask that an investigation into the violations be conducted so another family does not have to suffer as we have. I am a member of this tribe, a mother and a grandmother. I only want what is best for my grandson. I had no choice but to bring this to the attention of Tribal Council. Noah deserves to be loved and cherished."

Carla asked why Wes Williams, Jr. was brought into this case when it was between two people. Chairman Wright stated this issue began when Victim Services advocated for the defendant. The concern from a grant compliance stand point was whether or not it was allowable. He was asked by Mitch Wright to determine if that particular situation could occur. Chairman Wright stated he would suggest the Tribal Council review the transcripts of the case. He was contacted by the BIA Social Services program because of the involvement of the Tribe's Social Services program in a custody case and that it was not supported by the 638 contract and would not support Social Services in this type of case. The BIA contacted him and he told Ron Pavelko about and it was all about 638 contract compliance.

Councilmember Mix suggested having all parties meet to discuss this to get this resolved. Chairman Wright asked how the Council wanted to proceed. Carla stated she would like the program investigated and would like to know why Administration was involved. Councilmember John said the Tribal Council should meet with the staff involved as soon as possible and it should be in an executive session. This issue was tentatively scheduled for March 23 at 6 p.m.

Canyon Day Community Request: The Tribe received a request for a donation for their rodeo and fair that will be held April 24-26. Councilmember John made a motion to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Three Elder Assistance Requests: The Secretary stated three elder assistance requests were received. Martha Thomas submitted a request in the amount of \$195.49 for her electricity bill. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the request in the amount of \$200. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Frazier. Votes were 8 for and 1 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Christensen said clarification is needed on the amount. The Secretary stated this was presented to the Tribal Council and the Council set the rate at \$200 regardless of the amount being requested. Councilmember Mendes said the average is between \$100 and \$200 and it is a flat rate that was decided on.

Rosalyce Dodd submitted a request to purchase propane in the amount of \$196.99. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the request for \$200. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 8 for and 1 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Simon Harris submitted a request for water heater replacement in the amount of \$415.50. The Secretary explained the approval rates for this type of request. The Tribe would pay 100% of the costs from \$1 to \$300; 75% of the costs from \$301 to \$500 and 50% of the costs over \$501. The amount that could be approved for this request is \$312 which would be 75% of the amount being requested. Councilmember John made a motion to approve the request for Simon Harris in the amount of \$312. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Language Grant Resolution for Application – Sandra Hicks: Sandra Hicks, Contracts/Grants Administrator, stated she is presenting the information on behalf of the Language Program. An application will be submitted to the Department of Health & Human Services for a 3-year grant and this grant requires a 20% in-kind match of salaries and building space, which will come from Ben Aleck and Ralph Burns. If the grant is approved two language in-school employees will be hired. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the resolution for a language grant submittal to the Department of Health and Human Services. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 25-09**

Councilmember Davis stated the Council had talked about a hiring freeze for Tribally-funded programs. There was a motion made and an understanding there would be hiring freeze until the first meeting with the Appropriations Committee. Sandra said she was informed that there was a hiring freeze but it only applied to positions funded by the General Fund and not those positions under Indirect. Councilmember Davis said the only positions this did not include were those positions funded under a grant and the Tribal Planner. Chairman Wright informed Sandra she would have to withdraw the posting.

Law & Order Committee Vacancy: There is one vacancy on the Law & Order Committee and two individuals submitted their name for consideration: Jolene Henry and Carla Eben. The Tribal Council then voted by ballot. Jolene Henry received 5 votes and Carla Eben received 4 votes. Jolene Henry was appointed to the Law & Order Committee.

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright said the Appropriations Committee would like to schedule a meeting with the Tribal Council. Following a brief discussion, the Tribal Council decided to hold a meeting with the Appropriations Committee on April 11 at 9 a.m.

The next item is to schedule interviews for the Senior Director and the Social Services Director. The Tribal Council scheduled the interviews for the March 20th at 5 p.m.

Chairman Wright reported that the Health Clinic will be submitting a request for a waiver on the indirect cost rate. This will not be possible as the Indian Health Services funds the administrative direct cost. Councilmember Mendes said the Health Board felt it was important to bring up their concerns about the indirect cost rate and their concerns about the transportation line item because they had to put that money into the indirect cost rate. She is only reporting this to the Tribal Council.

Councilmember Mix asked Chairman Wright if he met with Arlan Melendez and Alvin Moyle about approaching the IHS in trying to develop a separate area. Chairman Wright said this is moving forward and they are in the preliminary discussion stages, but they have been working with the Senator's office on this issue.

The proposed Constitutional amendment public meetings are scheduled for March 21, March 28, and April 1. Fred Drye would be available for the meetings on March 21 and April 4 for any assistance. The meetings are intended to present the proposed amendments and to solicit comments. There were seven proposed amendments that were adopted by Council resolution.

Chairman Wright reported on the complaint that was received tonight and the recommendations of the working group. The recommendations were submitted to the Court and are being implemented. There is still information that is lacking with regard to some of the personnel matters that was included with the complaints and he has not received the supporting information. In response to the civil rights violations, a letter was sent to the Western Region Office along with a resolution to request an investigation on the Tribal Court with regard to civil rights violations. Jolyne asked for a copy of the report for the Law & Order Committee. Chairman Wright said it was a summary that was submitted by Jeraldine.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Clayton Servilican: Vice Chairman Servilican said he has one action item regarding the vehicles that are in the State Yard. He has a list of the vehicles that have titles and there are some that are repairable. He would like to get approval to move forward in cleaning up the State Yard and to declare the vehicles as excess equipment/property. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to declare the vehicles in the State Yard as excess equipment/property. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Frazier made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 a.m.

Submitted by,
Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2009

Members Present:

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman	Johnnie Garcia
Lela Christensen	Genevieve John
Judith Davis	Elwood Lowery
Sherry Ely Mendes	Irwin Mix
Gordon Frazier	Clayton Servilican, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman, called the March 20, 2009 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary, took roll. Councilmember Irwin Mix arrived at 5:05 p.m. and Councilmember Gordon Frazier arrived at 6:40 p.m. All other Council members were present at roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Include the following items under Requests: Johnnie Garcia travel request, Duane Dunn request for verbatim minutes; and Circle of Life Hospice. Add the Pyramid Lake Housing Authority under Committee/Department Action Required. Under Unfinished Business add Carla Eben. Vice Chairman Servilican motioned to approve the meeting agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 7 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA

There are two items on the Consent Agenda: Approval of two Tribal Scholarships and approval of a resolution for grant submittal for the Victim Services Program. Vice Chairman Servilican made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 26-09** (Grant Submittal to Nevada Victims of Crime Act Grant)

HUMAN RESOURCES – Billie Jean Guerrero: Billie Jean Guerrero, Human Resources Manager, stated the Senior Services Director position was posted on January 29 and closed on February 27 and the interview panel is recommending two finalists: Jeanette Allen and Mych Teceno. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to move into closed session to conduct the interviews. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council then moved into an executive session at 5:10 p.m.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to move into open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into open session at 6:15 p.m.

Bus Driver II Classification: Billie Jean stated the Pyramid Lake High School is requesting classification of a Bus Driver II position. The Personnel Committee reviewed the proposed job description and is recommending approval of the classification at Class Code 120 with a Grade 18. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the classification of Bus Driver II, Class Code 120, Grade 18. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 7 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention (Councilmember Christensen was out of the room during the vote). **Motion carried.**

Reclassification of Environmental Database Specialist: Billie Jean said the Environmental Department is requesting reclassification of Environmental Specialist. This position was difficult to recruit and now that they have an individual in the position, they would like to pay a comparable wage to keep the individual employed with the Tribe. The Personnel Committee is recommending reclassification of Environmental Database Specialist, Class Code 411, Grade 26. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve reclassification of Environmental Database Specialist, Class Code 411 at Grade 26. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Revision to Personnel Policies and Procedures: Billie Jean said that she had been directed by the Tribal Council to revise the grievance procedure within the Tribe's Personnel Policies and Procedures. The timelines have been revised to include a grievance board. The grievance board would consist of a pool of individuals and for each hearing a chairperson would be drawn from that pool. Councilmember Davis said she had a concern about the community member who may be involved and how much knowledge the individual would have on the personnel policy and labor standards. She also asked if there was input by the employees and what were their thoughts. Billie Jean said it was not put out to the employees but if that is something the Council would like to do and then it could be done. For the community member, the purpose is to have a fair and unbiased hearing. The community member would have to be familiar with personnel policies and procedures. There are members who do work in personnel management or are familiar with personnel policies and procedures. Billie Jean said she would have something set to schedule a meeting to go over what is expected.

Vice Chairman Servilican made a motion to approve the resolution to revise Section 2 and Section 9 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John.

Discussion: Councilmember Davis asked that if this is approved, will it affect any grievances that may be already filed and how will she go about starting this. Billie Jean said there have been three grievances last month and this month and they have all gone through the hearing process and are now closed. There are no active grievances. As far as the grievance board, Billie Jean said she would establish a panel right away and seek a larger pool for any future grievances. Votes on the motion to approve the resolution to revise Section 2 and Section 9 of the Personnel Policies and Procedures were 7 for and 2 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 27-09**

Clarification on Hiring Freeze: In December, there was a motion made to approve the budget and motion to not hire any new positions except for the Tribal Planner. Billie Jean said in January clarification was sought for the intention of the motion. There were a number of positions that were approved in the Tribal budget. Funding sources varied and she had a position that was approved by the Council and wanted to advertise. She needs clarification from the Council because her funding was from the Indirect cost pool and at the last Council meeting, another position that is funded through Indirect was instructed to be taken down. She would like to know if the Council considers Indirect as being Tribal funding and does this also include Tax funded positions. Councilmember John said when she made the motion, she was talking about General Fund and Indirect and not tax funding. She doesn't see a problem advertising the positions, but noting that it is contingent until final approval. Billie Jean said there have been a number of reclassifications with significant increases and will this affect those programs who receive Tribal funding. Councilmember John said if these are still in the process, they won't be funded until after the Council meets.

PRESENTATION

Western Minerals Group – Ron Perry: Ron Perry, Western Minerals Group, was present along with Roy Walker and Ted Smith.

Mr. Perry introduced their project. They will begin the permitting process with the Washoe County and Nevada Department of Environmental Protection (NDEP). It's a mineral processing operation that is being proposed on property along the Olinghouse Road towards the mine. They are proposing to retrofit a warehouse for a processing operation. The operation is one project with two locations; one at the mine and one at the old tailings impoundment. This is not a mining operation and they won't be developing new ores. They will re-process existing piles and will only be loading and hauling those piles during the week to an enclosed closed loop treatment system inside the buildings. He said there is very little risk of the chemicals or fluids being released. Water usage will be reasonably low. The impact to the community is gathering of the materials and there will be two trucks going through Wadsworth to Sparks. The other impact is 18 employees who will be going in and out at different times.

Councilmember Christensen asked what they will be processing and Mr. Perry replied gold and silver out of the tailings. Councilmember Mix asked what kind of chemicals they will be using and Mr. Perry said they will be using acids and bases (hydrochloric and sulfuric acids) and it won't be a huge amount. Dust will be one of the problems but there won't be a huge amount of traffic going through the community. He said there would be jobs available.

Councilmember Christensen asked what the time frame is and he said they are in the beginning process and they hope to begin in about 210-250 days after approval. The project has a life about 20 years. Councilmember Davis asked where they will get the water and Mr. Perry said there are two wells in Section 25 that they purchased from Nevada Lands. Councilmember Lowery asked where the water would go and Mr. Perry replied that because of the chemistry, it takes an initial shock of water to start the process, then water is generated from this process and the water will be recycled back in. There was a question from the audience about what is being offered to the Tribe for the right-of-way and Mr. Perry stated this is something that could be discussed. Councilmember Mendes asked if there is going to a right-of-way issue and Chairman Wright stated there is a right-of-way along the Olinghouse road. She also suggested Donna Noel be involved with this project.

ATTORNEY REPORT

Wes Williams, Jr.: Chairman Wright said there were questions on charges on the invoice from the Realty Program, Pyramid Lake Police Department, and for gaming. Wes said he includes everything on one invoice and there was a question if each department should pay. If the Tribe wants each department billed, he would need to know which department had to be billed for each item. Wes said before he does any work, it would come through the Chairman's office or Tribal Administrator and if it changes, it would have to come through each department head. There is only one contract for the Tribe.

Councilmember Davis suggested a form be developed that authorizes a department to utilize legal services. One of the questions she had was regarding the Police Department talking to Wes for a protest that was not organized by the Tribe. Wes explained that there had been questions about what role the Police Department would take in that protest and at what point, if certain things happen, what actions they could take and still respecting other peoples' rights to assembly and freedom of speech. There could have been a point where it could become a riot or even destruction of property which would be a police matter. Councilmember Davis reiterated that each department should be paying for legal services and be included in their budget. Administration needs to know which departments have the authorization to use legal services.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the January and February 2009 invoices for Wes Williams, Jr. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Gaming Compact: Chairman Wright asked Wes to give an update on the gaming compact. Wes said he has been working with Mike Wilson, Assistant Deputy Attorney General, on a draft agreement that was sent out this week. Mr. Wilson will begin the process with the State. The State process is more complicated; they need five or six other entities for review and approval.

Stephanie Zehren-Thomas Contract Extension: Chairman Wright said John Jackson, Water Resources Director, submitted no recommendation on the extension. Councilmember Davis made a motion to table this item to the water team meeting scheduled for March 23. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Trout Masters Classic Derby – Tyler Ceja: Tyler Ceja was not present.

Dellard Henry Sr.: Dellard Henry was present along with his wife. He said he is here for wrongful eviction by the Chairman and Realty manager. He is asking for \$250,000 for pain and suffering and the wrongful eviction and violation of his Indian Civil Rights and for installation of two mobile homes on his land assignment of 38 acres. If not approved, this will end up in civil court for each Council member. If he goes to federal court, he will tell his attorney what is going on.

Councilmember Christensen said she had needed clarification on some items. First, in 2004 he entered into an agreement with the Tribe for \$400 per month. In 2005 Dellard sent a letter requesting repairs and nothing happened. In February, the home was inspected by Indian Health Services and recommendations were made and again nothing was done by the Tribe. In January 2006 he stopped making payments, per a verbal agreement with Norman Harry. Dellard replied yes, there is no written documentation, not even in the last one. Since February 2005 until he was evicted, he made no payments and only one report was done of no repairs being made. During this time, no repairs had been done and he said nothing. Councilmember Christensen said when the new Comptroller took over in March 2008, they did meet with him and she asked if repairs had been done and Dellard replied no repairs had been done. He said the only thing repaired was the sewer. The pumps are in the Tribe's name and the pump was corrected. Councilmember Christensen said the agreement with Ralynn James and Gina Sander that things were going to be repaired and they were to begin paying in April 1st. Dellard said there was no written agreement. Mrs. Henry said they came before the Tribal Council in June 2006 to ask for the property if Mr. James wasn't going to fix it and the Council didn't say anything and gave no direction. Councilmember Christensen asked in April when no rent was paid, the Tribe filed suit and Dellard said yes. She said he received the court order on June 24th and he was ordered to vacate, the appeal wasn't filed until July 1st. Why didn't he file earlier? Dellard asked why she didn't talk to them when they found out what was going on.

Councilmember Mendes asked Dellard if they came to the Tribal Council in February 2005 about repairs and at that time, it was discussed and agreed that charges would be stopped until the repairs were done. She suggested the minutes be reviewed. She wants it clarified before making a decision on any kind of recourse. Chairman Wright said the minutes will be reviewed.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to include this item on the April 3rd meeting agenda. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Duane Wasson and Members: Duane Wasson said first of all, he wants to know from each Council member who they represent. Is it the people, the Council or Administration? Councilmember John said she was elected as a Councilmember. He doesn't want the Council to put their administrative duties first. Councilmember John stated when she is sitting as a Council member, she is not administration. Duane said the discussion that happens tonight will decide the fate of the Council members' political career.

Duane apologized for not presenting this earlier, but he received a letter on March 6th. Councilmember Christensen asked if this was related to his petition and Duane said no, but even if it were, it was still in the Council's possession. Duane said this is under the Tribal Election Code, Title IX, and concerns the Tribal Chairman's recap of election which is election fraud, deceit, trickery, and to gain an unfair advantage for himself and other Council candidates.

Duane said in Chapter 9.02.010, establishment of an Election Board, "The Tribal Council shall appoint a standing board of five members from the Tribe who are not incumbent members or candidates for office, to serve on the election board. The election board shall consist of a judge, clerk, teller, two members and an alternate as designated by the Tribal Council. The alternate shall serve if necessary. The judge shall act as chairman of the election board."

In 9.02.020, Duties and responsibilities of the Election Board, it states "The board shall be in charge of all election procedures, including the administration of special elections except as otherwise specified in the Constitution and By-laws of the Tribe."

In 9.02.030, Duties of Election Board states "The Board shall prepare a list of qualified voters and post the list on the reservation at least 45 days prior to the date of the election. Submit to the Tribal Council the list of qualified voters, the Tribal Council shall approve the list of qualified voters 15 days prior to the election. The approve list of qualified voters shall be used at the polls." "Prepare ballot forms for use at the polls. Candidate names shall be listed according to the date and time the Tribal Secretary receives the letter announcing candidacy. The number of ballots prepared shall be equal to the number of qualified vote plus 20."

Duane said the announcement was posted and there were five seats available which should have been on the ballot as well, but it wasn't. The Tribal Chairman, Mervin Wright, Jr., while acting as election judge and arbitrator, wrote the recommendations in an open meeting which influenced other candidate Council members to vote for his recommendations. He verbally read the recommendations in an open meeting.

Councilmember John again asked if this was filed in Tribal Court and Duane said no, not yet. She then asked if he was planning to file in court and Duane said it depends on what goes on today. Terry Lee Sampson said Amanda Davis sent a note to Councilmember John and that is why she is questioning this. Amanda Davis said there were papers filed today in Tribal Court that pertains to what is being discussed and from her understanding the Tribal Council does not discuss any open cases. Councilmember Mix said it has been filed, so it is an active case.

Chairman Wright asked Wes if a case was filed in court and it was assigned a case number, does it make it an active case and Wes replied yes. Chairman Wright said that it is an active case and he suggested it go through the court system. Duane said if the Council doesn't want to hear him in this forum, it will have to be in court and leave the document standing. Councilmember Mendes said the case was opened in Tribal Court and if he wanted, he could go to Tribal Court and close the case and then come back to the Tribal Council. Duane said he would withdraw that case if the Council hears it tonight and Councilmember Mendes said until he does, the Council should not hear this.

Duane continued about the Election Board hearing the appeals. Chairman Wright said the Election Board submitted their recommendations to the Tribal Council. Duane said the second letter was about the appeals letters which asked that the election board send a letter itemizing the appeals. He said the election board had plenty of time to respond to his request. He also received a letter from the Chairman's office dated the 14th about the protest letters. He said the letter is fraudulent because the ordinance says the election judge would act as an arbitrator to settle any dispute. Chairman Wright clarified that any disputes are for the election and as far as protests and appeals; they are heard by the Tribal Council. Lori Black, Election Board member, attempted to explain to Duane the difference between disputes and appeals. Karole McQueen said they did not have any disputes on election day, but there were appeals and protests after the election was over. Chairman Wright tried to explain that the election board's authority is from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. in anything that is disputed during that time.

Chairman Wright suggested to Duane that he allow the Tribal Judge to sort through this. Duane said if the Council wants this addressed, then they shouldn't claim sovereign immunity. Wes said it is a Council issue and they have the power to consider it and make a decision regarding sovereign immunity. Duane said he would allow the judge to sort through this because it was an important decision made that night.

Michelle Ruize said she submitted two complaints to the Tribal Council and Mervin never answered her complaints. She thinks a special meeting needs to be held about the court system. Right now there is no juvenile court and any juvenile is given to an adult probation officer who is abusing the members. Also, the finance report shows waste and fraud by the Tribal Court department head. She said Lea Geurts gave her conviction from this Tribal Court to the Fernley District Attorney's office who wants to charge her with a second DUI. All Pyramid Lake records are sealed and the release of that information violates her Tribal rights. She wants the Tribal Attorney to go with her to the Justice Court in Fernley to explain why these records should not have been released.

Councilmember John asked Wes if something could be done about something to correct something that has already happened. Michelle is asking for assistance from Wes when she goes to court.

Wes said someone could talk with the DA or send a letter to the DA because they shouldn't count any Tribal convictions because the rights provided for a Tribal conviction are different from off-reservation convictions.

Councilmember Frazier said a meeting should be held with the court staff.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to have Wes Williams, Jr. write a letter to the Lyon County District Attorney's office to return that information and explain we have a different process. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis.

Discussion: Councilmember Davis said it needs to be focused on the department who released the information. Councilmember Mendes stated the Council can't wait for a meeting because Michelle is going to go to court and they will make a decision. The issue needs to be taken care of first.

Votes on the motion to have Wes write a letter to the Lyon County District Attorney's office was 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Councilmember Frazier said he would like to meet with the court staff to have the people question them in order to find out what's going on. Chairman Wright said Michelle is asking for a special meeting. He said this would be a question for Human Resources to determine what type of exposure would occur by doing this and there would probably be some level of employee rights that has to be dealt with.

The Tribal Council decided to schedule a meeting for Thursday, March 26th at 5 p.m.

Vice Chairman Servilican called for a 10 minute break. The Tribal Council took a short break and reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Carla Eben Request: Carla Eben said she received the letter regarding the cancellation of the meeting. She came to the Council on March 6th to make the Council aware of the Chairman's misconduct when the Chairman became involved with their case. She then read her letter she submitted.

"Dear Tribal Council of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe: I am in receipt of a letter dated March 9, 2009 from the Tribal Chairman canceling the meeting that you scheduled for March 23 to discuss the misconduct of the Tribal Chairman. You scheduled this meeting on March 6, 2009 at the regular Tribal Council meeting. I am very disappointed that the meeting was cancelled. Due to time constraints I had to bring this forward at this time. I considered bringing it forward in November but chose not to because I did not want to be accused of abusing my authority. Nor did I choose not to bring it in January because there was still a final court date of February 3, 2009. I was mindful of when and how I would present this to Tribal council. I thank each of you for your interest and now think it is time for action. For clarification sake, I am not listed as a party to the custody case or the appeal. I am merely a concerned grandmother and tribal member who paid the advocate fees since the tribal department denied services. While the appeal fees has been paid to the Pyramid Lake Tribal Court system, there is no guarantee the Intertribal Council of Nevada Court of Appeals will hear it. The ITCN Court of Appeals only reviews the case and decides if court process and procedures were following according to our Law and Order Codes. They will review if any civil rights may have been violated. Since we will not be on the March 2009 docket, the next docket will be set in three months. It can take another month for a decision to be issued after that. At this point, none of you can influence the case or change the decision of the appelland court justices that they choose to hear the case.

The reason I came to Council on March 6, 2009 was to bring to your attention the misconduct of the Tribal Chairman and the denial of services by a Tribal program to tribal members. Now I feel that my right to freedom of speech is being denied. I feel that the right to due process under the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Law and Order Code has also been violated through the case as the chairman conspired against my son and grandson. Now, I feel that the Tribal Chairman is blatantly trying to stifle me. He has shown prejudice against the case while it was in our Tribal court system and conspired with Tribal departments on the confidential case.

All I ask is that I be heard and my questions are answered. Once again: 1) I would like to know why the Tribal Chairman took it upon himself to become involved in the civil case. When did he first become involved and at whose invitation? 2) What was the interest of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe in spending money to ensure that this case benefited the non-Tribal member and not the minor Tribal member whose home was here on the reservation? 3) I would like to know why the Tribal Attorney was involved, at whose request and what had he hoped to accomplish? When he first became involved? 4) I would like to know what the Tribal Council deems appropriate reprimand for disobeying a directive from the previous Tribal Council to stay out of ongoing cases in our Tribal court system, before a final decision was issued. 5) I would like to know what is the procedure/criteria to be eligible to receive services at the victim services program. What is the length of eligibility? What services are offered to male victims of domestic violence? 6) I would like to know why a tribal program that receives federal and state funding is allowed to continuously deny services and discriminate against tribal members. 7) Why the Victim Services defense advocate chose to remain on the case knowing that her client was being charged with a domestic violence? What was her interest and was it with Tribe's funding? Why the program knowingly continued to serve the perpetrator. Who will be held accountable for misappropriation of tribal, state and federal funding?

I am asking that the Tribal Chairman remove himself when the Tribal Council does choose to hear all of the facts regarding his involvement. If possible, I would like Vice Chairman chair the meeting. I would like to request that any correspondence to us be sent through the Tribal Secretary rather than the Tribal Chairman due to direct conflict of interest.

According to the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribal Constitution, Article V, Section 2: "Any Councilman who is proven guilty of improper conduct, or gross neglect of duty may be expelled from the Council by a two-thirds vote of the Council members, provided that the accused member is given full opportunity to reply to any and all charges at a designated council meeting, and provided further that the accused member shall have been given a written statement of the charges against him at least five days fore the meeting at which he is given the opportunity to reply."

He obviously has no regard for protecting our Tribal membership as he has conspired against members and he has no regard for Tribal Council directive as he became involved in our case after being told to stay out of open case. He has authorized misuse of funding as he was aware of the situation, but chose to support victim services effort in helping the non-Tribal perpetrator in this case. He lied to Council when he said he became involved after being approached by the Tribal Prosecutor in December. I have proof that he has been involved since mid-October 2008. He has abused his authority.

Ultimately, by his involvement, he may have opened the door for the Tribe to be sued. Tribal Council can also be held accountable for knowing of the allegation and doing nothing to protect the membership, which they have elected by and worn to protect. Here are cases that show membership does have rights and can also be held accountable to their membership: Santa Clara vs. Martinez at the United States Supreme Court 436 U.S. 49, 98S. CT 1670.56 L Ed. 2d 106 (1987); Kizer vs. Walker River Tribe WR-CV-95-54 (1996); Works vs. Fallon Paiute Shoshone Tribe (CV-FT-96-104 (1997); and Williams vs. Yerington Paiute Tribe et al YPT-CV-010-97 (1999). Three local tribes have been sued by Tribal members, so it is possible. As cited in the appellant court case of Te-moak Tribal members vs. Individual Tribal Council members and the Enrollment Committee of the Te-moak Tribe: "As this court previously held on this issue, the immunity from suit which may involve by Indian Tribal governments derives from the inherent powers of sovereignty which has never been extinguished. Wheeler vs. the United States 435 U.S. 313.322.98 S CT 1097, 1089, 55 L. Ed 2d 303 (1987). The Tribe may waive its immunity, the waiver must be express and unequivocal. However, sovereign immunity is not a bar to cases arising under the Indian Civil Rights Act 25 U.S.C. 1301 et seq. Congress passed the Indian Civil Rights Act so that persons subject to the jurisdiction of Indian tribes could be assured fundamental civil rights, including the right to due process.

At this time I am asking for immediate removal of the Chairman until this problem is completely resolved, or as long as it takes for Council to come to a conclusion regarding these Civil Rights violations. I would also ask that the concerns brought forth to Tribal Council in 2008 be revisited and conclusion to those allegations be addressed as well.

If Council should choose not to remove the Chairman, my second request would be to limit the powers of the Chairman, ask that he remove himself from any national working groups until all of this is clarified and his focus is returned to the membership and tribe he has been elected to serve. As a Tribal civil servant, he needs to focus on the Tribe instead of his personal interests. The Chairman needs to remember that he is in a position to serve us, not himself.

In closing, I do not understand what the difference is between the Tribal Chairman hearing all of the details of the case as early as mid-October while it was in our court system taking action and me bringing this forward now that is out of our system. I really should have said something then. Carla Eben."

Carla said she brought her issue forward because of misconduct and she wants to know what the Council thinks. Councilmember Christensen asked if this issue can be brought forward at the March 26th meeting. Chairman Wright said this is for the Tribal Council to make a decision. Councilmember Mendes clarified with Carla that the items on page two are things she wants answered. Carla said when she originally brought it forward – the ones in the first letter she submitted. Councilmember John stated the departments should include Contracts & Grants and Victim Services. Carla asked how they will proceed. Chairman Wright said it sounds like it will be in a closed session and whoever is involved will be brought in. Councilmember Christensen said it would be in a closed session because it involves a minor. Vice Chairman Servilican will chair the meeting.

COMMITTEE/DEPARTMENT ACTION REQUIRED

Approval of Policies and Procedures – Randy Melendez: Randy Melendez, Principal, was present. He stated the high school is currently operating off an old policy from the Washoe County School District. In 2006 the Board directed him to begin revision of policies. The Board held meetings about the policies and it had been posted for public comment. The attorney did review the policy. The Board is recommending approval of the draft policies and procedures. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the Policies and Procedures for the Pyramid Lake Junior/Senior High School. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 28-09**

Approval of Summer Range Grazing Turn-out – John Mosley: Chairman Wright mentioned that he was receiving concerns about livestock at the North End. He reported the Tribal Council had enacted a resolution in January for Range Unit 13 (Needles Unit) with a turnout date of March 15. He wanted to make sure that what is happening is in accordance with the resolution.

John Mosley, Environmental Director, said he is requesting retroactive approval of the Range Unit 13 of March 15. Chairman Wright said the remainder of the turn-out is April 15th. Councilmember Davis said

Duane Dunn asked why is it that the same people who use Needles are the same ones who have been complained about in the River bottom and on the flats. They are the same people who violate every winter. It's not fair and it's that way every year.

John said Duane does have a winter grazing permit and can use the winter range. The permits are without competition when they are issued and is in accordance with the Livestock and Grazing Ordinance. Vice Chairman Servilican stated the Ordinance should be enforced.

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the resolution for the summer turn-out to begin April 15, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen.

Discussion: Councilmember Mix asked if the turn-out was early because there was growth near the Needles area and is that the only area and John replied yes. Votes on the motion to approve the resolution for the summer turn-out to begin April 15, 2009 were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 29-09**

Housing Improvement Program (HIP) Priority List – Jackie Phoenix: Jackie Phoenix, Development Coordinator, was here to present the Housing Improvement Program Priority List. Through resolution the Council approved the BIA HIP priority list and at that time there were two people approved. They were contacted by Fred Drye to request they open up the application process. This was done and as of yesterday, the priority list went from two to seven individuals. Additional funding will be requested for the five other individuals. Chairman Wright reported the HIP funding had been restored due to the economic stimulus plan. Councilmember Mix made a motion to approve the resolution for the HIP Priority List. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 30-09**

REQUESTS

Association on American Indian Affairs: The Association on American Indian Affairs sent a letter requesting a donation. Councilmember Christensen motioned to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Eugene Mauwee, Sr. Request: Chairman Wright stated that Eugene Mauwee, Sr., an incarcerated Tribal member, sent a letter requesting assistance for wood that would be used for sweat. He did forward the request to the Redtail Hawk Society but has not received a response. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to deny the request. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Chairman Wright said he has some wood that could be used. Councilmember Mendes said there is a process you have to go through. Councilmember Mix said he is willing to split the wood if there is any available and Councilmember Frazier said he would be willing to deliver the wood.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and Indian Land Working Group: Councilmember John motioned to deny the donation requests submitted by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and the Indian Land Working Group. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Professor Steven Wesnousky Request: Chairman Wright stated Professor Steven Wesnousky sent an email message for permission to walk along the earthquake fault that runs near the south end of Pyramid Lake and he was unclear about day use permits. Councilmember Mendes suggested the group rate fee be assessed and that the Council doesn't give permission to access the property.

Johnnie Garcia Travel Request: Chairman Wright stated Johnnie Garcia is requesting approval to travel to Phoenix for a roads meeting. The meeting notice was only received today and the meeting will be held on March 24-25 in Phoenix. Councilmember Davis asked where the funding would come from and Chairman Wright reported it would be funded by the transportation planning grant, fund code 149. Councilmember Christensen motioned to approve the travel request for Johnnie Garcia. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 8 for and no abstentions, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Duane Dunn Request for Verbatim Minutes: Chairman Wright stated Duane Dunn submitted a request for verbatim Tribal Council meeting minutes for July 2008, November 6, 2008 only the discussion where he was talking and February 18, 2005 meeting minutes item #2, Environmental Department. Councilmember Mendes said the minutes have already been approved. The Secretary stated Duane informed her he did not want the water team meeting minutes that were held. The minutes requested would include July 2, 2008, July 18, 2008 and November 7, 2008. Duane had requested November 6, 2008 but there was no meeting on that day. Councilmember Mendes suggested including a disclaimer with the minutes that these were not the approved minutes. Councilmember Mix motioned to approve the request from Duane Dunn for verbatim Council meeting minutes for July 2, 2008, July 18, 2008, November 7, 2008 and February 18, 2005. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 7 for and 2 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Circle of Life Hospice Request: Chairman Wright stated Rita Biasi of the Circle of Life Hospice submitted a request on behalf of Virgil Morse. Mr. Morse's wife passed away and he is requesting permission to spread her ashes over Pyramid Lake. Councilmember Mix motioned to deny the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN REPORT – Mervin Wright, Jr.: Chairman Wright stated Robbin Scholl has a couple of items. Robbin Scholl, Tribal Comptroller, said the Pyramid Lake High School has two bank accounts in a Natixis fund since 1982 with a total \$20,000. This is a retirement fund and is earning interest. They are requesting a corporate resolution and Robbin informed them we are a Tribal organization and they will accept a Tribal resolution. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the resolution to access these Natixis accounts. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 31.09**

WRAP Funds: Robbin said the names have to be changed to the current Chairman and Vice Chairman. This is the Water Right Acquisition Program funds that are in a Citibank account. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve changing the name to the current Tribal Chairman and Vice Chairman for Citibank account. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Nixon Store: Councilmember Christensen asked about the Nixon Store. Robbin said they held a meeting on Monday with the employees about making the store more profitable. The employees had good ideas and they will be working on those. Gravel will be put in front of the store. New gas pumps are being priced. Councilmember Davis asked Robbin if she is supervising the Nixon Store. Robbin said the Finance Department is handling the financial part and a job description for Store Manager is posted. She explained that the Nixon Store received an allocation and the I-80 Smokeshop did not. Duane Florez submitted a request for an allocation and it didn't address anything at the Nixon Store. The Appropriations Committee felt it was not a good idea to give control of the Nixon Store back to Duane and they requested the Finance Department to manage the financial aspect which is now happening.

Robbin said the inventory was completed at the Nixon Store. They tried three times to get an inventory done at the I-80 Smokeshop and they still do not have a complete inventory. They would be able to do this if they are allowed in the Smokeshop. Her main concern is audit compliance and this includes the Smokeshop and the Nixon Store. The Council discussed an inventory at the Smokeshop. Councilmember Davis made a motion to hold an inventory at the Smokeshop on March 31st. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried.**

Terry Bohl Request: Terry Bohl said he is requesting permission to testify at a hearing that will be held in the State Assembly on AB 284. The bill currently states "voting members who reflect the ethnic and geographical diversity..." This bill will be recommended to read "from federally recognized tribes in the State of Nevada, based on recommendations by the Inter-Tribal Emergency Response Commission." The reason is because the tribes need two seats on that Commission. Councilmember Davis made a motion to grant permission for Terry Bohl to attend the hearing on State Assembly Bill 284. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Chairman Wright stated he wanted to mention there will be the first of three Constitutional amendments meeting held tomorrow. This meeting will be in Sutcliffe from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If anybody would like to comment on any of the amendments, individuals may submit their comments in writing. The purpose is to gather information in order to list the pros and cons for each of the proposed amendments. Fred Drye recommended Article VI, section 1b be amended to read "as long as it is consistent with Federal law." This will allow the Tribe to approve attorney invoices and contracts.

Chairman Wright reported on the Tribal Budget Advisory Council meeting that was held in Washington, D.C. He did have a chance to meet with Allen Anspach about the civil rights violations analysis and Mr. Anspach said he would be working on a response. He also met with Senator Reid's staff and talked about a number of issues and he did ask for the Senator's help in increasing the funding for O&M costs for Bureau of Indian Education. They did ask that the Office of Budget & Management and the White House to be involved with the budget process. The next meeting is scheduled for May.

Work has been done at the Marina on the heating ducts. Chairman Wright said the objective is to move the Rangers back into the facility.

VICE CHAIRMAN REPORT – Clayton Servilican: Vice Chairman Servilican said he would like to have the Council work on a plan for the Vidler money. His suggestion is to help the seniors twice a year. The Council has not made any plans for this money. Chairman Wright said the Council will have to develop a budget plan and the Council will also have to be mindful that there is an obligation to the water team.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Davis motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 12 a.m.

Submitted by,
Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 23, 2009

Members Present:

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman	Johnnie Garcia
Lela Christensen	Genevieve John
Judith Davis	Elwood Lowery
Sherry Ely Mendes	Irwin Mix
Gordon Frazier	Clayton Servilican, Vice Chairman

CALL TO ORDER

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman, called the March 23, 2009 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 5 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary, took roll call. Councilmembers Sherry Mendes and Vice Chairman Servilican arrived at 5:05 p.m. All other Council members were present at roll call and a quorum was established. Also present were Don Springmeyer, Bob Pelcyger, and Ali Shahroody.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Wright said the following items can be added to the meeting agenda: Black Rock Solar Memorandum of Understanding; three Elder Assistance requests; a request from Orville Barlese; and a meeting discussion. Councilmember John made a motion to approve the meeting agenda with the changes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 7 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

Water Resources Department – John Jackson: John Jackson, Water Resources Director, reported Ken Parr of the Bureau of Reclamation will be here later in the meeting. John said Ken wanted to introduce himself. Chairman Wright asked John to give an update on the Water Resources program and various issues he is involved with.

John stated irrigation is set to start about April 15, depending on the weather. They are waiting to see how the water year is going to be. Ali Shahroody, Stetson Engineers, said that right now it's about 240-250 CFS which is higher than Regime 6 that was devised for the purpose of fish. Depending on the amount of storage at Stampede and the type of year we have had, they are going to let the natural flow do its own thing but it could slow down fast. Chairman Wright asked if the forecast had changed and Ali stated it was a little bit better than in February. They have to be careful in looking at the snow pack versus what the runoff is going to be. It was reported that the snowpack gauges 60-80% of average, but the runoff is still at 55-60% of the average. Ali said the forecast has improved.

Resolution for Application for Attorney Fees: John said he would like approval of a resolution to submit an application for FY 2009 special attorney contract fees to the BIA. This is an ongoing program and last year the Tribe was funded for \$70,000. This helps to offset the legal fees. It was stated the year needs to be changed to FY 2009. Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve the resolution, with the correction, for application submittal to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Garcia. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 32-09**

Exploratory Gradient Holes: John said he is requesting approval of a resolution for four exploratory gradient holes in the Nixon area. Councilmember Davis asked if this was the project that was presented by Donna Noel and John said it is the same project, but the problem was that a resolution was needed for the BIA. Vice Chairman Servilican made a motion to approve the resolution for the exploratory gradient holes in Nixon. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 33-09**

Wadsworth Field Office: John said he is requesting selection of the lowest bid for a field office that will be located in Wadsworth. Three bids were received and John is recommending Fleetwood Homes in the amount of \$63,789. This office will house the Project Manager for the Desert Terminal Lakes project and the Realty Manager. He did contact the Pyramid Lake Police Department to see if they wanted to rent an office, but they decided against it. They will be charging \$1/foot. There were concerns of the location. It was asked if the old septic systems were removed or filled with sand. John said new septic systems will be installed. The modular will be renovated to bring it into ADA compliance. The Council voiced concerns about the location.

Councilmember Mix made a motion to select the bid received from Fleetwood Homes in the amount of \$63,789. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 5 for and 3 opposed, with 1 abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Request for Project: John said there is funding available through the Stimulus funding through the NRCS in the amount of \$12,650,837. He is requesting permission to submit the application. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to authorize John to submit an application for this funding. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Bureau of Reclamation – Ken Parr: Ken Parr is the Area Manager for the Lahontan Basin Office in Carson City for the Bureau of Reclamation. Ken said he was here to introduce himself to the Tribal Council. The prior Area Manager was Betsy Rieke who retired in June 2008. He has been working with the Bureau of Reclamation since 1995.

Chairman Wright asked Ken about trust responsibility. Ken replied that any time there is a federal agency, especially in the Department of Interior, there is a responsibility to consult with the tribes. The purpose of consultation is to determine if there are any impacts on tribal trust resources such as land or water and to make sure the tribes have input into an action.

Ken said with regard to TCID, this is the first time they have a Regional Director, Don Glazier, who has given support to the Reclamation Lahontan Basin Area Office that is needed to work with the District on the contract. Ken said he has the responsibility in overseeing of that contract. He will be working with the Tribe's Water Resources Committee in reviewing that contract.

Chairman Wright said in seeing there is going to a change in the forecast, what is the process if the Tribe chooses to elevate the flow Regime to #5 or #4. Ali said there is a meeting next week and all of the members of the IDT which includes the Bureau of Reclamation, BIA, Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Tribe will be present. This will be an item for discussion and based on that they will see it in terms of shifting it to 5 or 4. The natural flow will provide the kind of water which could be a category 5 and possibly category 4. The question will come up whether we want to supplement it at a rate of flow regime 5 or 4 which are high rates. Flow regime 1 is the highest rate of the flow at 1,000 CFS. Given the improvement in the forecast, we won't pick up additional storage in Stampede. Based on the forecast we will be getting, a presentation will be made as to what kind of flow regime to be maintained, after the peak passes and will be a topic for discussion at the TROA/MOA meeting.

Water Team Update – Don Springmeyer: Don Springmeyer was present and gave a status report to the Tribal Council. If the Council wants to get into a discussion involving strategy, tactics, politics, he would request moving into a closed session.

TROA-Related Litigation: There had been California environmental quality challenges to TROA which were filed by Churchill, Fallon, and TCID. TCID and Fallon have withdrawn those challenges without prejudice and Churchill still persists.

Challenges were filed through the State Engineer's process by TCID, Fallon, and Churchill County for addressing TMWA's change applications for the storage water. TCID and Fallon have withdrawn their challenges without prejudice and Churchill still persists. The judge has set a hearing is set for March 30.

A motion was filed by all TROA signatory parties asking the judge to amend it to bring TROA into the Orr Ditch Decree. Also, the TROA signatory parties have asked the Court to set a Case Management Conference to discuss further handling of the Motion to Amend; we expect to press the Court on this on March 30 at the hearing described above.

State Engineer Ruling 5823 (Dayton Valley): The 9th Circuit briefing is completed and we await an assignment for a hearing and oral argument. In the State court, the Tribe's opening brief will be filed in the Nevada Supreme Court on or before Monday, March 30. Churchill County will join in the brief filed by the Tribe.

State Engineer Ruling 5791 (Carson Valley): There was nothing new to report.

Unappropriated Water: The Corkhill Brothers has filed a motion to withdraw its appeal of the State Engineer Ruling 4683/4683A in the Nevada Supreme Court and is now final. In the mean time, the State Engineer has issued the permits to the Tribe. However, the entire process still has a cloud hanging over this victory as described: the State Engineer is preparing to file a petition with the Nevada Supreme Court to overturn Judge Aberasturi's order that the State Engineer's ruling denying the TCID applications for unappropriated water he remanded to the State Engineer to make additional findings and with a variety of instructions about what the State Engineer must do. The attorney for the State Engineer has provided the draft of that petition to the Tribe and the attorneys for TMWA for comment and discussion. TMWA's attorneys have consulted with the Tribe's attorney and the current consensus view is for both TMWA and the Tribe to join in the petition and also raise to the Supreme Court the issue of the Tribe and TMWA being barred by the lower court judge from any participation in the lower court.

Fish Springs Ranch/Vidler Settlement: A meeting has been arranged with all the federal attorneys, congressional staff, and agency staff and the Vidler/Fish Springs Ranch group and the Tribe's water team for April 13 to try to work through all editing and language/concept issues to take back to the decision-makers with a recommendation for approval so that the legislation has a chance of getting passed in this session.

State Engineer Ruling 5826 (appeal regarding public interest argument on Fernley groundwater basin): The Tribe's reply brief on appeal has been filed and we are waiting from the Judge regarding whether there will be a hearing and oral argument.

Don reported Fernley has withdrawn their attempt to revive temporary transfers of rights to the Fernley Wildlife Management area.

Criminal Fraud Charges: Shelby Cecil has died since the last report. The trial was moved to federal court in Las Vegas with Judge Mahan presiding and is currently set to take place in February 2010.

9th Circuit appeal: The U.S. and the water team continue to work on the next round of briefs which will be due in approximately a month.

USDC: The judge suspended all certifications regarding repayment of the judgment and nothing more will happen in this area until after the ruling by the 9th Circuit.

Petition Claims. The Tribe had filed three motions in the Orr Ditch Petition cases to revive the petition claims regarding certain rights by substitution Fernley as the current owner of approximately 450 acres of originally challenged rights which were held under the names of farmers at the time of the original filing. Fernley has filed oppositions to those motions and the Tribe has filed its reply briefs and a new motion asking the Court to rule on whether the old (pre-AB380) law on forfeiture and abandonment will apply, or the new (post-AB380) law. In the meantime, attorney Schroeder's office has filed a motion in the Alpine Decree case to enforce the order of dismissal with regard to several specific water right owners, asking for specific final dismissal of the claims against those owners. The Tribe filed oppositions and related original motions in the Alpine case raising the same issues as the Tribe raised for the Orr Ditch case with the Fernley water rights motions. TCID and Fallon have recently indicated that they will weigh in on the briefing of these important issues as well, in both Orr Ditch and Alpine.

State Engineer Ruling 5840 (Smoke Creek): The Tribe's opening brief on appeal and the opposing brief of the State Engineer and the applicant have been filed in Washoe County District Court. The Tribe's reply brief will be filed in April.

Springmeyer Invoice for February 2009: Councilmember Mendes questioned a phone call that was made to a Tribal member and if it was water-related. Don replied that the individual had requested a map of the Fish Springs Ranch related to the Vidler settlement. Councilmember John made a motion to approve the February 2009 invoice for Don Springmeyer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mendes. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. ***Motion carried.***

Black Rock Solar: Richard Scott was here on behalf of Black Rock Solar. Chairman Wright said Black Rock Solar will be installing a solar system at the Health Clinic. A Memorandum of Understanding is required for the installation of the 30-kilowatt ground-mounted solar power system. There will be two phases and each phase will be 30-kilowatts. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Black Rock Solar and the Tribe. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. ***Motion carried.***

Elder Assistance Requests: The Secretary stated the first request is from Simon Harris. He was previously approved for \$312 to purchase a water heater, but the quote they received was for the wrong type of water heater. The amount recommended is \$339 and the amount being requested is for \$27 which will be an addition to the \$312 that was already approved. Councilmember John made a motion to approve the additional request for Simon Harris. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. ***Motion carried.***

The next request is from Beverly Houten for propane in the amount of \$200. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the request for Beverly Houten. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. ***Motion carried.***

Violet Lowery submitted a request for assistance for utilities. Councilmember Mendes made a motion to approve the request for Violet Lowery in the amount of \$200. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 8 for and none opposed, with 1 abstention. ***Motion carried.***

Donation Request from Orville Barlese: Orville Barlese sent a letter requesting assistance in the amount of \$300 to assist them when traveling for a medical appointment. The request had been submitted to the Health Clinic and their response was they had to cut their travel line item in order to cover the Indirect Cost Rate expense. The Tribal Council discussed the indirect cost rate and moving funding from direct services. Councilmember John stated she was under the understanding that the Clinic was allocated a certain amount for the Indirect Cost. Councilmember Mendes said that was reported to the Health Board. Councilmember John said she believes the Indian Health Services provides a certain amount for indirect so that direct services is not impacted. This needs to be reviewed. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to table the request. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. ***Motion carried.***

Meeting Discussion: Chairman Wright said he wanted to discuss the process for the meeting on March 26th meeting. There are concerns about this issue. The Tribal Council has always made a point to not discuss personnel issues. The discussion at Friday night's meeting was directed at personnel matters. It was said at that meeting that they wanted everybody fired. He doesn't believe it's fair to the staff to attend an open meeting and have the community questioning staff. There has been nothing in writing that was presented. If there is going to be a forum entertained by the Council, the Council needs to make sure that employee rights are ensured and protected. Every time issues are brought before the Council, only one side is heard. There has to be a way to address the concerns but he doesn't believe staff should be brought in and being faced with the audience. With regard to any discussions the Council wants to have with the Court staff, it needs to be planned and organized so that Court staff knows what is expected of them when they come before the Council.

Councilmember Mendes said she thought the Council was going to discuss the issues that were laid out from the complaints. The working group had developed a plan and the Council has to follow up with that plan and how the programmatic changes are being implemented.

Councilmember John said this stems from the original complaints that were worked on by the working group and she thinks the Council needs to see the complaints and the recommendations. She thinks the meeting with staff has to be in a closed session. It needs to move forward because this issue has not come to an end.

Chairman Wright said he did provide a summary update, but a detailed report could be done. There is information that is lacking.

Jolyne Sander those issues have to be addressed. She explained the purpose of the working group. Those recommendations have already been approved by Council. She mentioned the last two judicial reviews that were completed and none of those findings have been done.

Jolyne asked if L&O would be included in the meeting on Thursday because they were part of the working group. Councilmember Mendes said only if personnel issues don't come up and if it's only about the recommendations, it would be appropriate.

Councilmember Mix stated that the Council has heard from one side and now they have to hear from the other side. He asked if the procedural items deal with the Police Department and how they respond to things at the Court and shouldn't they be here also. Chairman Wright said when there is no information sharing, it puts the Court at a disadvantage.

Councilmember Davis asked for clarification on the process that is going to be followed at the meeting. Chairman Wright said the Council will first meet with the Chairman to discuss the status on the implementation of the recommendations and also the status of the judicial reviews. Following the Chairman, the Court staff will come in. The Chief of Police will then come in to discuss interdepartmental relations. The Law & Order Committee will also be here.

OTHER

Chairman Wright informed the Tribal Council that the Constitutional amendment meeting was held on Saturday in Sutcliffe and Fred Drye also attended the meeting. The next meeting is on Saturday at the Wadsworth gym from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

He received a message from Chris Young, Secretary of State Investigations Division, about the hearing regarding Mine Central which is scheduled in April.

Councilmember Christensen made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Vice Chairman Servilican. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council moved into an executive session at 7:20 p.m.

A motion was made by Councilmember John to move into an open session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The Tribal Council reconvened in an open session at 8:15 p.m.

Stephanie Zehren-Thomas Contract Extension: Councilmember Davis made a motion to approve Stephanie Zehren-Thomas contract extension. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 34-09**

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes were 9 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

**PYRAMID LAKE PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 26, 2009**

Members Present:	Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman	Genevieve John
	Lela Christensen	Elwood Lowery
	Judith Davis	Irwin Mix
	Sherry Ely Mendes	Clayton Servilican, Vice Chairman

Members Absent:	Gordon Frazier	Johnnie Garcia
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CALL TO ORDER

Mervin Wright, Jr., Tribal Chairman, called the March 26, 2009 special meeting of the Pyramid Lake Tribal Council to order at 5:05 p.m. in the Tribal Chambers, Nixon, Nevada.

ROLL CALL

Gina Wadsworth, Tribal Secretary, took roll call. Councilmembers Gordon Frazier and Johnnie Garcia did not attend the meeting. All other Council members were present and a quorum was established for the meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Carla Eben asked that her portion on the agenda be held in an open session because she believes the public has a right to know what is going on. Chairman Wright said he gave the Tribal Council information regarding the Privacy Act, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). He wants the Council to be aware that waivers have not been signed by anyone to allow any department in releasing information to the Tribal Council regarding this active case. He said HIPAA laws govern the professional activities of staff and client rights are involved. There may be an intention to expose the rights of individuals. Carla said she is talking about the misconduct of the Chairman and it needs to be in an open session. There are clients that are still actively involved with these programs. This is information for the Tribal Council to consider. Chairman Wright was asked to read the HIPAA law. He stated "the violations of the Privacy Act and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act may occur if the proper release documents have not been signed by the parties involved." He is advising the Tribal Council that they have not received any signed waivers from any of the individuals that are involved. The Council had discussed how the meeting would be handled and because there are personnel involved, it does cross the line into personnel and that is why it must be in an executive session.

Michelle Ruize said she was told there was going to be a special meeting and if the Chairman is going to be removed, the public should be allowed in. Chairman Wright said it was said at Friday's meeting that they were asking to have people fired and it is a personnel matter.

Terrylee Sampson said when Councilmember Frazier asked to have the court staff present, he didn't say it was going to be in a closed session. Is this a Council decision? Chairman Wright said Councilmember Frazier is not here to answer and if the staff is going to be in exposed to the public for whatever reason, everybody wants termination as a remedy and the employees have rights that have to be insured. Terrylee stated everybody seemed to agree and they all concluded that this was what the meeting was scheduled for. Chairman Wright said it was discussed at Monday's meeting and this was how the Council decided to handle tonight's meeting. If the Council wants these issues to be public, then it shouldn't go forward because the employees have rights. Councilmember Christensen said she thought it should be in a closed session because there is a minor involved and when she discussed this with Carla, she didn't object to it. Carla asked that certain individuals be allowed to be present because they have been throughout the entire process.

Councilmember John recommended that Carla Eben be heard first, Terry Lee Sampson would be second and then Michelle Ruize. Carman Tobey, Jr. said he thinks the Law & Order Committee should be present when Judicial Services is discussed.

Councilmember Davis said the information received from Michelle was discussed with the attorney and she was wondering why Michelle's would be in an executive session. Michelle said she didn't care if it was in an open session. Councilmember Mendes clarified that if it is in an open session, then the Council really can't discuss any actions because it may involve personnel issues.

Councilmember John said she believes it needs to be in a closed session to hear what people have to say and if there are questions, those individuals can be asked. She feels the staff need to be here but to not respond to what is being said and after everything is done, then meet with staff to discuss and hopefully come to a resolution. In order to come to a resolution, the people need to be heard that is on the agenda.

Councilmember John made a motion to move into executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Christensen. Votes taken were 5 for and 2 opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.** (At this point of the meeting, Vice Chairman Servilican chaired the meeting.)

The Tribal Council moved into a closed session at 5:35 p.m.

Councilmember John made a motion to move out of the executive session. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mix. Votes taken were 6 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Resolution for April 1 Turnout: Chairman Wright stated at the last Council meeting John Mosley, Environmental Director, had presented a resolution for grazing turnout and there was a mistake in the date. The Cattleman's Association had recommended a turnout date of April 1st but in the resolution it had April 15th as the turnout date. This new resolution is correcting that date. Councilmember Christensen made a motion to approve the resolution for a turnout date of April 1. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Davis. Votes were 6 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried. RESOLUTION NO. PL 35-09**

OTHER

Councilmember John made a motion that all court documents not be released to outside agencies unless specifically required by Federal law. The motion was seconded Councilmember Davis. Votes were 6 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

Vice Chairman Servilican informed Carla Eben that the Council will be requesting the policies and procedures from the Victim Services Program and the Council will make a decision at the next Tribal Council meeting.

Vice Chairman Servilican said that per Terry Lee Sampson's request, a letter will be written to her from Chairman Wright to address the complaint.

Vice Chairman Servilican said on Michelle Ruize's issue, the motion was just made by Councilmember John about the release of court documents.

The judicial reviews will be reviewed by the Council for the next meeting. Councilmember Christensen asked for clarification about the release of information. Councilmember John said the Council will be researching pros and cons of releasing information to outside agencies and possibly amend the ordinance. If there is an amendment to the Law & Order Code, it will follow the process.

ADJOURNMENT

Councilmember Mendes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember John. Votes were 6 for and none opposed, with no abstentions. **Motion carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Submitted by,
Gina Wadsworth
Tribal Secretary

Churchill County Parks & Recreation Department
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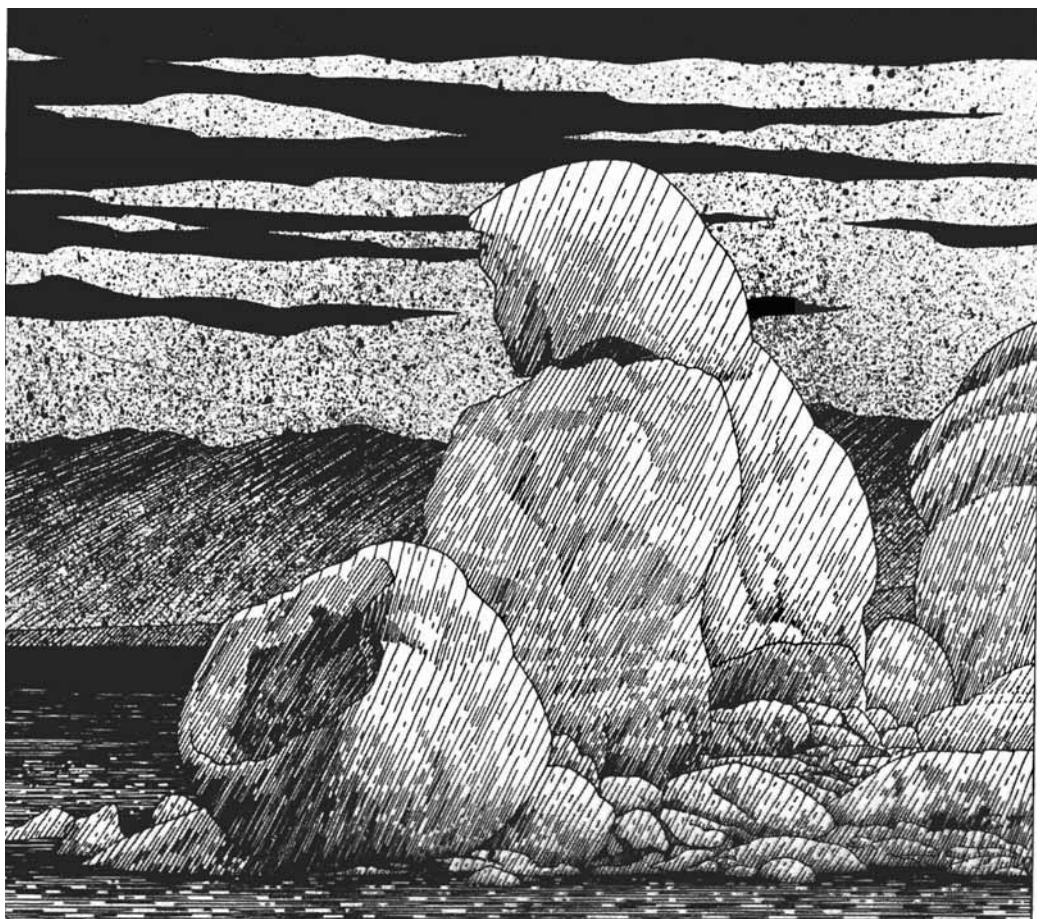
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