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**Goshute Business Council
Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
January 9, 2026
Tribal Council Conference Room
Ibapah, UT**

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Call to Order: Chairman Amos Murphy called the Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

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Roll Call: Council members present: Chairman, Amos Murphy, Vice-Chairman Edna Steele; Tribal Council Member Madeline Greymountain; Tribal Council Member Elvira Murphy; Tribal Council Member Clell Pete.

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Prayer given by Council Member Clell Pete

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Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Madeline Greymountain seconded by Clell Pete to approve the December 5, 2025, Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting minutes with corrections. Vote: 4:0:0 Motion passes.

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SCHC Update – Chauntele Curry-Smid, Strategy Officer, Administration, SCHC gave the report for the Sacred Circle Health Clinic since Lorena Horse, Executive Director for SCHC was attending another meeting.

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- SCHC Notices. There are no clinic closures for the month of January 2026
 - West Valley Saturday Clinic is open and provides primary care, pharmacy, and behavioral health, dental with hours of 9a-4p. Front office staff will be answering phone calls for the CTGR line only. Ms. Curry-Smid will get the CTGR phone number and send to the council.
 - Ibapah clinic has two new employees, NEMT Driver, Doyle Pete and CHW, Breyana Hooper. Reach out to Nora or Chuck to provide your email or requests a paper delivered copy of the Ibapah Clinic Calendar or Weekly Email.
 - Upcoming events. Youth and family event will be held on January 17, 2026, from 11a-2p, Tribal Gym, Ibapah, UT. All community members are invited. Learn about indigenous plants and medicines.
 - Youth Social Powwow will be upcoming, February 21, 2026, 2p-930p, Utah State Fair Park, SLC, UT and this event is free to the public and everyone is invited.

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Chairman Murphy commented that the tribal council will be meeting with SCHC on the 26th of January at 10a-1p, Montego Bay Hotel & Casino, Wendover, NV and hopefully at that time they will be hearing something on the Wendover Clinic. Ms. Curry-Smid indicated that they have a construction meeting every Monday and the company that is building the modular in Texas have been in contact with and all the pieces are coming together on it. A survey will be sent out to the community in the future to see what days and hours would be best for the Wendover clinic to open so Sacred Circle is not paying staff to go out all the time. The billboard was reported on and Sacred Circle purchases time on the billboard and if someone else does not purchase it, it is extended and what Sacred Circle may have on it, will remain.

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Utah State BLM Update – Michael Gates, West Desert BLM Office reported:

- Tree thinning project. In this project along the bench of the mountain range in Ibapah, regeneration of the sage brush for the sage grouse is the purpose of this project. Bull hogging

50 and mastication will be done up against the mountain. Lop and scatter will be done and will have
51 the wood cutting area that BLM spoke to the council on before. The tribe will be able to go in and
52 cut wood for all purposes they may and can use it for. Work will commence on this next summer.
53 Chairman Murphy asked if it would be better to gather the firewood after the project or can the
54 tribe go in now. Mr. Gates responded saying it could be done either then or now. No permit is
55 needed.

- 56 • Recreational Purposes Land. No progress has been made on this yet. A no has not been
57 received yet on the tribes request and this will be pursued by Mr. Gates. A lands person from
58 Nevada has been put in his office and other individuals will be available to work on this project.
59 The intent is to acquire some public land from BLM for the community and also to have a buffer
60 around the tribal headquarters. The Recreation of Public Purposes Act is being looked at to get it
61 accomplished for the tribe. This can take a lot of time to get done because land is going from one
62 entity to another and going up the chain of command of people that look at these in the
63 department. No paperwork has been done on this yet as Mr. Gates cannot get anyone to work
64 on this. A letter to the State Director should be sent on this request from the Chairman on the
65 Tribes to acquire public lands around Ibapah from the BLM. The map will be sent to the Business
66 Council Secretary as this map will be very helpful to the tribe.
- 67 • The agency did sign the decision on the Cross Ties Project. This project was worked closely with
68 the tribe and for the new council members, Mr. Gates informed them that there was a proposal
69 for a new transmission line from Mona Utah in Juab County out to the Robinson Station and the
70 line followed the existing transmission line through the area by the wind farm. BLM worked hard
71 to find an alternative to this and found there was no alternative. The record of decision was
72 signed on December 18, 2025. The decision making for this was made out of the BLM Ely Office
73 and any questions can be directed to the BLM office in Ely, Nevada. The transmission line
74 originated in Utah and then runs through Nevada and that is why Mr. Gates was reporting on
75 this. He does not speak for the Nevada side. Utah BLM was the lead office on this and had to
76 work with the BLM office in Nevada on this project. The link will be sent to the Council Secretary
77 on where to find the decision.
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79 Chairman Murphy inquired if Utah BLM had a program to remove wild horses. Mr. Gates commented that
80 he would check on this and the horses on the reservation may be the Mt. Moriah herd from the Nevada
81 side. This will be checked on, and Mr. Gates will let the tribe know what he finds out.
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83 Mr. Gates commented that BLM did lose Jessica Montcalm and she was the most helpful to him.
84 Chairman Murphy also commented that she was very helpful to the tribe as well.
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86 **Tribal Transportation Program Resolution to Reallocate Funds – Mary Pete-Freeman, Roads**
87 **Coordinator** addressed the council that earlier in the year de-obligated contract monies were moved into

88 another contract. Notification was given in early December that roads had 2025 funds that were allocated
89 to the same contract. So now those funds have to be de-obligated and moved so the paving project can
90 be started. The amount that needs to be moved is \$318,742.00 from contract A23AV01099 to contract
91 A12AV01411 which is the contract to do the parking paving and residential paving. **Resolution No.: 26-**

92 **G-1: Motion made by Elvira Murphy seconded by Madeline Greymountain to approve the**
93 **reallocation of funds from A23AV01099 in the amount of \$318,742.00 to A12AV01411. Vote: 4:0:0**
94 **Motion passes.**
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96 **Utah Department of Health & Human Services – Ozzy Escarate, Director, Ofc of AI/AN Health &**
97 **Family Services** reported:

- 98 • Introduction of the individuals that Mr. Escarate brought to the meeting was made. The MMIR
99 task force bill did not pass last year, and recommendations have not been implemented yet. Ms.
100 Platero will be addressing the council later in the meeting on her duties working with MMIR of
101 Utah.
- 102 • The RHTP program and Vice-Chair Edna Steele was informed that DHHS is ready to consult on
103 this and are seeking dates to meet with the council.
- 104 • Genevieve Daly, with the Community Action Services, addressed the council at this time. A year
105 ago, Ms. Daly came to the reservation to educate the tribe on the programs they run, and the
106 local food purchasing assistance program made the most sense for the tribe at that time. They

107 made a partnership with one of the LLC's, Community Action, and they were able to provide two
108 donations to the tribe. When the food pantry for the tribe got low, they were able to set the tribe
109 up with food donations. To avoid having low amounts of food available in the food pantry, the
110 Community Action wants to bring the Tribe under the Food Bank of Utah so more consistent
111 deliveries or pick ups are made to where the pantry is not low on food. Lisa Thomas, also from
112 the Community Action Services informed the council that they get a majority of their food from the
113 Utah Food Bank. In order for them to help other partner organizations, the Tribe has to be
114 registered. The partnership is as long as the tribe wants it to last. No new application is to be
115 submitted each year and once the application is submitted and everything is approved, the tribe is
116 partners with the Community Action Services. When Georgie Ann Oppenheim, CTGR Food
117 Pantry Coordinator goes to pick up food from the Community Action Services, they fill the Tribe's
118 box truck entirely. The responsibility of Community Action Services as the Tribes sponsor is to
119 make sure that first in first out apply and there is no food on the floor and the food has not passed
120 the expiration date. Ms. Thomas would come out every year and inspect the inventory and every
121 other year the Utah Food Bank would come out with her. The application for the tribe to fill out
122 was given and all applications are handled by Ms. Thomas. Once the Utah Food Bank comes out
123 to see the tribes pantry, they may want to partner with the tribe and Community Action Services
124 to bring food to the reservation as well. If the tribe wants to go in to get food every week, Ms.
125 Oppenheim could do that at the Community Action Services, or she could go in every other week.
126 This service will only be available for the tribe and no one else. Food would be available for what
127 the tribe needs and Ms. Oppenheim would be getting food from the order form that Community
128 Action Services has. Gardens were discussed. The produce that Community Action Services gets
129 come from Grocery Rescue of which produce is on its last leg. A shopping list that will be divided
130 will be given to Ms. Oppenheim and she can check with the pantry recipients to see what they
131 want. The tribe could get pet food as well if there is a need for it. Plans now are to look at the
132 pantry, making any changes that are needed, getting the application to be filled out and then get
133 the training done by Ms. Oppenheim which can be done online through the Utah Food Bank. Utah
134 Food Bank has a program for the seniors called the Senior Box Program. This program is not
135 known if it could be set up here on the reservation right now. Right now, it is in Provo and the
136 seniors go there to pick up their box. The box consists of dry goods, cheese, and they get this
137 once a month. If this is something the tribe wants to do, the seniors have to sign up and there
138 might be a waiting list right now. Vice-Chair Edna Steele commented that about 80% of the
139 residents that live on the reservation are elders.

- 140 • Laura Summers, Director of the Public Policy Research, Kem C. Gardner Institute gave a
141 presentation on Live on. They work with the State of Utah to evaluate and help do research
142 around their statewide Live on Suicide Prevention Campaign. This launched in 2020 and have
143 been doing this for about five years. This year they would like to get feedback from tribal
144 communities on what type of messaging would resonate best with the community families that
145 would resonate prevention. They would like to come in and do discussion groups with the
146 community to understand community prospective on mental health and suicide prevention
147 messaging. The State of Utah will take this information to help with future integration of the Live
148 On campaign. This is not an easy subject to discuss but they want to keep it open. Collaboration
149 on question design and recruitment with about eight to ten people from age 18 on up. This would
150 be a mix of staff and community members, mental health workers, spiritual workers, tribal
151 leaders, health care professionals. Two facilitators from the Gardner Institute would be brought in
152 for sixty to ninety minutes, whatever would be for the best use of time; sessions would be
153 recorded for note-taking purposes in case they do not miss anything; in-person sessions so they
154 can see people and have that direct communication; incentives, to make sure people are
155 compensated for taking the time to participate. Proposed discussion group questions have been
156 proposed by Ms. Summers and would like to work with the tribe on what they would like on how
157 to run the groups and questions they would be asking. No personal questions will be asked or
158 personal information. What they are wanting to understand is what type of messaging, logos,
159 types of information, channels of information would be most effective around suicide prevention
160 and mental health. Proposed discussion prompts: Talking about messaging to help prevent
161 family, friends, and community members from taking their own life; sharing of cultural values or
162 practices that relate to wellness or healing in individuals, families, communities; what type of
163 messaging might help prevent someone from taking their own life; sharing examples of effective

164 messages or events related to mental health or suicide prevention; and what type of materials
165 would someone like to see from the State of Utah's Live On campaign to meet the needs, values
166 and traditions of the community. Timeframe to start this would be in February or March to come in
167 and start. After data is obtained from the group meetings, a report would be written up and then
168 deliver to the State of Utah and then changes to the Live On Campaign would be done for the
169 future. Recommendation is to reach out to the Sacred Health Care Behavioral Health staff to work
170 with them on this as well. DHHS Director Escarate commented that they are dedicated to the
171 prevention campaign so that it reaches everywhere.

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173 **Break taken at 9:58a**

174 **Meeting resumed at 10:27a**

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176 **MMIR – Tammy Dee Platero, Executive Director** gave a presentation on the organizations involvement
177 to help the Goshute Tribe and also with guidance. Their goal is to follow the task force recommendations
178 that consists of nine recommendations. Their goal this year is to start small and to reconnect. There was
179 a hundred-thirty-page recommendation written by a Utah Legislator and that document can be sent to the
180 council if they wanted to see it. 2016, a lot of grass root activism was seen in the Salt Lake City area and
181 at the time it was MMIW plus. In 2020 and 2021, the first comprehensive analysis and that was from
182 HB116. In 2023, because of the high rate of violence, it was changed to Indigenous Relative Task Force
183 because it was not a woman or girl issue any longer, it was about the entire indigenous community. In
184 2024, the task force was not in use. So, now they are trying to come back in 2026. In 2025 a foundation
185 was laid. From the MMIW plus, the grass root movement that occurred in Salt Lake, they have become an
186 official 501 c(3) under the name MMIR Utah. This is a change that all could use to fight for MMIR
187 advocacy. In the past year, they have partnered with the University of Utah with their communications
188 department, Utah Investigative Journalism, to begin creating an indigenous sovereign database. They
189 were also awarded the Indigenous Justice Circle Grant to create an imagine girl society that will be in
190 place for the next year and a half. Where work should start is on the framework of the policies and
191 procedures of how to collect and store the data and make sure it is sovereign and executed for the tribes.

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193 What is seen all over the State is the trust relationships. Jurisdiction issues are seen, police officers who
194 feel that they can not jump in and so many barriers creating trust. This continuously comes up in Utah
195 and no solution between the tribes and the State has been seen. Where MMIR Utah growing in the future
196 in the State is creating the finish point of a trust triangle. If the trust is broken within the sovereign tribes of
197 Utah and any State agencies because it is not just where the crime happened, it is who will contact the
198 appropriate offices (medical examiners office, public safety, etc.) and how to make sure there is some type
199 of collective power. An MOU needs to be created along with guidance that will follow what the tribes
200 recommendations are. From the task force report, there is a doubt in reporting because there is not State
201 interference with the Tribe. Their goal is to resolve the data gap. If there is anything in mind to push to the
202 legislative staff, let Ms. Platero know. Indigenous people should own their own data. Ms. Platero is asking
203 for guidance, support either in a letter or by tribal resolution. If there is anyone in the community that
204 would like to be on their board, they would encourage that. Any information can be found on their website,
205 MMIRUtah.org. Recommendation is to give the Tribe a template to go by to pass a resolution; also, a
206 Utah Tribal Leaders Meeting will be going on the 22nd and 23rd in Wendover at the Montego Bay Hotel
207 and see if Ms. Platero could get on the agenda for the public session; an American Indian Day on the Hill
208 will be held on January 27th and there is a time for an exhibitors set up at the State Capitol and legislators
209 may be spoke with there; Native American Legislators cover issues like this that could push this through.
210 DHHS Director Escarate commented on why the bill was not passed when it went before the legislators;
211 Representative Romero was the sponsor of the bill, and part of the reason is that she could not get a lot
212 of support from tribal partners. There was an absence of tribes to support this bill. So, when the bill was
213 brought to the committee, it did not have enough bite which was sad. Representative Romero is
214 motivated to introduce this again and the bill should be coming out soon. Support of a resolution from the
215 Goshute Tribe was mentioned but a resolution from the Utah Tribal Leaders would be supported better as
216 it would come from all the Tribes in Utah. A draft resolution was recommended and sent to Chairman
217 Murphy, and he will present it in their Utah Tribal Leaders Executive Meeting.

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219 **Mt. Wheeler Update – Kevin Robison, CEO, Mt. Wheeler** just wanted to come in today to bring light
220 back on a subject that was talked with the previous council about and that is a grant the tribe was

221 identified in for the Infrastructure and Jobs Act for 2022. Tribal entities were provided money through the
222 401 O1D Section of this act for utility resilience and to mitigate any items that were causing any issues
223 with outages for putting at risk the utility systems throughout the tribal communities. Mt. Wheeler has
224 partnered with the Ely Shoshone and Duckwater Tribes as well. Jake Brunson, Design Engineer with Mt.
225 Wheeler Power and Ron Niman, Board member were introduced who will provide their expertise and to
226 discuss this with the council. In general, Mt. Wheeler CEO Kevin Robison just wanted to check in with the
227 tribe to see if they had any questions for them. Service fees was inquired about as to whether or not they
228 will go up and if the residence have any input in it. Mr. Robison informed the council that everyone has an
229 input in what happens with Mt. Wheeler Power. An adjustment to the service fees will be taking place and
230 not a big degree that was done some years ago. Recommendation is to have someone from the Ibapah
231 community to serve on the Mt. Wheeler Power board to have representation in the Ibapah area.
232 Encouragement was given by Mr. Robison to have someone send in their intent to sit on the board. A
233 voice from the community is very important to them. Cost rate is taken from the 2024 data, and this is
234 what the board considers for the new rate adjustment. Meetings of the board are held the 2nd Tuesday of
235 the month. The members voice is vital to the success of Mt. Wheeler Power.
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237 Transformers were inquired about. What would it cost the tribe to put more transformers here on the
238 reservation? Mr. Brunson commented that this could be a potential project to look at in this grant they are
239 talking about. The line from Baker is getting more and more attached to it and Ibapah Valley is covered by
240 this line. This is why they are looking at refeeding the reservation from another direction. It is a challenge
241 to keep the rates where they are. Rebates are on the Mt. Wheeler Power website on energy saving
242 appliances. If there are any questions, anyone can call their office to talk to someone there.
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244 The Investment Jobs Act by the Biden Administration put aside monies for a five-year window that each
245 tribe was allocated on a per year basis that requires a 12-15% match by tribes as well as a 30% match by
246 the business. What Mt. Wheeler has done with the other tribes (Ely Shoshone and Duckwater) is that Mt.
247 Wheeler has taken on the 15%. So, Mt. Wheeler matches with 48% and it is better this way. The tribal
248 application was started some time ago and the tribe has to apply for these funds. Several workshops
249 were done with the Utah Rural Electric Cooperative Association and other tribes across the State of Utah
250 when the opportunity was introduced. CTGR is not engaged in this process right now and it is not too late
251 to apply. Mt. Wheeler will assist the tribe on this application. Recommendation is to send the information
252 to the Business Council Secretary, and she will get the information out to the council.
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254 Mt. Wheeler has a presence with the legislative people and if there is anything that the tribe needs help
255 on to reach out to them on this. Let Mt. Wheeler use their relationship with the tribe to assist the tribe in
256 any way they can. Mt. Wheeler has contact with both Nevada and Utah legislators as the majority of their
257 members live in the Ibapah Valley. Comment was made by council that when they leave the office at
258 night, there is no power outside and area is completely dark. Who does the tribe contact for this? Contact
259 should be made with Mr. Brunson. All security lights are down and what Mr. Brunson can do is to send a
260 form to the Business Council Secretary for the tribe to fill out and they will get someone out here to look at
261 them. Recommendation from Mt. Wheeler is to look around the areas that may need maintenance and let
262 them know.
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264 Nevada legislators are the only ones now on the Sage Grouse system and they require Mt. Wheeler to
265 engage with the tribe to support this. If Mt. Wheeler is to go in and put in the additional line, they would
266 want the tribe to have some input on this. Information will be sent to the Business Council Secretary on
267 this as well.
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269 Security lights for the homes on the upper reservation was discussed with Denise Hooper, GHA Housing
270 Director. Ms. Hooper will work with Mt. Wheeler to identify those poles that are needing better lighting.
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272 **Elder Interview Mapping of CTGR Ancestral Lands – Gavin Noyes** reported:

- 273 • Mr. Noyes works for a non-profit called Indigenous Led and has been around for about 4 years.
274 They review wildlife conservation and partnership with Tribes. They work primarily with buffalo
275 and the inter-tribal buffalo council and also with beavers. Just a year ago an inter-tribal beaver
276 council was established. Mr. Noyes addressed the council before to see if they could reintroduce
277 beaver to the Goshute Reservation.

- Elder interview mapping and the work he had the honor to do starting back in 2010 through 2012. Marjle Pete gave a field trip touring the reservation and seen a lot of habitat where beaver reintroduction could bring back a lot of diversity of ecosystems. Today will be about the elder interview mapping. This was designed with the former councilman Rupert Steele back in 2008 when he was approached by Rupert Steele during the SNWA threats to groundwater. A project was designed and fundraised with Lannan Foundation and two grants were secured. One is to do the ancestral lands mapping and the tribes interest in wildlife, water, and land. All the things that tie into groundwater. A map was shown to the council of which was released for public display. No confidential information of the tribe was never released. Twenty-two tribal members and elders were interviewed through a series of interviews recorded to files and they were transcribed to a more accessible source of information. They were turned into a cultural report and the Lannan Foundation also provided funding for the legal counsel to defend the tribe in court. A lot of work was funded to do groundwater surveys with pumps and experts. The results of all this work was that the Goshute Tribe defended their water rights.

The exact same mapping was done with the Bears Ears project with exact questions, etc. Incorporation of indigenous knowledge was done, and it was written with the best western science where western politicians would catch their eye. Who currently stores this data for the Goshute Tribe is unknown right now on their computers. A confidentiality agreement is in place and a confidential backup of some of the data was made by Mr. Noyes and has never been shared with anyone just in case the data here was lost. The opportunity is to use this as a foundation as to what the tribe might to advocate for that could be in the data and some of the elders have passed who shared a lot of the data. At the last meeting, Mr. Noyes was asked to provide an overview of what does this data will do. Goshutes are the most knowledgeable of plants in the whole region and an assessment was done on what kind of plants are gathered, and how are these plants used. Ceremonies and recreation was inquired about. Fine scale areas were gone into that got into sacred sites that need to be kept confidential. One of the results of this work is that the tribal council identified that they want to protect the Swamp Cedars. This data was asked of the elders and if the tribe has a plan on what to do with this, Mr. Noyes could go out and raise money and try to get funding so that they can pursue another project.

Mr. Noyes has been talking with others about funding some of the interest on the reservation for the beaver potential. Another interest is bringing the buffalo back to the reservation for reintroduction. One foundation has invited full Warm Springs of Salt Lake City proposal to start designing and envisioning what tribes from the whole region including the Goshute Tribe, Skull Valley Goshute, NW Band of Shoshone, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe as to what this site means to the Tribes. The park is owned by Salt Lake City and how could it bring tribes back into the city. The grant that they are looking at will cover elder interviews, youth visits, art and story field trips and government-to-government relationships with Salt Lake City. Introduction of Deena Ute, White Mesa Ute Tribal member who is serving as the Executive Director of A'Nuche Nonprofit Organization which was set up as a result of the one hundred years of silence project. Ms. Ute is here today to ask the tribe to be part of the Warm Springs Project which is located in Salt Lake City. The project is community engagement, planning, elder interviews, story telling and travels all focused on protecting and preserving it and elevating the historic cultural and spiritual significance of Warm Springs and Utah's Indigenous Tribes. A resolution was distributed to the council for consideration to protect the Warm Springs Sacred Site at the Warm Springs Park/North Gateway Park in Salt Lake City. Salt Lake City also has a bond for \$6 million dollars to redo the park. They are very interested in working with the Tribes to do the project jointly with them on this. This would probably start this summer 2026 and there is opportunities to describe what is going on and to get the right people involved. This would look like doing community wide work to get better understanding of ties to the park and then later in the project to do field trips. What do the tribes want the storytelling to be, what does the art want to be. This is under the Mallon Foundations Monument fund to create arts of who people are and what it may look like. There is a good chance that A'Nuche will get funded through this foundation. Today, Mr. Noyes just wants to talk about this and personally would be honored to do another project for the Goshute Tribe. A'Nuche would be awarded \$600,000 over a two-year period from the Mallon Foundation for this project. Six different tribes would be coordinating this and a lot of this would

335 be travel to get people to Salt Lake City. Forrest Cuch has been on the board for the Warm
336 Springs Project and also for the A'Nuche Board. A lot of ideas and people are coming together for
337 the first time now and to meet with the boards would be beneficial to the tribes. To preserve the
338 site is the ultimate goal. Utah Open Lands may be the place to look to help with this project. They
339 were the ones who preserved the Galena Project in Draper for the tribes. The recordings of the
340 elders will be requested from Goshute. This will be discussed at a later time and date. For the
341 Warm Springs project, this would have to be brought before the Utah Tribal Leaders to see how
342 they want to handle this. Copyright of the elders recordings should be preserved as some of the
343 elders have passed on. There are a lot of entities involved in the Warm Springs issue, so Mr.
344 Noyes will put together an overview on the Warm Springs project.
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346 **Lunch break taken at 12:17p**

347 **Meeting resumed at 1:28p**

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349 **Tribal Consultation Policy – Ozzy Escarate, DHHS Director, Office of AI/AN Health & Family**
350 **Services** addressed the council on the following:

- 351 • DHHS Tribal Consultation Policy. This is the policy that has been in place for several years and
352 came to the point where it expired. This document was shared with all the tribal partners and
353 now am having a hard time getting approval from everyone. All it is, is to make it so that they
354 continue to having a consultation policy for the next five years. This document was shared with
355 the council at the last meeting, and it was also sent to tribal attorney Paul Echo Hawk. Asking
356 today if the tribe had a chance to look at this policy. Chairman Murphy informed Mr. Escarate
357 that they have and have a letter that is addressed to Tracy Gruber on this. This letter will be
358 signed by the Chairman and given to Mr. Escarate to take back with him for Ms. Gruber.
- 359 • Rural Health Transformation Program money. As the tribe recalls, the State of Utah applied for
360 money from CMS and this money was awarded on the 29th of December in the amount of \$195
361 million dollars. The money has been received by DHHS and what DHHS leadership is going to
362 do is go to the legislature and officially tell them the money was received and the legislature will
363 give their feedback about how to proceed. The next step will be to schedule meetings with
364 different stakeholders including the tribes to discuss how the money will be allocated and
365 distributed among all the applicants. Mr. Escarte would like to get some dates from the tribe so
366 the meetings can be scheduled for the tribe. Chairman Murphy informed Mr. Escarate that the
367 tribe will be meeting with Sacred Circle on the 26th and after that time, they will let him know
368 when a date can be scheduled.
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370 **CTGR Water Rights/Utah Tribal Consultation – Paul Echo Hawk, CTGR Tribal Attorney and Monte**
371 **Sanford, CTGR Consultant**

- 372 • Tribal Attorney Paul Echo Hawk addressed the council letting them know that they just wanted to
373 get approval to go forward with the water rights effort since he was involved some time ago. The
374 goal with the tribe was to meet with the stakeholders, State of Utah, Division of Water Resources,
375 Nevada Division of Water Resources, and the Federal Governments Water Settlement staff from
376 the BIA Department of Interior, to see if there would be an agreement on what the tribe's water
377 rights would look like. Progress was made with the State of Utah and because there was litigation
378 with SNWA, the State of Nevada was not cooperative in participating. This may be different now.
379 Restart discussions on the tribes water rights is the goal now. Technical support is needed and a
380 statement of work and resolution has been submitted for Paul Hamai to start the work and get it
381 started again.
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383 Paul Hamai, NRCE addressed the council on his scope of work. In the past, work was done on a
384 study to quantifying the tribe's water rights in the State of Utah and Nevada ten to fifteen years
385 ago. Attempts were to enter into negotiations with the States. Progress was made with Utah but
386 not so much with Nevada. Right now, reassessment needs to be done on this. Review of the past
387 technical work to see if it needs to be updated should be done. Set up meetings with the State
388 and get a negotiation team assigned. If there is any specific work that needs to be done, it should
389 be identified with a specific task.
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391 Tribal Attorney Paul Echo Hawk commented that the tribe's water rights exists and are there. It is
392 not up the courts or the State of Utah to declare it. Reserved water rights were created with the
393 creation of the reservation. Department of Interior and Justice Department will agree that if the
394 tribe wants to utilize their water rights now, the tribe can do it. What the tribe is seeking is the
395 recognition of water rights that already exists. The tribe needs to get it done either through
396 stipulation or court.
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398 Mr. Hamai commented further on the conversation with Cathy Wilson with the BIA on the funding
399 that is available. Going back several years when Paul Tsosie was engaged in this, Mr. Hamai
400 was told that funding from the BIA was available through recent years to assist in the water rights.
401 Mr. Hamai ended up talking to Cathy Wilson from the BIA directly and she informed him that it
402 was not case. According to Ms. Wilson, she had not seen anything submitted even though Mr.
403 Hamai was sending things to the tribe. Not sure where the breakdown of communication
404 occurred. But according to Ms. Wilson, there is no funding right now allocated to the tribe and will
405 not be until fiscal year 2027 is the next time funds can be applied for. Vice-Chair Edna Steele
406 commented on this issue that she was in conversation with the then Tribal Administrator Michael
407 Dalton and Cathy Wilson earlier this year and every year BIA does a summary of monies left in
408 asap.gov to drawdown. Ms. Wilson sent them an email earlier this year stating that there is
409 \$79,000 available to drawdown. So Paul Hamai was contacted by Michael Dalton and Edna
410 Steele to draft up a contract so the tribe could draw this money down. This drawdown was from
411 2020 funds that were still sitting there. During that time, the tribe was in sanctions and there were
412 no drawdowns during that time. This is the money that Ms. Wilson was referring to that was sitting
413 in the asap account. In September 2025, the money was drawn down and it is still intact. A
414 contract needs to be in place with whomever with invoices to pay out the funds. The 2024/2025
415 award year was given to EPA for the water resources on the Goshute reservation. EPA picked up
416 the funds on the tribes behalf. Ongoing in 2026 and 2027, the BIA will not award funds until later
417 this year. This would be something the Tribe could apply for again if they wanted to go forward
418 with the water project. For the funds that the tribe has now (\$79,000), is for tribal in-house internal
419 policy and if the tribe wants to go after the 2026/2027 funds, that would have to be a whole new
420 contract to apply for. Tribal Attorney Paul Echo Hawk just wanted to make sure that they had the
421 go ahead to start contacting Utah and Nevada and the federal government to start the dialogue
422 again on the Goshute Tribes water rights. Recommendation is to do this by resolution to support
423 this. After discussion on this, it was noted that there may not be a current contract with NRCE.
424 Confirming that there was not contract, recommendation is to have Tribal Attorney Paul Echo
425 Hawk prepare a resolution and the contract will be prepared by Paul Hamai.
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427 Dr. Monte Sanford addressed the council on the joint funding request from the three tribes (Ely
428 Shoshone, Duckwater and CTGR) and that CTGR would be the lead in this.

- 429 • First one is requesting the funding from all three tribes by resolution. No budget has been done
430 yet on how much is being requested. Dr. Sanford will set up a meeting for later this month on
431 working on the budget with the tribes.
- 432 • Second resolution is to have all the three tribes identify Dr. Monte Sanford role with the Swamp
433 Cedars Initiative and that this be updated. This could be included in the funding request but
434 would have to check on it with the funding source.
- 435 • Third item is draft language on the Nevada Governor's Proclamation for Swamp Cedars. Any
436 changes can be made to this proclamation that Dr. Sanford provided to the council and maybe
437 after a meeting can be called with the other tribes on this issue. Maybe have the Nevada
438 Governor do this proclamation on Memorial Day, the May 6th day. Before approving this, the
439 language will have to be approved by all three tribes.
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441 **Resolution No.: 26-G-2:** Motion made by Madeline Greymountain seconded by Clell Pete to
442 approve the designation of CTGR as fiscal lead on Inter-Tribal Funding request to Nevada Gold
443 Mines for the Bahsahwahbee (Swamp Cedars) Initiative. Vote: 4:0:0 Motion passes.
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445 **Resolution No.: 26-G-3:** Motion made by Madeline Greymountain seconded by Edna Steele to
446 approve designating Dr. Monte Sanford as Director of the Bahsahwahbee Initiative and the
447 Associated Bahsahwahbee National Monument Effort. Vote: 4:0:0 Motion passes.

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Discussion Items:

- Nevada Health Authority, Rural Health Transformation Program. This program is the same as Utah's Rural Health Transformation Program but only in Nevada. There is no dollar amount on the letter and this is for discussion of any questions or concerns the council members may have. The meeting for this consultation is January 14, 2026 at 9a. Vice-Chair Edna Steele commented that Sacred Circle is taking the lead on the Utah Rural Health Transformation Program and was confirmed by the DHHS Director, Ozzy Escarate and a date needs to be set for Utah. The letter from Nevada is the same amount of money as Utah. Set aside money for Tribes in Nevada is there that Utah did not have set aside for tribes. Nevada is giving tribes their own money rather than competing with others. Question here is does the tribe move forward with Nevada and attend their meetings and get Sacred Circle involved? Recommendation is to let Sacred Circle handle this with Nevada. If council wants to get on the call, they can do that as well.
- Shoshone Reunion Update. Council member Elvira Murphy reported on the following:
 - Theme. This is still in the making but a thought is to use the word "resilience". Goshute lives in a harsh are and the tribe has managed to survive and were resilient. The slogan around the word resilience should be used. This has not been picked yet, but it is something to think about.
 - Save the date for the reunion is September 13-17, 2026 and this date is already out online to be held in Wendover, UT/NV. The administrative part and objectives are being worked on. Communication with both Utah and Nevada has been made and they are excited to see the tribe doing this event.
 - Permits. These have to be obtained from the Highway Patrol. Permits will be for the parade.
 - Contact with the Air Force Base has been done for the hanger.
 - Kitchens in Wendover. Contact has been made with the community center as their kitchen is owned by the elders program. Permission will have to be given by Tooele County to use it. The museum kitchen has been looked at as well.
 - Contact has been made with the casinos for hotel rooms. Nugget Hotel & Casino will be reserving as many rooms as the tribe may need. Wendover Utah has been in contact with the motels on the Utah side and everyone has been excited about the tribe coming to town.
 - Next meeting for the executive board will be held and will be working on the budget, agendas, presentations, what other tribes will offer in regards to food and what they will bring to the table.
 - Meetings will be set up with the Nevada Tribes because Nevada Gold Mines will be servicing this reunion. When this happens, the council has to be involved.
 - Sherry Rupert is back in Nevada and recommendation is to get a hold of her and possible funding may be obtained from the Nevada Tourism.
 - The confirmed date for the reunion is not conflicting with anything that is going on in Wendover.
 - Posting will be started for teams to be established on areas that people will be sitting on. Denise Hooper has been asked to be Elvira's second to oversee the different committees they will be establishing. Marjle Pete will be having a team to do registration. An official email address for the reunion has been established. Molly Bullcreek will be establishing the website for the reunion. Graphic designer has been obtained but will not be used until funds are available to start this.
 - Cooks will be looked for and some are already in place to do this.
 - A finance team is already in place so when funding comes in, they will be ready.
 - Need people to man the parade, need vendors, etc. Will have people sign up for different categories to help with the reunion.
 - Elders to stay in Wendover. Will there be a budget for the tribal elders to go to the Shoshone Reunion? Comment was that this is handled through Sacred Circle.
 - Recommendation is to have one of the tribes host a meal during this reunion.

505 **Action Items**
506 • Approve authorized elected officials/individuals to conduct business with BTFA (formerly OST)
507 was discussed. **Resolution No.: 26-G-4: Motion made by Clell Pete seconded by Edna Steele**
508 **to approve authorized elected officials/individuals to conduct business with BTFA**
509 **(formerly OST). Vote: 4:0:0 Motion passes.**
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511 **No other regular business was scheduled. Tribal Council went into Executive Session at 3:25 pm.**
512 **Motion made by Clell Pete seconded by Elvira Murphy to adjourn at 8:05pm. Vote: 3:0:0.**
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Phyllis Naranjo, Business Council Secretary



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**Goshute Business Council
Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting
Virtual Zoom Meeting
February 6, 2026
Tribal Council Conference Room
Ibapah, UT**

Call to Order: Chairman Amos Murphy called the Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting to order at 8:21 a.m.

Roll Call: Council members present: Chairman, Amos Murphy, Vice-Chairman Edna Steele (present by Teams); Tribal Council Member Madeline Greymountain; Tribal Council Member Elvira Murphy; Tribal Council Member Clell Pete.

Prayer given by Council Member Elvira Murphy

Approval of Minutes – Motion made by Elvira Murphy seconded by Clell Pete to table the January 9, 2026, Regular Monthly Tribal Council Meeting minutes as requested by the Business Council Secretary. **Vote: 4:0:0 Motion passes.**

SCHC Update – Lorena Horse, SCHC Executive Director

The last couple of meetings, as instructed, from last fall, to keep these meetings more directed toward information that are geared toward the community regarding outreach events, schedules, and anything else that may be important for the communities.

- No clinic closures for the month of February 2026.
- Saturday clinic keeps getting busy. Appointments are scheduled for the West Valley Saturday Clinic as well as walk-ins. Extended hours from 9a – 4p for primary care, pharmacy, behavioral health, and dental as the clinic is getting busier.
- Upcoming event for youth and family and it is an open house tour at the Gail Miller Wellness Center, Sacred Circle Healthcare, February 9, 2026, from 11a-2p and again from 5p-7p at 1882 W. Indiana Avenue, Salt Lake City. Individuals in the area can receive services at this location and is a good opportunity to collaborate with the community. One of the things that the Indian Health Service wanted Sacred Circle to do is to add locations to the AFA. This center will be added to the AFA soon.
- Upcoming event is the youth social powwow. It is a free event for youth and families with a lot of vendors and Sacred Circle is very proud of this event. This is a time to celebrate the culture and just celebrate us and to honor our children.

Council member Madeline Greymountain requested that some information be shared with the council on the upcoming meeting regarding RHTP. Ms. Horse commented that information was sent on this some time back when it was started. A plan has been put together, and this will be sent to the tribal council for their review. A Wendover piece will be added to the plan. A meeting will be planned before the meeting with the tribal council, and Sacred Circle and question was asked what the talking points would be. One of the points will be a dialysis van for the rural areas; another point is a bus to take primary care to the local areas; and to support the needs of the Wendover Clinic for transportation needs for pharmacy needs with additional services. Focus will be on the tribe with access care as well as the Wendover area. In 2024, a small survey was done in the Wendover community. Dialysis was already a big need in Ibapah and at the time seven patients were coming from Ibapah to Tooele to get dialysis needs. At this time, it is down to three patients and there is a huge need for the people in Wendover and is one of their top

51 priorities. The bus would be similar to an RV that would have examiners in there to bring out different
52 specialties to the rural areas. This would be similar to a mobile clinic. Vice-Chair Edna Steele commented
53 that for the Tribe to request for a set aside clinic, with DHHS, it was kicked back and they said they could
54 not do it with the money they get from CDC. Tribes were not included and they were not notified in Utah
55 whereas Nevada included tribes in their RHTP. This will be consulted with DHHS as to why the Utah
56 Tribes were not notified. As leadership, the tribe needs to push Utah to bring the tribes to the table as
57 recognized entities. Prior the tribes had more of a collaborative relationship with the State of Utah and this
58 relationship with the State of Utah needs to happen in a better way. Chairman Murphy commented that
59 this was talked about during the Tribal Leaders Meeting and then census came up, where individuals
60 filled out a form and saying that you were part of a county. Natives felt that they were part of the area they
61 were living in. The State identifies that there are so many Native Americans living in an area and when it
62 comes to funding, they have those numbers and why they do not use them for funding. Instead, they
63 overlook the Native Americans. As tribal leaders, this should be addressed to the State that tribes are
64 head counts and not leave the tribes out because the State does get funding for tribes and they use it for
65 their purposes.
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67 Virgil Johnson, CTGR Tribal Member addressed the council commenting that the State of Utah
68 Legislators is not friendly toward natives, the eight Tribes. When Mr. Johnson was the Tribal Chairman,
69 he met with Governor Herbert and before he left office, Mr. Johnson said to him, that the tribes needed to
70 be included on his cabinet. Governor Herbert was told that it would be a good thing for him to leave his
71 office to include the natives in his cabinet. Governor Herbert was the leader of Utah at that time, but he
72 brushed this aside. A year half ago, Mr. Johnson was at the State Capitol at a function they were having
73 and one of the State Legislators whose responsibilities is to deal with the Native American Tribes in the
74 State of Utah, spoke to Mr. Johnson and Mr. Johnson asked him why himself and other legislators who
75 oversee the Natives of not having the natives go to the Governor's cabinet. Mr. Johnson was then told
76 that the legislators were not to touch this. If this is the philosophy of the legislators, then natives will not
77 be able to get on the cabinet. The tribes are a second-tier group under the Arts and History cabinet in the
78 State of Utah with the Native American Affairs. The tribes will never be on the State of Utah's cabinet. Mr.
79 Johnson suggested that a resolution be passed in that the State of Utah receives Federal Funding to run
80 the agencies in the State of Utah. So, in order to get their attention, in the resolution, the tribe needs to
81 say that if the tribe is not included into the cabinet level of the Governor, then this needs to be brought to
82 the attention of the Federal Government through the legal system. This may be a way to get the
83 legislators attention. The federal government should advocate for the tribe because that is part of their
84 trust relationship. And with this to push the Governor of the State of Utah to include the tribes on their
85 cabinet level. When that happens, the tribes will be significant instead of being just second-class citizens
86 with the State of Utah. Another way to get this done is to have the eight tribal leaders do the same
87 resolution. This is what it takes to have the tribes as part of the cabinet. The tribes would put the State in
88 a position to make this decision; the tribes need to take a stand for answers. Mr. Johnson was just
89 sharing his ideas with the council from his experience with the State. Nothing says that the Tribes cannot
90 push the Governor on this.
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92 Chairman Murphy commented further saying that this is something the tribe needs to work on. Chairman
93 was approached by the Director of the Urban Indian Center, and he wants to meet with the Tribal Council
94 and Sacred Circle to discuss what they each can do for each other going into the future. The other thing
95 is that Sacred Circle is part of the tribes business and have been given a little bit longer to report to the
96 council because the updates they give are for the tribal members as well. Some of the questions being
97 asked could be taken care at the quarterly meetings that Sacred Circle holds.
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99 Council Member Madeline Greymountain inquired of the protest that was in front of the Sacred Circle
100 Healthcare Clinic and what was the internal protocol for this and the protection of patients, and
101 employees. How was this handled because later on there was a pizza delivery person that entered the
102 building going through the building yelling something about Ice. How was this particular situation
103 handled? This was from a Tic Tok video that was seen. Reason this was brought up is that the video
104 alone totally indicating to the followers that the building was an Ice building. Council member
105 Greymountain did not want this to be a target of anyone because when you look at the string of
106 comments, it looks like a lot of people did believe that. This person has followers and Council member
107 Greymountain did not know if Sacred Circle would become a target because they are in the building with

108 the third and fourth floors that these remarks were directed at. Josh Anderson commented that they were
109 made aware that the protest was down the street and made initial precautions to call patients not to come
110 in as they were currently not there. Appointments were rescheduled for the patients due to a protest in the
111 streets. Protocol was made to secure the building by closing the glass doors and to let the providers know
112 that they can be safely taken out of the building and was a good idea to do that. As the protest moved
113 closer to the building, Sacred Circle felt that everyone in the building should be kept in place to make sure
114 that nobody was coming into the building and the building was safe with law enforcement outside of the
115 building. The parking garage was also blocked off with security at all entrance ways. Communication was
116 handled through an off-site system, and updates were provided to the staff through emails, teams every
117 minute of what was going on, and everything was still safe. The protest was in front of the building for
118 about 15 minutes and once they left the building area, Sacred Circle swept the area to make sure things
119 were taken care of and patients already in the building were allowed to leave by instructing them on how
120 to get out of the building and what the best path was. This was well handled and cameras were watched
121 in all areas to make sure someone was not trying to come in. Several people did ask if this was an Ice
122 Building and they were informed that this was not and that this building was a healthcare clinic and that
123 immigration services were in the building that was not part of the clinic. There was someone that came in
124 the building some months ago who was live streaming on the fourth floor and this was handled by talking
125 to the person who was producing the video by letting him know where Sacred Circle stood and what the
126 clinic does. Security did follow the person and did let him know that they could not live stream in the
127 building. The Tic Tok video will be looked at by Sacred Circle and will be taken care of.
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129 Lastly, Council Member Greymountain wanted to have an update on the training for the finance clerk.
130 Sacred Circle Executive Director, Lorena Horse commented on this saying that Jim Colby is working with
131 the contractor to see what the next steps will be in getting with the finance clerk to identify what would be
132 the most helpful areas for her.
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134 Vice-Chair Edna Steele inquired about the parking lot structure at the health building in Ibapah and where
135 Sacred Circle was with this project. Ms. Horse commented that they are picking up this project and will
136 need more time on this since it was handled by the previous finance officer. Plan was to add this to the
137 Nevada Gold Mine funding request.
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139 The ex-officio official was inquired about as to whom will let the Sacred Circle Board of Directors know,
140 either the Sacred Circle Executive Director or the Tribal Council. The best approach is to have it come
141 from the Tribal Council. The next board meeting will be sent to the tribal council by Ms. Horse.
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143 **Downwinders Oral History Project – Dr. Don Unger**

144 Dr. Don Unger is here today to speak on behalf of the Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership on this
145 downwinders oral history project. This project is a serious matter as this is a story of atomic testing.
146 Above ground testing that occurred from the year 1951 to 1962. The story of the atomic west or the
147 history of the atom bombs is a story that goes many generations back. Especially the west, the story, and
148 traces of it can be seen, not just in people and their experiences, but in environment and infrastructures
149 that are left. This is what he studies and looked at the cleanup of uranium on the Navajo Nation. This
150 taught him that the Navajo were not passive in this; they were not victims but architects of their own
151 environment future. Dr. Unger wants to conduct oral history and has been doing this since August 2024.
152 Forty-five stories in total have been gathered. These stories are living experiences across the Great Basin
153 area. He is here to ask the community and council members for their support in conducting this project.
154 The project will end in August 2026 and some of these stories from people are passing and moving on.
155 Wisdom is lost when people pass. Healing will take place when stories are told. Dr. Unger will be here at
156 tribal headquarters on Monday and Tuesday and will bring lunch to talk to people on this project.
157 Question was asked what his point was on doing this. Dr. Unger stated that this is not about exploitation
158 but to bring attention to the health issues and how families have survived. Brandi Roberts, Executive
159 Director, Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership addressed the council via teams stating that this project
160 is a project of the heritage area, and it is meant to fill in the history that is missing in the history books. All
161 may have grown up in the area where the testing happened and it may have impacted everyone.
162 Downwinders was not taught in schools. Stories were never told of what happened to people in Nevada
163 and Utah when testing was done by the government. This is a piece missing from the history books.
164 People who want to tell their stories should tell them and be recorded before they pass on. Hopefully,

165 these stories will stop it from happening again. The current administration is talking about resuming the
166 testing at the test sites in Southern Nevada which is horrifying. This program is volunteer and an
167 opportunity for individuals who would like to share their memories. No coercion will be placed on anyone
168 to share things they do not want to share. Anyone who is interviewed will have control on what happens
169 with their story. If the stories are made public after agreeing by the story tellers, they would be part of a
170 website and if not publicly told, they would be in a private archive. A wide variety of stories will paint a
171 picture of what was going on in the intermountain west during the cold war that has been almost
172 completely left out of the history books. It is up to the tribe if they want to have their stories told. Chairman
173 Murphy inquired if this was verbal with the individuals or is there a consent form they can fill out because
174 it is what the Great Basin Heritage will be using for their purposes. They should let the individuals know
175 that their stories will be used for one purpose and not utilized for anything else. Virgil Johnson, CTGR
176 Tribal Member commented that he sees this as they want verification that these testing were done and
177 are now affecting people that are now with various illnesses. What Dr. Unger is doing is commendable to
178 bring to the attention of what the government does untouched. If the government were transparent, some
179 of the things that people died from would not have happened. The government should not go down this
180 same again. Vice-Chair Edna Steele commented that the tribe needs to protect the individuals who are
181 sharing their stories. How will this affect their mental health, so as a council member Ms. Steele would like
182 to see an agreement that the tribe will have with Great Basin Heritage and the Goshute Tribe to protect
183 the stories and keep them within the Goshute Tribes boundaries and to hold the custodial rights of the
184 stories. Request to see the agreement and the release form was made. Also, that individuals be paid an
185 honorarium for telling their stories. Brandi Roberts commented that they can share the consent form with
186 the individual and that the Heritage Area has an MOU for this type of contract and also with the Tribe to
187 have an extra layer of consent and protection. Great Basin, the tribal council, and the individuals
188 interviewed could come to an agreement appropriate uses of the interviews. If the tribe wanted them to
189 reside with the tribe and not part of the website, that could be done. Great Basin's goal is to only use the
190 stories for educational purposes only. What happens when these stories are put on the internet is not
191 known and an added layer of protection should be established and not put them on the internet if the tribe
192 does not want them there. This would be okay and as far as compensation, Great Basin does have a
193 budget for compensation specifically for tribal members who share their stories. Chairman Murphy
194 commented that the education portion is good but in the long run if an MOU is done with Great Basin
195 on this portion that would be more beneficial to everyone. An MOU between the Tribe and Great Basin
196 needs to be established so the education portion is still good for the tribe. Brandi Roberts will wait for the
197 council's decision on when to meet on this after the council talks about it in their executive session. In the
198 interim, Dr. Unger had planned to do some interviews on Monday and Tuesday and is this still a go for
199 him? It was noted by Council Member Elvira Murphy that stories told by the Goshute Tribal members are
200 being told by other tribes that make its own story and plagiarism is happening with the stories of the
201 Goshute Tribe. It is good to know how Downwinders has affected the Goshute Tribe all the way down to
202 current day. No medical history is known for tribal members to even get compensated by. Charlene Pete,
203 CTGR Education Director commented that when Brandi and Don had reached out to her on this project,
204 she informed them about the past Chairman Rupert Steele saying that when a long time ago the fallout
205 from the Nevada atomic testing that gave the Goshute people cancer, asthma, and other type of
206 diseases. The consent form will be emailed by Ms. Roberts to the Business Council Secretary to share
207 with the council. The MOU will be put together by the council on what ideas they may want in it. A follow-
208 up meeting will be scheduled to start putting the MOU together and recommendation is have the
209 membership attend to give their feedback on this as well. Recommendation also is to prepare this MOU
210 and bring it back to the council at the next monthly meeting in March. Recommended is to have this MOU
211 meeting on February 17th at 11a (MST) here in Ibapah.

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213 Ms. Roberts wanted the tribal council to know that on January 2nd, they installed the interpretive exhibits
214 at Bahsahwahbee, so if the council gets a chance to go down to Spring Valley, they are there at the pull-
215 out site. There is a website where the texts from each sign can be seen. Thank you to Edna Steele and
216 others who contributed to the text and design of those interpretive panels.

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218 **Red Fish Yampa Patch – Jennifer DeGraffenried, Archaeologist, USAG Dugway Proving Ground**
219 reported on the Yampa Study she has been doing for the last thirteen years now. Ms. DeGraffenried
220 does this study on her and it is not part of Dugway Proving Ground where she works. Ms. DeGraffenried
221 would like to get permission from the Tribe to continue doing this study. Research plots consists of dig,

222 burn and burn & dig. This was based off a study that the University of Utah did, they did a burn on a
223 Yampa patch and the next year it doubled and was dense. Since then, she found out that they have been
224 burning the same patch over and over and has not done much. The same thing was found when Ms.
225 DeGraffenried did her study that the burning was not doing much. But what is happening is that digging is
226 doing better. The plots that were dug are very productive. Roots when broken off will double. A lot has to
227 do with snow pack and this year she will know if snow pack is linked to this. A few years back, when
228 Rupert Steele was the Chairman, she came out to do a soil core sampling in one of the springs. This
229 showed them in 2011 that Yampa came to this area or started in this area some 2000 years ago. The soil
230 core data takes all the pollen and it will tell you what was there. Permission was granted to do this core
231 sampling but it was never done. The road was bad and the spring was dry when they came out. She
232 would like to start this and get this done so the data can be given to the Tribe. Council member Clell Pete
233 informed Ms. DeGraffenried that with their 319 Nonpoint source, with their environment, his program will
234 be fencing that area in. Recommendation is to email the measurements again for this site to Clell Pete
235 from Ms. DeGraffenried. Ms. DeGraffenried also mentioned that potatoes are growing up in the area
236 again. The University of Utah has an expert on the Indian potato and Ms. DeGraffenried would like to
237 bring this person out to look at the potatoes growing. A lot of historic writing on the trees up on the
238 mountain has been seen and Ms. DeGraffenried would like to go up and study this as well. A draft MOU
239 has been sent to her about the tribal monitor position and she looked it over and it looks good and should
240 be coming to the tribe soon. Skull Valley has been contacted on this as well and they have not gotten any
241 response back from them. The soil core sampling will be started soon with little disturbance.

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243 **Break taken at 10:12a**

244 **Meeting resumed at 10:30a**

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246 **Nevada Gold Mines Update – Jessica Montcalm, NGM NAA Senior Specialist** reported:

- 247 • Introduction of NGM staff was given. Kristi Honeyestewa, NGM Native American Affairs Specialist
248 introduced herself to the council and has been with NGM for seventeen years and looks forward
249 to continuing the working relationship with the tribe. Ms. Montcalm informed the council that they
250 have a full staff in the Native American office and there are three staff members that are
251 specialists for the program. Fallon Johns is the education and engagement specialist. Areas of
252 coverage has been divided up among the ladies and will be contacts for the three tribes/bands.
253 Ms. Montcalm will be handling the Goshute Tribe, Shoshone Paiute Tribe of the Duck Valley
254 Reservation, Battle Mountain of the Temoke Tribe and the Temoke Tribe as the primary contact.
255 Ms. Honeyestewa will be handling the Ely Shoshone Tribe, Duckwater Shoshone, Paiute
256 Shoshone of the Ft. Mcdermitt Reservation as the primary contact. Angela Jenkins will be
257 handling the Wells Band, South Fork Band and Elko Band as the primary contact.
- 258 • Nevada Gold Mines fleet vehicles was mentioned to the council as a follow up to a question
259 asked by the Vice-Chair Edna Steele. Ms. Montcalm informed the council that once they are not
260 being used after a long period of time, and the fleet manager did let Ms. Montcalm know that the
261 vehicles are not safe. Ms. Montcalm will keep looking for something better for the Tribe.
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263 Chairman Murphy commented that as discussed previously, the three tribes will be submitting a budget
264 for Swamp Cedars to Nevada Gold Mines. The tribe looks forward to working with Ms. Montcalm and
265 having her board with Nevada Gold Mines. Council member Elvira Murphy thanked Ms. Montcalm for her
266 response back on the cemetery beautification project and she looks forward to meeting everyone on
267 March 5th. Monitor workshop was inquired about as to when NGM will be doing this. Ms. Montcalm
268 informed the council that is on her list of planning to get one started to help train monitors. Question was
269 asked if there was any documentation to help tribal members review on their own. Ms. Montcalm will look
270 at her reference materials from previous courses that she taught and will send those to the council.
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- 272 • Long Canyon Mine was discussed. Ms. Montcalm informed the council that she did not know
273 anything about this as it was above her pay grade to know. Nothing at their level that they have
274 been made aware of but she will check to see on what she can find out. Maybe this could be
275 brought up at the quarterly meeting coming up was a suggestion. An agenda will be sent out once
276 that is finalized for the quarterly meeting.
- 277 • Collaborative Agreement was inquired about. Ms. Montcalm commented that there was
278 something in the agreement to revisit it on a regular basis which is something that will be brought

279 up at the quarterly meeting. It has been five years and it has not been looked at. A copy of the
280 agreement will be sent to the tribal council from Ms. Montcalm.
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282 Goshute Tribal Member, Richard Williams addressed the council on teams on the following:

- 283 • Tree Utah. While he was on council, trees for the powwow ground was brought up. Mr. Williams
284 spoke with Amy May, Director of Tree Utah and she is more than willing and excited to help the
285 tribe out. They have their own funding and wants to introduce trees to the tribal area. Maybe
286 housing and the tribal council may know about where trees may go and grow on the reservation.
287 Ms. May can attend the council meeting next month.
- 288 • Tribal council meetings. He has a hard time getting on and if he is having a hard time, then others
289 are probably having the same issue. He would like more involvement from the members and if
290 there is some way to put this ahead of time on the websites of the Goshute web page and the
291 Sacred Circle website, more people would be able to sit in on the meetings. Also that the agenda
292 could be sent out early rather than the day of would be very helpful. Also, the minutes as this was
293 discussed when he was on council, to be posted on the website. When openings are open on
294 boards, committees, etc. a lot of people do not know this and hope by posting these on the
295 websites more people will be involved.
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297 Chairman Murphy commented to this that Sacred Circle does not have a limit even though the agenda
298 says twenty minutes, because they are part of the organization that gives information to the membership
299 so Chairman gave them more time this morning to give their report than the twenty minute allocation.
300 Timeframes for the agenda is something that council will have to work on. This is the first time that the
301 Business Secretary is doing teams and there was some difficulty on the email that provided the link as
302 some people were having trouble with that. Work will be done to create timeframes for presentations so
303 the public and others presenting will know when their time to address the council will be heard.
304 Landscaping for the areas that the tribe has would be good to have trees on.
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306 Goshute Tribal Member Richard Williams spoke on the minutes and thanked the Business Council
307 Secretary for doing what she does and without a Tribal Administrator right now, it makes it difficult to post
308 on the website but it would be nice to have the minutes posted. The minutes could be posted on the
309 social media page of the tribe so others can see them. To have individual's emails to email them
310 information is something that is doable. Emails could be given to the Business Council Secretary and she
311 could send out zoom information, tribal minutes, other information that tribal members should be aware
312 of. Council Member Greymountain commented that the idea about trees was very good. The daycare,
313 housing and powwow should be contacted to see if they could take advantage of this opportunity since it
314 does not come every day to have someone offer to bring trees to the reservation. Daycare is sitting out
315 with no trees around them and this would be great for the daycare children there. Also mentioned is that
316 tribal membership attending meetings is not discouraged by the council, and the membership does have
317 concerns, etc., and the tribe understands that the membership does work. Sometimes there is sensitive
318 information that cannot be put on the website and is something each person has their own thoughts
319 about. This can be improved and there is room to grow. A community meeting was recommended to
320 have to see what they thought about planting trees on the powwow grounds and also moving the
321 community garden up to the powwow grounds across from the meat shed. Nevada Gold Mines has
322 funding for these types of projects and the tribe could let them know of their plans for funding.
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324 **Bahsahwahbee Update – Monte Sanford** briefed the council on what has been happening on the draft
325 Bahsahwahbee Strategic Plan and was sent to everyone to where at some point everyone could give
326 their input on this as well as from the other two tribes. The other item is to start talking about the May 6th
327 event. Recommendation is have the other tribes look at the strategic plan and a meeting could be held to
328 discuss this. For the May 6th event, the tribes gathered at one of the massacre areas by Swamp Cedars
329 and the property is owned by SNWA. Former councilman Richard Williams recommended that they
330 should contact SNWA to see what the procedure was to grant use of the property since it was their
331 property. Discussion on an ongoing MOU with SNWA should be made since it will be an annual event
332 and this way the tribes will not have to ask for permission every year. During the water hearings, SNWA
333 did say that the tribes would have permission to use their land. They also said that they could have an
334 agreement with the tribes if the tribes wanted to use their lands. SNWA is open to this and this is good.
335 On the SNWA component, Dr. Sanford wanted to talk to Paul Echo Hawk to get his help on this.

336 Recommendation is to consolidate the May 6th event into one day. Also, recommended is to get a hold of
337 Alvin to see if the powwow grounds would be available for the ones who may want to camp out. Also,
338 recommendation is to rotate and have each tribe (of the three tribes) to host the event each year. There is
339 still grant funding from the Water and Tribes Initiative that can be used for this event.
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341 Chairman Murphy commented that for the planning, each tribe should have the plan and be ready to
342 provide input or however they want to change it. Planning of May 6th should be started with discussion
343 and all set and ready to go when the day comes. Dr. Sanford commented that the Proclamation should be
344 finalized and approved by all the three tribes before the May 6th event. Thoughts on inviting other tribes to
345 May 6th event each year was asked for. Chairman Murphy commented that if the Governor of Nevada
346 signs the Proclamation, it would be a good opportunity to make invite others. Vice-chair Edna Steele
347 commented that the goal is to get this proclamation approved and signed by the Governor of Nevada so
348 that the Nevada legislators and other dignitaries are involved with the commemorative event. The
349 proclamation was gone over and changes were made and Dr. Sanford will get that corrected and will
350 have the other two tribes look it over and make their changes if necessary.
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352 Dr. Sanford wanted the council to know that Pattern Energy wants to donate to the effort and want to
353 know where the funds would go. They will send the tribe a W9 and another form to fill out and will go
354 through Dr. Sanford to get this done. Dr. Sanford did go out on a limb to tell Pattern Energy that the funds
355 should go to the Goshute Tribe and did not go to the other tribes to see what they may have had to say
356 on this. The article that is coming out in the NPCA, National Parks Magazine, the disclaimer will go in
357 there as provided by email to the council, and hopeful that it will be a good article. The article did not
358 include the three tribal councils in it, and that was not good. Other people were involved but the tribal
359 leaders were not involved. A fact checker called Dr. Sanford and was concerned that the person who
360 wrote the article got the information from the tribes TCP document. The content sounded verbatim. When
361 a person is capitalizing on using information to make money by publishing an article, that is tribal work
362 product and may be protected federal information and this was expressed to them and they were silent.
363 Just the general content of the article will be good. Copies of the article will be sent to the three tribes and
364 the Steele family. Chairman Murphy informed Dr. Sanford that plans on setting up the meeting with the
365 three tribes on the strategic planning, proclamation and getting ready for the May 6th event should go
366 forth.
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368 **Shoshonean Reunion Update – Elvira Murphy**

- 369 • Facebook page is up and running and was created by CTGR. Marjle Pete is managing this and
370 an email address has been established for anyone who wants information can email to the
371 address.
- 372 • Locking dates in with the City of Wendover has been worked on. The reunion is locked in for
373 September 13-17, 2026 in Wendover.
- 374 • Currently working on a venue and conversations has been held with Tooele County because
375 they own the airport in Wendover. The tribe is really close to locking in the hangar on the base
376 because it is a large building and will be meeting with Tooele County next week to tour the
377 hangar. They have a two page list of requirements and they will be doable for the tribe. Activities
378 will held at the hangar for two and one-half days and one day will be held in Ibapah. Hours of use
379 would be from 7a – 6p. Someone will have to assist with parking, and it could just be the staff
380 from the base doing this.
- 381 • Ms. Murphy has her own timeline that she is going by. Talking to the other tribes, they do not
382 start planning until one to four months prior to the event. For the Goshute Tribe, the tribe is way
383 ahead of the event being planned.
- 384 • Registration forms have been created by Marjle Pete and are ready to go online as well as the
385 vendor form, volunteer form, and presenter form. These will be posted on the internet once they
386 are finalized.
- 387 • Permits have to be for crowd, food handlers, and parade. There is still a lot going on for the
388 administrative part.
- 389 • By the end of February everything should be locked down and then community meetings will be
390 held starting with the Tribe. One day will be for Goshute and the membership should participate
391 in the meetings because the tribe wants to put an agenda together on what the tribe wants to
392 show the other tribes on what Goshute is about. Meetings will be on zoom and in person here at

393 tribal headquarters. This is important for individuals who want to get involved and want to
394 participate in planning the days.
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396 Chairman Murphy commented that the executive committee needs to be contacted and met with. It was
397 noted that a zoom meeting will be held next week with the executive committee. Recommendation is to
398 let the tribal council know when this meeting will be held so they can attend as it is the Goshute Tribe
399 name on the flyers, etc. Also noted is that when everything is finalized, the committee that is hosting the
400 event will notify the tribal council of their budget, etc. and the tribe will support them. The governing body
401 needs to be aware of what is planned. Also mentioned is that the documents that may have to be
402 reviewed that is given by the County/City will need to be reviewed by the tribal attorney to make sure that
403 everything is good.
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405 Virgil Johnson, CTGR Tribal Member commented further on this event saying that he is hearing that
406 everything is tentative right now. This is an area that has not been experienced before for Goshute. Since
407 it is in the negotiating process and some tribes are large enough that their councils do not have anything
408 to do with the planning except to approve funding, etc. Because Goshute is small, it falls back on the
409 tribal council to help with this. Noted is that Ms. Murphy is doing a commendable job on getting this set
410 up. Mr. Johnson likes the idea that one day is Goshute. The Tribe needs to tell their story on this day.
411 What is it that makes Goshute unique from the other tribes in Utah and Nevada? This is what the
412 Goshute Tribe needs to decide. The Goshute Tribe has been on this land for a long time and what is it
413 that keeps the Goshutes on this land? The elders have taught the younger ones ways on medicine on
414 plants, food source from plants, knowing how to live from small game, know where all the water sources
415 are, know how to harvest pinenuts, know how to make baskets, and this is unique to the Goshute tribal
416 members. Goshute belongs to the Shoshone people and speak their language, and Goshute falls under
417 this umbrella and what makes Goshute, Goshute? Identification of this needs to be done. The
418 Comanche's inquired if it was possible to get on zoom for meetings and it was already stated that there
419 will be link for meetings. Mr. Johnson stated that he was honored as a tribal member and as a former
420 Chairman that the Goshute Tribe is given this opportunity. This will put Goshute on the map of the
421 Shoshone people. Mr. Johnson believes that the Goshute Tribe will do a commendable job on this event.
422 Back in the day, when Mr. Johnson was a small child, he used to go with his father and other tribal
423 leaders to Molly McCurdy's place because there was no tribal building to meet at and talked about things
424 to move the tribe forward. The tribe has good people now moving forward and this needs to be passed on
425 to the younger generation. Goshute is different, they are desert people and Creator left the tribe here.
426 This should be emphasized to the people who will be coming here, to show them that Goshute people are
427 still here. What would be a good word for Goshute? Word came to mind to Mr. Johnson, resilience.
428 Resilience means adaption. The Goshute Tribe is able to adapt and have done so through the years. A
429 good Goshute Theme would be resilience. Goshute is still here and moving forward. Moving forward is
430 not giving up the culture or traditions, these two will always be within the Goshute people. Soul, mind,
431 spirit and heart will always be in the Goshute people. If the Goshute people were weak people, they
432 would have disappeared a long time ago but the Goshute people are strong people and stand on the
433 shoulders of the people who came before them.
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435 **Lunch break taken at 12:45p**
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437 **No other regular business was scheduled. Tribal Council went into Executive Session at 12:45 pm.**
438 **Motion made by Elvira Murphy seconded by Clell Pete to adjourn at 6:31pm. Vote: 4:0:0.**
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443 Phyllis Naranjo, Business Council Secretary