Agenda

- Dinner
- Introductions
- Purpose
- Projects
- Partnership Updates
- Social Media & Website
- Accomplishments
- Upcoming Events
- Puyenpa
- Q&A
Community Development Group

- Established with the onboarding of Joe Mike, Assistant Community Development Manager in June 2022
- Group Goal – Establish a working group that focuses on the needs and priorities of the tribe in a team-oriented setting, with an emphasis on developing processes and procedures, while remaining accountable to one another, the tribal council, and the community at large
Community Development Group

Jerry Millett
Tribal Manager

Wesley Allison
Assistant Tribal Manager

Kathy Adams
Tribal Consultant

Lorinda Antone
Covid Coordinator / Grants Writer

Joe Mike
Assistant Community Development Manager
Purpose of the Community Meeting

• To provide the Duckwater Tribal Community with information regarding projects, proposals, grants and other business type activities within the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

• Open pathways for clear and transparent communication with the Duckwater Community

• Gather feedback from the community on their viewpoints, questions, and concerns

• Make the community part of the process, input from the community can enhance some of the work we do.

• Demonstrate accountability to the community

• Implement a new system of communication
379 Road Project

- Purpose – To pave the existing 23.7 miles of dirt road between Duckwater and Eureka. In an effort to prove safer transportation of our High School Students attending Eureka, community members attending meetings and/or shopping trips to northern/western Nevada
- Current Status
  - Project is in proposal phase
    - $58,490,506.00
  - Submitted May 2022
    - No further information on statutes
- Next Steps
  - Meeting with congressional Delegation personnel to improve our chances of obtaining funding
    - With the objective of gaining support for the project
E-Rate Project

- The FCC’s E-Rate program makes telecommunications and information services more affordable for schools and libraries, including Tribal libraries.
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**E-Rate Project**

- September 15, 2022 Duckwater was granted $5,315,912.70 for their E-rate Project
- Commnet to bring fibre to the school and library
- E-Rate Meeting with OSIT & Commnet scheduled for Tue Oct 18, 2022

**WHY IS it important to have fiber internet**

- Fiber Internet is faster than cable or satellite Internet, with speeds up to 10 Gbps.
- Fiber Internet offers higher bandwidth.
- Fiber Internet provides greater security, as signals sent via light are harder to intercept than electrical signals.
American Rescue Plan Project Proposal

• Purpose: The application is to address the last mile connection of broadband gain through the E-rate, to enhance internet with adequate speeds. The project will provide funding for installation of four (4) towers to connect digital devices, equipment, fiber-optic lines. Training personnel to maintain the internet services. Additionally, to deliver adequate internet speed and access for the Duckwater Community.

• Current Status
  • Project approved 9/13/2022
  • $167,504.00

• Next Steps
  • Work with Contractor to implement the project
Broadband Proposal

- Bringing fiber to Duckwater from Eureka
- Purpose: The application is to provide Broadband Infrastructure Deployment grant to the Duckwater Reservation to provide high-speed internet access to the residents to implement a Fiber to the Home (FTTH) project.
- Current Status
  - Project is in proposal phase
  - $3,482,500 is the cost of the project
- Next Steps
  - Follow up with funding agency on status of application
The Tribe is developing a land withdrawal proposal of 175,000 acres that includes its grazing, springs, and significant cultural sites that was overlooked in the prior land withdrawal of 2015. The land withdrawal includes springs that the Tribe holds water right for, and the preservation of sacred cultural sites, traditional gathering and hunting sites. The Tribe is the sole user of the said land that is proposed for withdrawal. In addition, the Tribe is in the process of working with Nye County to be included in the Nye County Lands Bill.
Land Expansion

Current Status
- Duckwater has not singularly submitted
- Nye County has Submitted a Lands Bill
  - Duckwater plans on presenting an addendum to the NYE county bill

Our packet is 75% complete
- Draft Narrative Prepared / In Review
- Cultural Significant Report

Next Step
- Review and Finalizing of the narrative
- Presenting back to council for approval
- Possible request for a special council session 1st / 2nd week of September

Future Step
- Present to Nye County – Lorinda Wichman
- Present to Nevada delegation
  - Legislative Representatives
  - Gov Sisolak
  - Wilderness Group(s)
Irrigation Water Allocation Project

The tribe is allocated 10 CFS of water annually (which we pay for) the concern is that when the Warm Springs was re-routed it caused a loss in volume of water the assignment holders are receiving

**Current Status**

- Tribe is not utilizing their full water allocation for irrigation. In 2021 it was measured at approximately a little over 3.0 cfs at the big warm springs, The measured amount also includes a irrigation pump being utilized to produce more water volume
- Great Basin Engineering is designing an updated headgate to insure we are getting the proper volume of water
- BIA – Water Management Grant to assist with the identification and reevaluation of water use - Water Management planning and predevelopment

**Next Steps**

- Meeting with Corey Lytle, NRCS – Natural Resources Conservation Services who is Designing headgate distribution below Administration building
Updating of Duckwater Master Plan

- Master Plan Document from 2001 needs to be updated to better reflect the current situation of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe
- Currently the community Development Group is reviewing the 2001 version and obtaining quotes from Basin Engineering to update document
- Some grants and funding opportunities require Planning Document such as these to ensure the success of their investments
- A Master Plan can help guide us towards what's in the best interest for the community
- Masters plan includes Maps, Demographics, Statistics, Blueprints, Engineering plans that require programs, equipment, and people with expertise to utilize them
On March 11, 2021, President Biden signed The American Rescue Plan Act, which reauthorized and funded the State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI). The new version of the SSBCI program provides a combined $10 billion to states, the District of Columbia, territories, and Tribal governments to empower small businesses to access capital needed to invest in job-creating opportunities as the country emerges from the pandemic. The funds will also support recipient jurisdictions in promoting American entrepreneurship and democratizing access to startup capital across the country, including in underserved communities.
SSCBI – State Small Business Credit Initiative

• Opportunity to set up a small business loan program for Tribal Members

Current Statues
• Grant is 100% complete
• Allocated amount $642,000.00
  • Tribe will guarantee the loans that are distributed
• Proposal presented to Tribal Council on July 25, 2022
• Submitted to funding agency
  • Included in the application is the policy and procedures

Next Steps
• Wait to hear from funding agency on funding status
Irrigation Pipe Project

- **Purpose:** Funding proposal submitted to USDA in the amount of $2.1 million to replace 10 miles of the irrigation pipeline system. The pipeline is ~39 years old. (the original lifespan was estimated to last ~25 years)

- **Current Status**
  - Submitted in June to USDA
  - Proposal Request $2,136,775.00
  - August 30th received notification that the proposal was not selected for funding.

- **Next Steps**
  - Continue to look for funding
    - Potentially looking at the New Infrastructure bill that was approved
20 Acre Fee to Trust project

• Purpose: In 2009, the Tribe purchased a 20-acre parcel which is located along Sugar Shack Road. In late 2021, the Tribe submitted a Fee-To-Trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs. In 2022, the BIA requested additional documents (Phase 1 Environmental Assessment, Resolution and Title Insurance) in order to process and finalize the Fee-To-Trust application.

Current Status
• Waiting on Title Insurance Documentation

Next Steps
• Once Title Insurance is complete, the Tribe will submit the complete package to BIA
Partnership Updates
Partnership's Overview

Why are they important

• Through partnerships Loyalty and trust are formed these traits being the foremost characteristics of any partnership. When other organizations trust your and/or your brand, they automatically develop an interest in your interests and services especially, when there is the presence of mutual benefit. Thus, providing a Strategic Advantage.

• This opens the door for sharing of ideas, information, and resources between both parties.

• Access to individuals otherwise off limits to the general population can be achieved through partnerships

• Access to funding sources

• Quicker return times on communications, applications, and responses
Duckwater Partnership's

Current

• Nevada Gold Mines
• Kinross Round Mountain
• Inter Tribal Council of Nevada
• BIA / IHS / BIE / EPA / HUD
• Department of Defense (Nellis, FAS, Hiil)
• BLM / UFS / USFG
• NRCS / USDA

Seeking / Pursuing

• Vanadium Mining
• i-80 Gold Corp
• State of Nevada
  • Governor Sisolak
  • Senator Masto
  • Senator Rosen
• Nevada Indian Commission
• Great Basin Heritage Foundation
• Other Tribal Leaders with influence
• Attended the Q3 Dialogue Meeting in Wendover, Nevada – Full report to be available next week
• Met the New incoming Executive Managing Director Peter Richardson
• Continued to build the relationship with NGM key staff
• Provided input to the group for items to discuss during caucus
• Was given information on NGM’s upcoming project Robinson and Goldrush
• Demonstrated a presence and interest in NGM’s business
• New Executive Managing Director of Nevada Gold Mines Peter Richardson
• Mr. Richardson is originally from Sweden
• As with most senior executive's he's been all over the globe
• 30+ years pf mining experience
• Most recently worked as corporate Barrick in Canada
• Seemed friendly and willing to get to know the Duckwater delegation at his first Quarterly Dialogue
• Recently Met with Samantha Faga, Corporate Social Responsibility Specialist from Kinross Round Mountain
• Items discussed but not limited to
  • Capitol Requests
  • Education
  • Workforce Development
  • Cultural Preservation
  • Economic Development Opportunities
  • And More…..
• Kinross Round Mountain is very interested in developing a solid partnership with the DST
The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe has a public Facebook page which we have begun to utilize for the sharing of information.

Joe Mike and Keith Honaker are the managers of the page.

Like and Follow to be entered into a special drawing December 2022 (Prize to be announced).

QR code on your table will link you to the page.
Duckwater Shoshone Tribe

Federally recognized Native American Tribe of the Western Shoshone

Duckwater Website

Our Heritage

Located in a high desert valley in northern Nye County, Nevada, the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe sits in the beautiful Railroad Valley, near the Big Warm Spring. The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is a federally recognized tribe of the Western Shoshone and is governed by a five-member tribal council.
Duckwater Website

Upon completion website will be a resource hub for not only our guests that want to know more about us but also our employees and community members. We are working with Puyenpa Technology's who is helping redesign the page. Once complete there will be

• Digital Forms
• Up-to-date contact information
• Contact for comments and question
• Images and graphics that reflect who we are as Duckwater Shoshone Members
• Continuing Education information and resources
• Real time news and information
• Links to information and documents
• Employee Portal
• Specific calendars and schedules of events
Finance Update

In 2022 the tribe has paid off the following loans
- Laundromat 44K
- Septic Truck 29K
- Water Rehab. Project 76K
- Water Rehab. Project 106K
- Vehicle Loan 36K
- Vehicle Loan 32K
- 2016 Health (IHS) Unallowed expenses paid off in the amount of 24K

- A Forensic Audit was performed and released in January of 2018, which was in addition to the 2017 annual audit. There are no BIA questioned costs in the forensic audit, and the auditor confirmed that he did not send it to the BIA.

- Currently the tribe holds no debt with the exception of the trucking debt, which was forgiven and is in final stages of the loan being forgiven

- Funding Agencies have 6 years to pursue resolution of questions cost with the tribe

- Finance received a new building utilizing the COVID funding
Community Services Building

Purchased through COVID funding
Judicial Building

Purchased by funding from former Barrick now Nevada Gold Mines
24 Hour Fuel Station

Constructed with COVID monies
Tribal Council approved to have fuel price reduction though the remainder of 2022
COVID funding

- American Rescue Plan (ARP) Treasury Coronavirus Relief Funding
- Appliance / Storage Shed
- Private Wells
- Rehabilitate the Tribal Administration Office
- Large Generator (Finance Office)
- Elders Renovation Project (age 70+, 23 elders identified)
  (Recliners, Handicap Toilets & Showers, Handrails, Ramp)
- Distribution Center
- Fence Repair
- Storage Unit for Tribal Administration
- Staff Housing Maintenance (14 units)
  (Roof replacement, skirting, decking, exterior painting, gutters)
- Elders Supplemental Assistance (age 62+, 42 elders participating)
- Positions (Senior Advocate and COVID Coordinator)
COVID funding continued

Completed Projects

- Elders Roofing Project (age 62+, 21 homes identified)
- Internet for Students (10 household participated)
- Housing Office (purchase of housing office)
- Roads Project (chip seal the roads)
- Finance Building (purchase of the Finance Building)
- Payment to Tribal Members (2 Distributions in 2021)
- Employee Premium Pay
- Livestock Assistance (credit applied to livestock owners)
- Land Assignment Holders (credit applied to assignment holders)
The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is proud to announce the hiring of our new law enforcement officer. Officer Eric Watts who will be joining Chief Lucas in providing law enforcement services to the Duckwater Community. Officer Watts has been in Law Enforcement for 17 years most recently holding a post on the Walker River Paiute Reservation as the Indian Highway Safety Officer, Officer Watts began his career in 2006 in Golden California and since then has been not only a officer but also a tactical medic for a SWAT unit in Central Valley California as well as K9 officer of the year in 2017. alongside his success and experience in public policing he also has a background in EMS and Fire for around 20 years. The Duckwater Shoshone Tribe is lucky to have a skilled individual joining the organization and looks forward to getting to know Officer Watts and welcomes him into our community.

Officer Watts was officially sworn in in Sept 3, 2022 by Vice Chairwoman Debbie O’Neil on the Duckwater Shoshone Reservation.
Financial Literacy Training was provided to Managers, Directors, and Council Members to promote staff development, Continuity, and to ensure the leadership bodies of the Tribe understand the complexities of the tribe’s financial system. The class was developed in collaboration with the Duckwater Community Development Group and Duckwater Finance Manager. Participants had to complete a series of worksheets, homework and post course quiz. Trainings like these will continue to be offered moving forward.
Meeting Reports are available upon request, reports that are available will be posted in a reasonable amount of time after the attendance of certain meetings. There will be a process developed for requesting the notes/reports.
A Duckwater Shoshone Tribal 8(a) Organization

Our organization is built on the foundation of experience, expertise & professionalism. We provide services & support that produce high-quality results and a high-impact future.

Work with us
Puyenpa

- Duckwater owns 51% of the business
- Business is divided into 5 Categories
  - Information Technology
  - Enterprise IT / Telecom
  - Defense / Cybersecurity
  - Construction
  - Business Development
- Shareholders meet quarterly to receive updates about the meeting
- 2021 – Puyumpa profited 2,685,425
  - From that the tribe received $917K

Puyenpa is going to be presenting at the Q4 community update meeting in December here in Duckwater
Upcoming Events
Veterans Day 2022
Day to be determined
2022 Tribe Annual Christmas Dinner

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Future Meetings

• What would you like to see us present on in the future
• Is Quarterly Meetings enough
• What's your thoughts on this meeting in particular
Thank you

Next Meeting Date
December 15, 2022