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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2021**
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

ROLL CALL: 10:02am

PRESENT: Joseph James, Frankie Myers, Lori Hodge, Sherri Provolt, Mindy Natt,
Toby Vanlandingham, Phillip Williams, Ryan Ray

ABSENT: Lana McCovey (family emergency)

STAFF: Georgiana Gensaw (recorder), Taralyn Ipina, Earl Jackson

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Provolt to accept the agenda including CA21-001 and P20-056. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

Jan 8-All Tribes meeting (Chairman James)
Jan 8-KHSA signatories meeting (Vice Chair Myers)
Jan 8-NCIDC meeting (Councilmember Ray)
Jan 12-YIHA BOC Meeting (Councilmember Ray)
Jan 15-Requa District meeting
Jan 16- Pecwan District meeting
Jan 18-MLK Jr.-Offices Closed

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Np

Councilmember Williams: I will be bringing logs over the hill for firewood for my district.

Councilmember Hodge: Pass

Councilmember Ray: Pass

Councilmember Natt: Pass

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Councilmember Provolt: Pass

Vice Chairman Myers: I was to thank staff and my colleagues for their hard work this year. I have been watching the news a lot and while I see what’s going on in the Nation, I am pleased with the work and projects that the Yurok Tribe has accomplished this year. Wok=hlew’

Chairman James: I also want to echo what Vice Chair said, 2020 was a hard year, but a good year. We will not stop working for the betterment of the membership. We will be meeting as a Council to work on a plan for the first 100 days.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: OTA 20-237, Personnel (Hodge), Contract for Internet @ Tulley Creek (Vice Chair Myers); Prey-go-neesh Corporation CA20-288.

CONSENT AGENDA:

ENVIRONMENTAL

EP20-022 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Application-Organically Grown
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve YTEP to apply for the Organically Grown Co. Mission Fund Grant to support the development of the Weitchpec food Village, with the understanding that the Yurok Tribe will not incur any expense if the application is funded. Motion carries by consensus.

EP20-023 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Application-HSU
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Williams to approve the YTEP Food Sovereignty Division to partner with Humboldt State University’s Food Sovereignty Lab to apply to the National Science Foundation Sustainable Regional Systems Planning grant in the amount of \$149,997 to design a collaborative indigenous food and education system, no match required, full indirect allowable. Motion carries by consensus.

EP20-024 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Application-NSF
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve the YTEP Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the National Science Foundation Informal Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics Learning grant to conduct pilot community education programs at three Food Village locations on the Reservation in the amount of \$229,931, no match required, full indirect allowable. Motion carries by consensus.

EP20-025 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Partnership-Catch Together
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

87 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Williams to Approve the YTEP Food**
88 **Sovereignty Division to oversee the distribution of \$15,400 of funding allocated to the Del**
89 **Norte and Tribal Lands Community Food Council for the purpose of purchasing seafood from**
90 **Yurok Tribal Members to distribute to Yurok Elders, with the understanding that the Yurok**
91 **Tribe will not incur any expense partnering in the project funded by the Catch Together**
92 **COVID-19 grant. Motion carries by consensus.**

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94 EP20-026 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Application-USDA
95 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

96 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve the YTEP Food**
97 **Sovereignty Division to apply to the USDA Farm to School Grant to support the development**
98 **of a Food Village near the Jack Norton Elementary School in the amount of \$130,221. The**
99 **25%match requirement will be met through in-kind contribution from a separate privately**
100 **funded grant, full indirect charges are allowable. Motion carries by consensus.**

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102 EP20-027 YTEP-Food Sovereignty Grant Application-FNDI
103 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

104 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Williams to approve the YTEP Food**
105 **Sovereignty Division to apply for the First Nations Development Institute GATHER grant to**
106 **support the development of a comprehensive Yurok Traditional Foods Calendar, no match**
107 **required, full indirect allowable. Motion carries by consensus.**

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109 EP20-028 YTEP-FY21 Wetland Development Grant
110 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

111 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve YTEP's application**
112 **to the USEPA for a Wetlands Monitoring Grant and to approve Chair to sign the**
113 **corresponding letter of support. This Grant will receive the full indirect rate negotiated in our**
114 **indirect cost share agreement and YTEP will provide the match with in-kind services. Motion**
115 **carries by consensus.**

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117 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

118 **Natural Resources**

119 NR20-011 Green Diamond Master Land Use Plan
120 Submitted by Tim Hayden
121 Tim Hayden presents Natural Resource agenda items

122 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve renewal of the**
123 **Yurok Tribe and Green Diamond Resources Master Land Use Permit and supporting Council**
124 **Resolution. The permit authorizes Yurok access to GDRC owned properties to conduct**
125 **ongoing fish habitat restoration, and other resources monitoring and management activities.**
126 **Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairman Myers-no, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
127 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-no, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes,**

128 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-5, No-2, Abs-0, Np-1. Motion**
129 **carries.**

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131 NR21-001 Hewlett Foundation Grant
132 Submitted by Tim Hayden

133 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt /Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve NR to**
134 **submit proposal to the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation for a grant for \$150,000 over 3**
135 **years to support Yurok Fire Department coordination with the CFMC to conduct prescribed**
136 **burning activities, and for Chairman to sign final grant agreement letter. Motion carries by**
137 **consensus.**

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139 **FISHERIES**

140 FISH20-091 Fiori GeoSciences
141 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier
142 Dave Hillemeier presents Fisheries agenda items

143 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to authorize the**
144 **Fisheries Department to negotiate a three-year contract with Fiori GeoSciences to assist with**
145 **restoration efforts in the Lower Klamath Basin(see attached memo, Request for**
146 **Qualifications, Fiori GeoSciences’s proposal, and our ranking of the proposal for more**
147 **information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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149 FISH20-092 Consolidation of project budgets
150 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

151 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Ray to authorize the consolidation**
152 **of funds from project codes 7043 and 5130 into project code #6086 (see attached memo,**
153 **email of authorization from Bureau of Reclamation, budget modification sheet for more**
154 **information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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156 FISH20-093 Budget Modifications
157 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

158 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers /Councilmember Hodge to authorize movement of**
159 **funds from project codes 6038 and 6088 to project code 7051, as outlined in the attached**
160 **memo and budget modification sheets (see attached memo, budget mod sheets, request to**
161 **BOR for more information). Motion carries by consensus**

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163 FISH20-094 Orick Mill Site Restoration project
164 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

165 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to authorize the Fisheries**
166 **Department to negotiate a restoration design-build contract, with review by OTA, with Save**
167 **the Redwoods League (SRL) to restore the old mill site area in Orick, CA (see attached memo,**
168 **memo regarding Orick projects, and summary of project from SRL for more information).**
169 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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WILDLIFE

Tiana Williams present agenda item
WILD20-029 Flooring Installation

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve a contract with All Phase Flooring to procure and install vinyl plank flooring at the Yurok Condor Restoration Program Office in Orick, CA, and for all necessary Chairman signatures. Motion carries by consensus.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Angi Cavaliere and Rose Sylvia present agenda item
HR20-014 Prosecutor Job description
Submitted by Rose Sylvia & Angi Cavaliere

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve Prosecutor job description and BIA funding for prosecutor and court clerk. Prosecutor to be independent and report to Executive Director. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL COURT

TC20-019 Public Health Institute AmeriCorps VISTA MOU
Lori Nesbitt presents agenda item
Submitted by Jessica Cedillo

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve and sign MOU with Public Health Institute for the placement of up to 2(two) AmeriCorps VISTA workers, to be paid by PHI, and to work with the Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition within the Opioid Task Force. Motion carries by consensus.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

YPUD20-013 Waiver of Water fees
Mike Searcy presents agenda item
Submitted by Mike Searcy

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham /Vice Chairman Myers to have Council apply BIA CARES funding 2830 to the waived YPUD user fees from April to November 2020 (\$83,514.00). Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-no, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-4, No-3, Abs-0, Np-1. Motion carries.

PLANNING

Grant Klopmeier presents agenda item
P20-045 Road Inventory GIS Update/Training
Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

211 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve Road Inventory**
212 **Update/Training contract and Action Item P20-045 in the amount of \$88,604 for Red Plains**
213 **Professional, Inc. The selected bid is a TERO qualified entity. Motion carries by consensus.**

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215 **INFORMATION SERVICES**

216 Jessica Engle presents agenda item
217 IT20-040 Yurok IT Department
218 Submitted by Jessica Engle

219 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge for IT Director to give monthly**
220 **updates to Tribal Council on the first planning agenda of each month. Updates not to exceed**
221 **30 minutes without prior arrangement with Council Operations. Motion carries by consensus.**

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223 **EDUCATION**

224 Jim McQuillen presents agenda item
225 EDU21-01 Support policies protecting the right to wear regalia
226 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

227 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Ray to support the ACLU request to**
228 **support legislation for school district policies to consult with tribes on protecting students**
229 **right to wear regalia during graduation ceremonies and authorize the Chairman to sign a**
230 **support letter.**

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232 **LUNCH: 12:00-1:00pm**

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234 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

235 Nicole Provolt: I want to thank Council and for the work being done for our rivers, our salmon
236 and our lands and I know that it's hard work. It's time consuming work and takes a lot of
237 dedication. I recognize that all of the council is definitely doing this for the very best possible
238 reasons, along with the staff, so I just I just wanted to say thank you and wish everybody a
239 happy new year. Thank you.

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241 **Addition to Agenda:**

242 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to suspend the rules and add**
243 **agenda item P20-053 and P20-056 from Planning Department. Motion carries by consensus.**

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245 **PLANNING**

246 Sophia Lay, Henry Solares, Michael Gerace present agenda item
247 P20-053, Building Resilient Infrastructure
248 Submitted by Henry Solares

249 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**
250 **Planning Department to submit an application to the FEMA building resilient infrastructure**
251 **and communities grant program to seek planning and design funding for a micro-grid project**

252 in the Tulley Creek area and authorize the Chairperson to sign all document necessary to
253 submit the grant application including Resolution 20-132. Motion carries by consensus.

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255 P20-56, Youth Opioid Response 2
256 Submitted by Henry Solares

257 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve and**
258 **authorize the Chairman to sign all documents necessary for the Planning Department to**
259 **submit a grant application to the YOR2 program via SAMHSA SOR, including Resolution**
260 **20-139. The grant is due January 15th. Motion to request 14.70% of indirect costs waived,**
261 **10% is covered by the grant, and there are no matching costs. Motion carries by consensus.**

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263 **AGENDA ITEMS**

264 **COUNCIL**

265 CA20-277 Increase Council Honorarium
266 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

267 **Approve an increase of annual honorarium (salary) of Council as follows: Chairman \$70,000,**
268 **Vice Chairman \$65,000, and Councilmembers \$60,000. Upon implementation, the stipend**
269 **provided for meeting attendance will decrease. The compensation increase shall be effective**
270 **one (1) year from date of approval. Discussion only, no action.**

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272 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

273 Nicole Provolt: I agree with this and yes, this increase is very fair and well thought out thank
274 you for being open about this matter to tribal members.

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276 CA20-276 Tractor Purchase
277 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

278 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to purchase new**
279 **tractor to maintain the property purchased in Klamath, Funding to come from budget #50 not**
280 **to exceed \$25,000. Motion carries by consensus.**

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282 CA20-285 Tribal Member Reimbursement
283 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

284 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve reimbursement of**
285 **\$710.00 to Tribal member for rehab assistance. Funding to come from Weitchpec District**
286 **travel line item (discretionary portion). Motion carries by consensus.**

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288 CA20-286 YAC Board Appointments
289 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

290 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chair Myers to ratify Chairman's**
291 **appointment of Tribal members Jamie Holt and Edward Aubrey to Yurok Agricultural**
292 **Corporation. Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairman Myers=yes, Councilmember Hodge=no,**
293 **Councilmember Ray=yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham=yes, Councilmember Provolt=no,**

294 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-5,**
295 **No-2, Abs-0, Np-1. Motion carries.**

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297 CA20-220 June 2020 revised minutes
298 Submitted by Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations

299 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt /Councilmember Ray to approve Council Meeting**
300 **minutes for June 15, 2020 with edits and corrections (attached are revised minutes, the**
301 **previously approved set of minutes). Roll Call Vote: Vice Chairman Myers-yes,**
302 **Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes,**
303 **Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-abs,**
304 **Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, Abs-1, Np-1. Motion carries.**

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306 CA20-291 December 2020 Minutes
307 Submitted by Council Operations

308 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham /Councilmember Hodge to approve Tribal**
309 **Council Minutes for December 16 & 17, 2020. Motion carries by consensus.**

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311 **BREAK: 2:19-2:45**
312 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:45-5:07pm**

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314 4:30pm Councilmember McCovey joins the meeting

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316 Actions from Executive Session:
317 CA20-237 A. Cordalis Contract
318 Submitted by Chairman James

319 ~~**Motion made by Councilmember /Councilmember discussion to authorize Chairman to sign**~~
320 ~~**Amy Cordalis attorney contract. Item tabled.**~~

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322 CA20-288 Prey-go-neesh
323 Submitted by Vice Chair Myers

324 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to approve investment of**
325 **\$300,000 with Prey-go-neesh Corporation from Morgan Stanley Fund xxx126 with an**
326 **investment plan brought back to Council within 60 days. Motion carries by consensus.**

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328 **Addition to Agenda**

329 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to suspend the rules and**
330 **add CA21-002. Motion carries by consensus.**

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332 CA21-002, Tribal Member Assistance #11151
333 Submitted by Chairman James

334 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
335 **assistance for Tribal Member #11151 in the amount of \$1,300. Funding to come**

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336 Chairman, Vice Chair and Councilmember Hodge's travel line items (discretionary portion).
337 Motion carries by consensus.

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339 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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341 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chair Myers

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343 **ADJOURN:** 5:18

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345 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

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349 **Sherri, Secretary**

Date 2/18/2021