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**Yurok Tribal Council  
Special Action Meeting  
Tuesday, October 12, 2021  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>**

**ROLL CALL:** 2:04pm

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District (arrives at 2:30pm, excused for Indian Health Services Conference calls)

**ABSENT:** None

**QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

**AGENDA ITEM:**

**Planning**

Michael Gerace, Henry Solares, Taylor Thompson present for agenda item P21-074, Indian Community Block Grant Project Selection Submitted by Henry Solares

**Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Ray to approve and select Mynot Creek Community Garden for the Fiscal Year 2021 Indian Community Development Block Grant via HUD due October 25, 2021. Total federal requests is \$799,998. Propose to fund a Community Garden and Food Village Project at Mynot Creek. No cost share required and indirect costs are covered. Authorize Chairman to sign all necessary documents and Resolution #21-113 with edits. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-1, abs-0, np-0. Motion carries.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Jim McQuillen: Thank you. I'm clocked out right now just to make a comment. Jim McQuillen, North District. I'm just so glad you're considering this as a project. Food is such a basic need for us all. I hope we're taking good notes because there could be more dollars coming. We know there probably will be with the Biden administration and the infrastructure bill. I personally have a lot of family in Klamath – my grandchildren and siblings. So I support anything we can do for the Klamath and Up River. Food is so basic. I really hear comments of how long of a drive it

44 is just to go get milk for the home. I like the idea of a market too. I know I try to bring food to  
45 my family in Klamath, if I'm running down there because it's so difficult, it truly is a food desert.  
46 When you're talking about the price of milk, the price of gas right now is near five bucks a  
47 gallon. It's ridiculous. Someone mentioned the Promise Neighborhood Grant. It does have  
48 money in there for the Klamath site that could support staff to the tune of a hundred thousand  
49 per year. And I know we're all looking for staff right now. It's a shortage of staff along with food.  
50 And perhaps we want to hire some teenagers in both locations to support the gardens and that  
51 could take some pressure off from other grants to help Up River, also not to supplant, but to  
52 support. It's a tough call, but I really liked the idea of the garden, the food garden next to the  
53 school, of course, with education. The Principal is almost the best Principal we had at that  
54 school since I was a Principal. It could be really an awesome place. It is pretty mushy in there.  
55 I've gone out there myself. Especially in the winter it is very wet around that field, but a garden  
56 could be there, maybe some tiny houses. I liked the projects. Anyway, thank you.

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58 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

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60 **ADJOURN:** 3:01pm

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62 **MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**October 28, 2021**

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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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