ROLL CALL: 10:12am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District;

ABSENT: Wes Crawford, East District (travel); Lana McCovey, South District (sick)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve agenda with additions of P23-042 and CA23-216. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:
Councilmember Provolt, vacation September 21-24

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Natt: Pass
Councilmember Ray: Pass
Councilmember Williams: Pass
Councilmember Provolt: Pass
Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass
Councilmember McCovey: Pass

Vice-Chairman Myers: The Tribe hosted the Truth and Healing Council this past weekend in Klamath. It was a great event. Thank you to Councilmembers Provolt, Williams, and Ray for attending. We were able to make progress on a few things. I would encourage the Council to reach out and request a meeting with the Truth & Healing Council.
Chairman James: I would like to encourage Tribal Members to start fishing as the subsistence fishing will be closing soon.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division
Environmental Department
ENVR23-021, Climate Change Steering Committee Participation
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively approve Louisa McCovey’s participation on a Steering Committee to provide information on the estimated unmet need of coastal Tribes in the lower 48 states that are facing relocation due to climate impacts, initiated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries Department
FISH23-068, Retroactive Support Letter for Redwoods Rising
Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively approve Chairman to sign the attached support letter for Redwoods Rising for a project in Redwood National and State Park. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Community Development Division
Planning Department

P23-026, Yurok Justice Center Phase III Design Build Contract
Submitted by Cynthia Bones

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the attached contract documents with Per-geesh Construction for the design and construction of the Yurok Justice Center Phase III. The contract amounts of $1,138,999.49, project is funded by the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Motion carries by consensus.

P23-042, Klamath Tank
Submitted by Sophia Lay

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve the Indian Health Services Self Determination Construction Contract # DES-23-I-0046 for the Klamath Tank project and authorize the Chairman to sign and the Secretary to attest to all related documents including Resolution #23-83. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-216, Gaming Commission Appointment
Submitted by Councilmember Williams
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to appoint Raymond McQuillen to the Gaming Commission. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division

Environmental Department

ENVR23-018, Native American Environmental Protection Coalition

Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams for Council to approve and the Chairman to sign a letter changing the delegation of the Environmental Department’s membership in the Native American Environmental Protection Coalition adding Macey Matilton. Motion carries by consensus.

ENVR23-019, The Climate Initiative Board of Directors

Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams for Council to approve the Environmental Director’s invitation to be on the Board of Director’s for the Climate Initiative to include/coordinate with the Education Department. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries Department

FISH23-066, Fisheries Flow West Contract Extension

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the Fisheries Department contract extension with Flow West LLC for continued work on the harvest management database. Motion carries by consensus.

Wildlife Department

WILD23-010, Condor Use of Prairie Creek Restoration for Avian Flu

Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

Clearing at Prairie Creek Restoration area for building a set of pens for short-term holding of pre-release birds and birds held for testing for avian influenza, contingent on receiving any further land management authority’s approval required. Item tabled. No action.

Office of Prosecutor

PRO23-016, Exclusion of Ralph Eugene Downs, Jr.

Submitted by Brienne Bennet

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Resolution 23-091 excluding Ralph Eugene Downs, Jr. from the Yurok Reservation, with referral to Tribal Court for recommendation, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest with edits. Roll call: Vice-Chairman Myers - yes, Councilmember Ray – yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham – yes, Council Member Crawford – np, Council Member Provolt – no, Councilmember McCovey – np, Councilmember Natt – abstain (conflict of interest), Councilmember Williams – yes. 4 – yes, 1 no, 1-abstain, 2 not present. Motion denied.
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PRO23-017, Exclusion of William Carl Moon
Submitted by Brienne Bennet

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Resolution 23-093 excluding William Carl Moon from the Yurok Reservation, with referral to Tribal Court for recommendation, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll call: Vice-Chairman Myers – yes, Council Member Crawford – np, Council member Ray – yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham – yes, Councilmember Provolt – yes, Councilmember Natt – yes, Councilmember Williams, yes, Councilmember McCovey – np. 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0 abstaining, 0 – not present. Motion carries.

BREAK: 11:30pm - 11:40pm

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA23-048, Telecom Tech Conference
Submitted by Kori Cordero

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to approve Kori Cordero to travel to, and present at, the CFEE Telecommunications & Technology Conference. Motion carries by consensus.

OTA23-049, Rights-of-Way and Utility Franchise Ordinance
Submitted by Gage DM Hansen

Motion to adopt the YUROK TRIBE FRANCHISE AND UTILITY LICENSING ORDINANCE on an Emergency basis and schedule a working session to discuss standard adoption of changes to Title 24 and 25 of the Yurok Code. Item tabled. No action. Referred to Planning Agenda.

Council

CA23-185, Yurok Habitat for Humanity
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/Action on creating a Yurok Habitat for Humanity program to address the housing crisis on the Yurok Reservation. Item tabled. Move to YIHA BOC Joint meeting agenda.

CA23-206, Nomination to AB954 Task Force
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve nomination of Wes Crawford to be the North State Nomination to the Governors AB945 Task Force (Ramos) Traditional Regalia for Graduation Ceremonies. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-207, Resignation for YAC Board
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to accept the resignation of Jamie Holt from the Yurok Agriculture Corporation as approved by the Board on 6.30.2023. Motion approved by consensus.

CA23-210, DHCS Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting
Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve travel to Sacramento, CA for August 21, 2023, to Department of Health Care Services Advisory Meeting for interested Councilmembers to provide input and feedback of initiatives that affected Tribes. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-212, Nomination to California Board of Election
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham
Motion to nominate Jade Tyner to the California Board of Education on behalf of the Yurok Tribe. Item completed on 7/26/2023.

CA23-213, Council Meeting Minutes – June & July 2023
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Motion made by Vanlandingham/Williams to approve meeting minutes of June 27 (Finance), June 28 (Planning), June 29 (Action), July 12 (Planning), and July 13 (Action) with edits. Minutes attached. Note: The Gaming/RHC Meeting for June 27, 2023, was cancelled. Motion approved by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Charlene Colegrove:
My house is being held together by paint. My nephew came to help with me with someone yard work and when he touched an exterior wall his hand went straight through the wall. I need Housing or the Tribe to make this right.

CLOSING PRAYER PROVIDED BY: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

ADJOURN: 12:05pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 23, 2023

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary       Date
08/23/2023