

**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023
WEITCHPEC TRIBAL OFFICE**

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.

41 **Chairman James:** I would like to encourage Tribal Members to start fishing as the subsistence
42 fishing will be closing soon.

43 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None.

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45 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None.

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47 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

48 **Natural Resources Division**

49 *Environmental Department*

50 ENVR23-021, Climate Change Steering Committee Participation

51 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

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

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58 *Fisheries Department*

59 FISH23-068, Retroactive Support Letter for Redwoods Rising

60 Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr.

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

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65 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

66 **Community Development Division**

67 *Planning Department*

68 P23-026, Yurok Justice Center Phase III Design Build Contract

69 Submitted by Cynthia Bones

70 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve and**
71 **authorize Chairman to sign the attached contract documents with Per-geesh Construction for**
72 **the design and construction of the Yurok Justice Center Phase III. The contract amounts of**
73 **\$1,138,999.49, project is funded by the US Dept. of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).**
74 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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76 P23-042, Klamath Tank

77 Submitted by Sophia Lay

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

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83 CA23-216, Gaming Commission Appointment

84 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

85 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to appoint Raymond**
86 **McQuillen to the Gaming Commission. Motion carries by consensus.**

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88 **Natural Resources Division**

89 *Environmental Department*
90 ENVR23-018, Native American Environmental Protection Coalition
91 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

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

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97 ENVR23-019, The Climate Initiative Board of Directors
98 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

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

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103 *Fisheries Department*
104 FISH23-066, Fisheries Flow West Contract Extension
105 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

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

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110 *Wildlife Department*
111 WILD23-010, Condor Use of Prairie Creek Restoration for Avian Flu
112 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

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

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117 **Office of Prosecutor**

118 PRO23-016, Exclusion of Ralph Eugene Downs, Jr.
119 Submitted b Brienne Bennet

120 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve**
121 **Resolution 23-091 excluding Ralph Eugene Downs, Jr. from the Yurok Reservation, with**
122 **referral to Tribal Court for recommendation, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to**
123 **attest with edits. Roll call: Vice-Chairman Myers - yes, Councilmember Ray – yes,**
124 **Councilmember Vanlandingham – yes, Council Member Crawford – np, Council Member**
125 **Provolt – no, Councilmember McCovey – np, Councilmember Natt – abstain (conflict of**
126 **interest), Councilmember Williams – yes. 4 – yes, 1 no, 1-abstain, 2 not present. Motion**
127 **denied.**

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129 PRO23-017, Exclusion of William Carl Moon
130 Submitted by Brienne Bennet

131 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve**
132 **Resolution 23-093 excluding William Carl Moon from the Yurok Reservation, with referral to**
133 **Tribal Court for recommendation, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll**
134 **call: Vice-Chairman Myers – yes, Council Member Crawford – np, Council member Ray – yes,**
135 **Councilmember Vanlandingham – yes, Councilmember Provolt – yes, Councilmember Natt –**
136 **yes, Councilmember Williams, yes, Councilmember McCovey – np. 6 – yes, 0 – no, 0**
137 **abstaining, 2 – not present. Motion carries.**

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139 **BREAK: 11:30pm- 11:40pm**

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141 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

142 OTA23-048, Telecom Tech Conference
143 Submitted by Kori Cordero

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

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

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

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154 **Council**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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172 CA23-210, DHCS Tribal Advisory Committee Meeting

173 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

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.

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179 CA23-212, Nomination to California Board of Election
180 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.

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184 CA23-213, Council Meeting Minutes – June & July 2023
185 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.

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191 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** None

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193 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

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

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199 **CLOSING PRAYER PROVIDED BY:** Provided by Councilmember Ray.

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201 **ADJOURN:** 12:05pm

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203 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

August 23, 2023

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08/23/2023

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207 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date

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