ROLL CALL: 10:30am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District; Phillip Williams, North District.

ABSENT: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (excused – ill)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder), Dawn Baum, General Council.

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

MOMENT OF SILENCE: For the passing of Yurok Elders.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with additions: YTP21-003 Drone purchase; IT21-026 Telco Corporations Articles of Incorporations; TC21-12 Tribal Court Assessment. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

July 29, 2021-Council Action Meeting In person (later cancelled)
July 30-Ribbon Cutting for Elder on top of Requa (TERO & YIHA)
July 30-Culture Committee has been canceled
August 15-18, Salmon Gathering in Portland, Oregon
August 19, Corporations Work Session 10-2pm @ Weitchpec
August 5, Green Diamond Meeting
August 5, 4pm Trinidad Land Trust Meeting
TBD, Tsurai Ancestral Society
August 19, Humboldt State University Fall Welcome
August 9, 27-Councilmember McCovey has appointments
September 18-Oct 3, Councilmember McCovey vacation
COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Provolt: We were able to have an Orick District Meeting on July 17th. Information was provided on the Fall Harvest Management Plan and member expressed the concern regarding the need for law enforcement on the river. One of the items members discussed was getting more members registered to vote. A suggestion was to confirm members are registered to vote when members have to get a new Tribal Membership card.

Councilmember Natt: Pass

Councilmember Ray: I’ve been getting contacted about Elders about yard work that needs to be done. We bought $13,000 worth of equipment for this program, so if I could an update, I would be able to share with my district elders. On Friday when the Boil Water Notice came out, I want to thank Hollie and Don for responding and getting water out to the community.

Councilmember Hodge: I want to remind our membership to keep their application and information current with Indian Housing Authority. Also, if you or you know someone who needs help with back rent, please reach out to Yurok Indian Housing Authority.

Councilmember Williams: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Pass

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Vice Chair Myers: Not present.

Chairman James: I attended RES Conference last week in Las Vegas. We really pushed our brand, our name, and our tribal corporations. A lot of work is being done, we were able to have a conversation with Sherice Davis. We were also able to talk about our lands bill. I also meet with Senator McGuire for a vaccination event to encourage people to get vaccinated, I want to thank Hollie for setting that up. On Monday, we also hosted Assembly Member Jim Woods. We also hosted a film crew from Sawyer water filters. Today I do have a panel at 1pm with Mr. John Kerry and with the Biden Administration. On Friday, I will be on another panel to talk about our telecommunication work.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Nicole Provolt: I appreciate being able to participate in the Council meeting via Go-To-Meeting platform. I want to thank Council and staff for still making that a priority.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: NR21-15, CA21-120, CA21-129, Personnel (Ray), Personnel (Hodge)

Natural Resources
NR21-15, Proposed Sales Transactions
Council
CA-21-120, Property for Housing
CA-21-129, Broadband Building

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:
Jessica Engle presents
IT21-026, Ratify Poll Vote
Submitted by Jessica Engle

Motion made Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken on July 23, 2021 to approve IT21-026, Telco Corp Articles of Incorporations. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-np, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6, no-1, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

Chief O’Rourke presents
YTP21-003, Purchase Drone for YT Police
Submitted by Macy Bommelyn

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve purchase of drone for Yurok Tribal Police Department. Council consensus to move this item to ARPA work session(s)

CONSENT ITEMS:  None provided.

PRESENTATIONS:
Morgan Stanley * separate packet
Jason Barr presents
Morgan Stanley accounts reviewed and discussed ending June 2021.

Yurok Tribe Financials-* separate packet
Steve Edmiston presents
Financials from June 2021 reviewed and discussion.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Education
Jim McQuillen presents for agenda items.
EDU21-015, Cost of living adjustment from the office of Head Start

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to accept a 1.22% COLA increase as offered by the Office of Head Start/Early Head Start Centers. If accepted, this increase will be awarded with the FY 2021-22 grant (effective 5/31/21 with the new grant). Motion carries by consensus.

July 28, 2021 Council Finance/Planning meeting
EDU21-030, American Recovery Plan Funds

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to accept American Recovery Funds in the amount of $157,938 from a one-time funding opportunity through office of Head Start. Motion carries by consensus.

Public Health

Hollie Strahm presents for agenda items.

PH21-006, CDC grant extension, budget & work plan modification

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Natt to approve CDC grant extension and Work Plan & Budget modifications. Motion carries by consensus.

PH21-007, Humboldt Area Foundation donation acceptance

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to accept donation of $75,000 from Humboldt Area Foundation towards the purchase of a Mobile Laboratory Unit. Motion carries by consensus.

LUNCH: 12:11pm-2:04pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/ Councilmember Vanlandingham to suspend the rules and add TC21-012. Motion carries by consensus.

Tribal Courts

TC21-012, Cal OES Tribal Court grant

Submitted by Jessica Carter

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the submission of KT21 grant application from the California Office of Emergency Services Native American Tribal Court Advocate Program and approve the Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Motion carries by consensus.

Council

CA21-122, Transfer of Funds from YT to YIHA $1 Million

Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Member Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to have Fiscal transfer $1 million from ARPA funding to Yurok Indian Housing Authority for housing project in Requa District. Discussion regarding a funding agreement. Motion carries by consensus.

CA21-123, Road Chip seal/paving

Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

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Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to purchase road chip sealing/and paving equipment, funding to come from ARPA funds for critical road infrastructure, reference previous action item regarding chip sealing in Tulley Creek, McKinnon Hill, and New Village roads, contingent upon Transportation and Executive Departments bringing back equipment quotes by August 11, 2012 Planning Meeting. Motion carries by consensus.

CA21-124, Indian Health Services’ Funding
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

To get an update on previous action regarding compacting our Indian Health Services dollars. Discussion only, no action.

CA21-127, Broadband Projects to include in Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program
Submitted by Lana M McCovey

Discussion/Motion to have staff include in the NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) grant application: a) Computer Training Site(s) as identified; which will include distance learning, workforce training, telework, and telehealth; b) Purchase building to house a Broadband Training Center or enter into a long-term lease; c) Create/operate a Broadband Training Program; D) Subsidize free/reduced-cost broadband service; e. Subsidize preventing disconnection of existing broadband service. Discussion only, no action.

CA21-128, Request for Proposals for Architect
Submitted by Lana McCovey

Discussion/Motion to have staff develop and post a Request for Proposals for an architect to develop plans for remodel of Bonnie Green Site. Discussion only, no action. Recommendation to bring forward at the next Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:55pm-5:22pm
NR21-15, CA21-120, CA21-129, Personnel (Ray), Personnel (Hodge)

Items out of Executive Session:

Natural Resources
NR21-05, Proposed Sales Transactions
Submitted by Javier I. Kinney Carbon Project Manager

Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham approve the draft term sheet of the prospective sale between StatKraft and the Yurok Tribe. If approved to receive authorization to work with OTA and Executive to finalize requisite sales transaction documents as needed. Motion carries by consensus.

CA21-120, Property for Housing
Submitted by Vice Chair Myers/Councilmember Provolt
YIHA to provide an update on initial findings of identified property within Orick District for potential housing units. Update given by Nicole Sager, YIHA Executive Director. Directive to Executive Director to set up a walk-through of the property with Council, Executive Director and YIHA Executive Director.

CA21-129, Broadband Building
Submitted by Lana M McCovey

Directive to Don Barnes to set up walk through of property with Council, Executive Director and Staff.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Natt.

ADJOURN: 5:28pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: August 26, 2021

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

Date 08/30/21