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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
FINANCE/PLANNING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 28, 2021  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>**

**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

42 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

43 Councilmember Provolt: We were able to have an Orick District Meeting on July 17<sup>th</sup>.  
44 Information was provided on the Fall Harvest Management Plan and member expressed the  
45 concern regarding the need for law enforcement on the river. One of the items members  
46 discussed was getting more members registered to vote. A suggestion was to confirm members  
47 are registered to vote when members have to get a new Tribal Membership card.

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

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

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60 Councilmember Williams: Pass  
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62 Councilmember McCovey: Pass  
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64 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass  
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66 Vice Chair Myers: Not present.  
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68 Chairman James: I attended RES Conference last week in Las Vegas. We really pushed our  
69 brand, our name, and our tribal corporations. A lot of work is being done, we were able to have  
70 a conversation with Sherice Davis. We were also able to talk about our lands bill. I also meet  
71 with Senator McGuire for a vaccination event to encourage people to get vaccinated, I want to  
72 thank Hollie for setting that up. On Monday, we also hosted Assembly Member Jim Woods. We  
73 also hosted a film crew from Sawyer water filters. Today I do have a panel at 1pm with Mr. John  
74 Kerry and with the Biden Administration. On Friday, I will be on another panel to talk about our  
75 telecommunication work.

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77 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

78 Nicole Provolt: I appreciate being able to participate in the Council meeting via Go-To-Meeting  
79 platform. I want to thank Council and staff for still making that a priority.  
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81 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** NR21-15, CA21-120, CA21-129, Personnel (Ray), Personnel (Hodge)  
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83 **Natural Resources**

84 NR21-15, Proposed Sales Transactions

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**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.**

126 EDU21-030, American Recovery Plan Funds

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

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131 **Public Health**

132 Hollie Strahm presents for agenda items.

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

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

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137 PH21-007, Humboldt Area Foundation donation acceptance

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

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142 **LUNCH:** 12:11pm-2:04pm

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

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146 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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

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150 **Tribal Courts**

151 TC21-012, Cal OES Tribal Court grant

152 Submitted by Jessica Carter

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

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158 **Council**

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

160 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

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

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166 CA21-123, Road Chip seal/paving

167 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

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

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175 CA21-124, Indian Health Services' Funding  
176 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

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

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

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

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

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

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

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198 Items out of Executive Session:

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

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

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208 CA21-120, Property for Housing  
209 Submitted by Vice Chair Myers/Councilmember Provolt

210 **YIHA to provide an update on initial findings of identified property within Orick District for**  
211 **potential housing units. Update given by Nicole Sager, YIHA Executive Director. Directive to**  
212 **Executive Director to set up a walk-through of the property with Council, Executive Director**  
213 **and YIHA Executive Director.**

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215 CA21-129, Broadband Building  
216 Submitted by Lana M McCovey


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

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

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222 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Natt.

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224 **ADJOURN:** 5:28pm

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226 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** August 26, 2021

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230 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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