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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
FINANCE/PLANNING MEETING  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 24, 2021  
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**ROLL CALL:** 11:00am

**PRESENT:** Frankie Myers, Vice 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:** Joe James, Chairman (excused-travel)

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

**QUORUM:** 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

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

**REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/ APPROVAL:**

**Motion made by Councilmember Williams /Councilmember Hodge to accept the agenda with additions P21-64, CA21-136, and Financial Presentations. Motion carries by consensus.**

**REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

YHHS21-036, Planning Session Request  
Submitted by: Alita Redner

**Council consensus to set September 8, 2021 10am-12pm for ICWA/Title IV E/Behavioral Health Planning session.**

East District Meeting, September 13, 5:00-6:30pm  
NCAI will be held virtually, October 11-15, 2021  
McCovey vacation, September 18-October 3, 2021  
Yurok Election, October 13, 2021

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Councilmember Provolt: Pass

Councilmember Natt: There will be an appliance pick up event in Weitchpec on August 25.

42 Councilmember Ray: I would like to have Council meet new Recreation Coordinator. We are  
43 also looking at having a raffle to encourage tribal members to get vaccinated and need will set  
44 up a Vaccine Drive.

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46 Councilmember Hodge: I also want to remind members of the appliance pick up event in  
47 Weitchpec and in Klamath. We also need to be sure there is a good phone number on the  
48 flyers so members can call if they have questions.

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50 Councilmember McCovey: COVID is here. It is worse than ever. All our families have been  
51 affected. I highly recommend members get vaccinated.

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53 Councilmember Williams: I want to echo CM McCovey comments and concerns of this  
54 outbreak in our communities. Stay safe.

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56 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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58 Vice Chair Myers: Things are moving along for dam removal. Progress is happening. COVID is  
59 hitting home. Prayers to our communities. We are doing everything we can to protect our  
60 families and encourage members to get vaccinated.

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62 Chairman James: Not present.

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

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66 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**  
67 CA21-145, Emergency Assistance Request- North District (done)  
68 CA21-129, Broadband Building follow up (tabled via McCovey)  
69 Corporation Work Session (Provolt)  
70 COVID Status (Williams)  
71 Norther Union School Letter (Executive Director)

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73 **CONSENT ITEMS:**  
74 YTEP21-035, Humboldt Area Foundation Mini Grant  
75 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

76 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept a \$20,000**  
77 **donation from Humboldt Area Foundation for drought response and addressing plastic**  
78 **recycling issues. Motion carries by consensus.**

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80 YTEP21-037, Yurok Food Distribution Grant  
81 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

82 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to allow the YTEP**  
83 **Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the First Nations Development Institute Strengthening**  
84 **Native Programs & Feeding Families Grant for approximately \$10,000 per year (with potential**

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85 renewal for a total of four years) full indirect expenses are allowable and no match is  
86 required. Motion carries by consensus.

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88 YTEP21-038, Native Youth & Culture Fund Grant  
89 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

90 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to allow the YTEP**  
91 **Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the First Nations Development Institute Native Youth**  
92 **and Culture Fund Grant Opportunity for approximately \$25,000 for one-year full indirect**  
93 **expenses are allowable and no match is required. Motion carries by consensus.**

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95 YTEP21-039, PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities  
96 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

97 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to Allow the YTEP**  
98 **Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities, for a**  
99 **total of approximately \$100,000 over one year, full indirect is allowable and no match is**  
100 **required. Motion carries by consensus.**

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102 YTEP21-040, WE LEAD Grant Acceptance  
103 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

104 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham Allow the YTEP Food**  
105 **Sovereignty Division to accept the funding offered by the Tides Foundation to support**  
106 **ongoing programs, totaling \$20,000 over the course of one year, full indirect is allowable and**  
107 **no match is required. Motion carries by consensus.**

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109 YTEP21-041, Drought Response Grant  
110 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

111 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham Allow YTEP to accept**  
112 **the funding offered by the First Nations Development Institute and the Chairman to sign the**  
113 **grant agreement to support ongoing drought response and water bottle recycling, total**  
114 **\$10,000 over one year, full indirect is allowable and no match is required. Motion carries by**  
115 **consensus.**

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117 CA21-136, Redwood Parks Conservancy-Board Member  
118 Submitted by: Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations

119 **Marilyn Linkem, Board Chairperson Redwood Parks Conservancy presentation with Council to**  
120 **discuss a Board Member position available on their board. Discussion only, no action.**

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122 **FINANCIALS**

123 Jason Barr presents  
124 Morgan Stanley Yurok Accounts and allocations as of July 31, 2021.  
125 Review and discussion only.

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127 Steve Edmiston, Finance Director presents  
128 Yurok Tribe Financials for July 2021.  
129 Review and discussion held.

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131 **LUNCH:** 12:50pm -1:30pm  
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133 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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135 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

136 **Education**

137 EDU21-031, Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Budget  
138 Submitted by: Jim McQuillen

139 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve this CCDF Child**  
140 **Care Budget. Motion carries by consensus.**

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142 EDU21-032, Child Care CCDF Budget  
143 Submitted by: Jim McQuillen

144 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve this CCDF Child**  
145 **Care Budget. Motion carries by consensus.**

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147 **Environmental**

148 YTEP21-034, USDA Socially Disadvantage Outreach  
149 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

150 **~~Allow the YTEP Food Sovereignty Division to apply to the USDA Outreach and Assistance for~~**  
151 **Socially Disadvantage and Veteran Farmers and Ranchers Program grant for approximately**  
152 **\$750,000 over three years. No match is required and YTEP is requesting \$59,933 to cover the**  
153 **indirect shortfall for the three-year grant period, which has been determined to available by**  
154 **the Fiscal Director. Pulled by YTEP.**

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156 YTEP21-036, Tan Oak Grove Mapping  
157 Submitted by: Louisa McCovey, YTEP Director

158 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to allow the YTEP Food**  
159 **Sovereignty Division to accept the funding offered by the First Nations Development Institute**  
160 **to support the ongoing tan oak grove mapping project, totaling \$7,500 over the course of one**  
161 **year, full indirect is allowable and no match is required. Motion carries by consensus.**

162 Directive was given to forward to Cultural Committee for input.

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164 **Finance**

165 FIN21-005, Printed Signatures on Payroll Checks  
166 Submitted by: Steven Edmiston, Finance Director

167 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to allow facsimile**  
168 **(printed) signatures on the Tribe's paper payroll checks. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-chairing,**

169 **Councilmember Hodge-no, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes,**  
170 **Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-no,**  
171 **Councilmember McCovey-no. Yes-3, no-4, abs-0, np-1. Motion denied.**

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173 **Planning**

174 P21-066, Budget Modification

175 Submitted by: Michael Gerace

176 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to approve a modification of**  
177 **the budget to Project 11008 as described in the attached budget modification form. Motion**  
178 **carries by consensus.**

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180 **Telecommunications**

181 YTEL21-001, Authorization of Funds for Yurok TelCom

182 Submitted by: Jessica Engle

183 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize fiscal**  
184 **to transfer \$575,000 received from settlement with Frontier Communications to the Yurok**  
185 **Telecommunications Corporation subject to approval by TelCom Board. Roll call; Vice Chair**  
186 **Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-no, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**  
187 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember**  
188 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6, no-1, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.**

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190 **BREAK: 3:08pm-3:25pm**

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

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194 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to suspend the rules.**  
195 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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197 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to add CA21-148. Motion**  
198 **carries by consensus.**

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200 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

201 **Council**

202 CA21-148, Expansion of the Morek Won Community Center

203 Submitted by: Councilmember Natt

204 ~~**Motion made by Councilmember Natt/\_\_\_\_\_ to authorize the expansion of the Morek**~~  
205 ~~**Won facility into full size Community Center and authorize the use of American Rescue Plan**~~  
206 ~~**Act dollars. Other funds may be used if they are available. Motion dies due to lack of a**~~  
207 ~~**second.**~~

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209 CA21-129, Broadband Building Follow Up

210 Submitted by: Councilmember McCovey

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**Follow up on Broadband building. Site visit done on August 9, 2021. Item tabled.**

CA21-139, Jackie McGowan Candidate for CA Governor  
Submitted by: Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations

**Introduction of Jackie McGowan who is running for Governor of California in the recall of current Governor Gavin Newsom. Election Day is September 14, 2021. Council opt to not schedule a meeting with Jackie McGowan.**

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to endorse Gavin Newsom. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6, no-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.**

**Directive to Office of Tribal Attorney to research candidates and for Public Relations Director to post Yurok Tribe’s support of Governor Newsom on media outlets.**

CA21-144, Annual Membership Planning  
Submitted by: Taralyn Ipina, Council Operations Director

**Discussion on Annual Membership agenda and logistics (October 9, 2021). Discussion only.**

FISH21-061, Airborne LiDAR System  
Submitted by: Barry McCovey Jr.

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the Fisheries Department to submit a grant to the Economic Development Administration under the American Rescue Plan Act Indigenous Communities section to initiate an Airborne LiDAR and Mapping Program. Motion carries by consensus.**

P21-064, Purchase of 10 passenger AWD van  
Submitted by: Melissa Miguelena

**Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Provolt to approve to purchase of a new 10 passenger AWD transit van for replacement from FTA project 11864 in the amount of \$65,718.00 and to approve the authorization to extend the application to 9/30/2022. Motion carries by consensus.**

P21-026, Purchase of six bus shelters  
Submitted by: Patty Ulmer

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the purchase of 6 bus shelters for \$51,507. Funding to come from Project 407.000 and BIA CARES Funding Account #2830. Motion carries by consensus.**

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254 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 4:07pm-5:11pm  
255 CA21-145, Emergency Assistance Request- North District (this matter has been taken care of)  
256 CA21-129, Broadband Building follow up (tabled via McCovey)  
257 Corporation Work Session (Provolt)  
258 COVID Status (Williams)  
259 Northern Union Charter School Letter (Executive Director)


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261 **Action out of Executive Session:**  
262 Directive to Executive Director to proceed in forwarding prepared letter to Northern Union  
263 Charter School.

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

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267 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Ray.

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269 **ADJOURN:** 5:53pm

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271 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **September 9, 2021**

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275 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary** 09/14/21  
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**Date**