

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 2024
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 10:03am

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Maggie Mais, Deputy General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer, Megan Siasosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with additions of OES24-001 Emergency Planning Session. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

May 29th- Chairman will be attending the Opening of Blue Lake
May 29th Elders Summit 10am-4pm
June 1st - Orick District Meeting
June 3rd @1pm - Natural Resource Committee
June 4th - North District Meeting
June 14th-17th - Councilmember McCovey out
Week of June 17th – Chairman Out
July 12th-21st – Chah-pek-w Jump Dance/Councilmember Provolt Out
July 29th - South District Meeting

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:

James Haug – Planning Forester
Evan Smith – Office Tribal Prosecutor Admin Assistant

44 Rachel Fosdick-Tribal Social Worker
45 Anthony Ulmer- Tribal Social Worker
46 Matt Lo – Tribal Court Coordinator
47 Clio Gentry -Tribal Social Worker

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49 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

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51 **Vice Chairman Myers:** Pass

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53 **Councilmember Natt:** Pass

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55 **Councilmember Ray:** Pass

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57 **Councilmember McCovey:** Pass

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59 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass

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61 **Councilmember Provolt:** I wanted to thank Rosie, Cultural Resources, for inviting us to meet
62 with (National State Parks Director Charles “Chuck”) Director Sam’s, who came this last
63 weekend. We were able to show the many projects that we’re doing with National State Parks
64 partners. I really appreciated the opportunity to meet with him. I will be attending the Orick
65 Community Services District meeting this evening. They are looking to partner and develop a
66 strong relationship with the Yurok Tribe. Since they are in our Aboriginal Territory, there’s a lot
67 of opportunity to work together on projects. One project they are seeking as support for a
68 Microgrid system. Hopefully, we can get a letter of support for that this week so that we can
69 have that in time for their grant opportunity. Thank you.

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71 **Councilmember Crawford:** I attended the MMIP walk in Eureka. It was very successful and
72 there were hundreds of people in attendance. Councilmember Williams & Chairman James
73 spoke on behalf of the MMIP. Chairman said this is heavy and it will always be heavy. Back
74 when I was teaching, I would say it starts at the kitchen table, right? The discussions with your
75 children, about caring for each other & being safe, that’s what we did. To maintain the safety of
76 our village, our tribe, our people, etc. Traditionally, we look out for each other. Someone
77 recently shared with me, when I made that statement about starting at the kitchen table, they
78 said Wes, it starts at the womb! That kind of floored me. We need to get back to our olds ways
79 of being balanced. I think that would really help. Protectors of our children, our women, our
80 lands. That’s who we are. I am grateful for the leadership this tribe shows. Thank you.

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82 **Councilmember Williams:** Last week, I went to Santa Rosa and attended California Truth and
83 Healing Council Conference on Decolonizing Wealth. It is a nonprofit that serves California
84 indigenous people, federally recognized and unrecognized tribes. And the idea behind it is to
85 distribute funds to tribes without any strings attached, no reporting requirements and it comes
86 from philanthropy. It's a great program. They supported our MMIP. I've met a lot of

87 different/good people that you know, their hearts are in the work of making their tribes better
88 and noticed every tribe is at different stages in their development. Some are new, some are
89 unrecognized, some might be landless and they're all fighting the same issues we're fighting
90 whether it's water resources, or recognition. Specifically, I was made aware of the mission that
91 was down in Southern California that affects the tribes down there. It was different but the
92 same, their oppression also, I attended the MMIP candlelight vigil in Sacramento the day after
93 that. That was powerful. I spoke about the generational trauma that my family endured, going
94 all the way back to my great, great grandmother. Whose Yurok name was Kay-a-rap, which
95 means she who mourns I don't know the whole story, but that name kind of talks about sorrow
96 and pain, shared about my grandmother's story, telling me about the soldiers that were here,
97 they used to hurt our women and hurt our people.

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99 And so now I'm at an age where I'm starting to realize the impacts of generational trauma on
100 myself and my family. And I also spoke about us acting individually, to stop this trauma from
101 transferring down to our grandchildren and our children. Just to bring awareness to that that's
102 a part of us. And we need to work hard to overcome it. Last Monday, I attended the Natural
103 Resources Committee meeting. We had a quorum again, struggled to get a quorum, but we got
104 a quorum and we're working on our bylaws right now. They haven't been redone since 1993. I
105 just wanted to tell the council that we need all our representatives present so we can pass
106 these bylaws and hopefully when we have this joint meeting on, I think it's the third that we
107 can pass was bylaws on that day.

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109 We also talked about phase two land conveyance. The land is being transferred to the tribe
110 from western rivers. Another issue that was brought up was about timber sales. The Chairman
111 of the Natural Resource Committee is adamant about us getting timber sales going. And one of
112 the things he mentioned was I don't know how accurate this is, but he mentioned that there
113 were past timber harvest plans that our forestry director needs access to that, I don't know the
114 whole history on that. But we need to assist our forestry director to get the tools that she needs
115 so she can get a timber harvest plan together. That's all I have for the day. Thank you.

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117 **Chairman James:** We were in Sacramento last week regarding our MMIP week they're working
118 with Mr. Ramos and his colleagues, Yurok Tribe and other tribal leaders regarding the MMIP
119 and the movement in the work that we're doing on the legislative side, we're pushing for an
120 amendment to the feather alert. We're also pushing for a bill for a peace officer status bill. It
121 would it be the first time that we've disclosed we've got to something to resemble to identify
122 the issue of public art to at how it has a handicap to us. So, this bill is included as a pilot project
123 bill over three years tribes include is the Yurok tribe Blue Lake Rancheria in the Coyote Valley, if
124 passed would be a three-year pilot project given our tribal police peace officer status, and
125 within the state of California.

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127 We also have a foster care bill that we've been working on. We also have a red ribbon bill that
128 we're working on with other legislators that were being supportive. So, it's a lot of work there.

129 While I was also down there with in Sacramento, I met with Assembly Member Gibson, who's in
130 charge of all the ports around the state of California, had a meeting with him and told them our
131 concerns and our opposition to offshore wind told to stay engaged again his job and he's the
132 chair regarding the ports of all California. So, he got our message loud and clear. He
133 understands it. But we're told to stay engaged he told me would that's who we are. So that was
134 the intent of the meeting with him. He wanted to reach out and we followed up with it. I am
135 like a detailed of this week regarding the elder summit that we're going to have Mr. Barnes was
136 that the note apartments are going to be the transportation square provide the flyer out there
137 for our tribal members.

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139 So, looking forward to that update here. Our brothers and sisters from Southern California did a
140 philanthropy donation from the Pachanga Tribe. We did get an invite however we could not
141 attend because we're doing business here at home. So, Taralyn, we can send a thank you to
142 Pachanga regarding the donation for MMIP work that we're doing so I think that would be good
143 to send a thank you on behalf of myself and Council and the Yurok tribe. That's all I have right
144 now.

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146 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

147 Jewel Frank, Weitchpec District

- 148 • I attended MMIP Walk in Eureka. I'm a secondary Victim for MMIP
- 149 • Someone gave me \$20 for gas. I'd like to focus on services for Secondary Victims
- 150 • I hear boats on the river
- 151 • I'd like to mention the abuse of cannabis. Everything I read doesn't include the cannabis
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153 Sarah Lindgren

- 154 • I just got updated about the 7th Generation Fund taking the easement regarding
155 Strawberry Rock
- 156 • We were left out the conservation the past few years
- 157 • I think there's another opportunity for the Yurok Tribe to take the easement

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159 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

160 Legal-Chairman James

161 Fisheries Disaster – Barry McCovey

162 Legal, land - Vice Chairman Myers

163 Personnel - Councilmember Crawford

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165 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

166 **Office of Emergency Services**

167 OES24-001, Planning Session/ EOP Update

168 Submitted by Amos Pole

169 **Planning/Working Session Only. No Action, Discussion only.**

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171 **BREAK: 11:20am-11:36am**

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AGENDA ITEMS:

Executive Office

Office of Self Governance
OSG24-004, Climate Action Plan
Submitted by Megan Siasosi

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/ Councilmember Vanlandingham for Office of Self-Governance to take the lead of the Climate Action Plan, and for all Departments to be responsive to requests. Motion carries by consensus.

Yurok Telecommunications

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CA24-077, Glen Tower Update
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Glen Tower Update. See attached documents. May 8, 2024. Directive to Executive Director to bring it back in 45 days.

LUNCH: 12:11pm-1:17pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS

Natural Resources Division

Wildlife Department
WILD24-006, Comen Cultural Plaque
Submitted by Taina Williams-Claussen
Proposed identified memo for inclusion in signage associated with the False Klamath Cove special closure, to incorporate Yurok acknowledgement.

Directive for OTA to draft a letter, working with THPO and Wildlife addressing pertinent agencies and provide this letter to Rosie THPO for Culture Committee to review. Motion carriers by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Jewel Frank: In our constitution it talks about peace and friendship, it says to avoid hostility. It says to prefer peace, it's probably all alcohol related. We haven't successfully addressed addiction issues for all tribes. If that doesn't get treated. I see people who use that against each other.

Nicole Provolt: Orick District, I would like to see the Tribe come out strong against this issue. I feel like every time we don't come out strong, it says the opposite.

Administration Division

Human Resources Department

215 HR24-010, Personnel Policies Planning Session (2 Hours)
216 Submitted by Daraxa Mattice

Planning Session with Council to review Personnel Policies. First session is set for May 8, 2024, for 2 Hours 10:30AM-12:30PM. Item pulled.

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220 CA24-047, Federal Social Security
221 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

Directives to Executive Director Barnes 1) Draft resolution, ready for April 23, Council Finance Meeting, 2) Council Operations will pull action item(s) and minutes regarding Council raises. Item pulled.

Information Services

227 *Council*
228 CA24-082, Tribal Member Portal for Yurok Website
229 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

IT department to provide and update on the Tribal Member Portal for the Yurok Website. Discussion only, no action.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

234 Jewel Frank: Since I have been attending Council Meetings on-line, one thing I have noticed is
235 that there is no one on here that is 65 and over. So please remember your elders.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:58pm-4:02pm

237 Legal-Chairman James
238 Fisheries Disaster – Barry McCovey
239 Legal, land - Vice Chairman Myers
240 Personnel - Councilmember Crawford

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244 No action out of Executive Session.

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246 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** No update given.

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248 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Executive session.

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

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252 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

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254 **ADJOURN:** 4:04pm

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256 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

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Date