

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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

ABSENT: Lana McCovey, South District - Excused

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Baum, General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Reviewed. No changes.

NEW EMPLOYEES: New court staff introduced.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Council Member Natt: Pass.

Council Member Crawford: East District members are hoping that the Willow Creek site will be opening soon. We look forward to serving tribal members there.

Councilmember Williams: I missed the last meeting as I was attending the Department of Interior Meeting/Workshop in Ashland. Thankful for Tribal staff also attending. We discussed how to improve the Tribes workforce with the upcoming restoration projects. Farmers do not have the expertise to assist with restoration projects once the dams come down and are hoping the Tribe will take the lead. Excited for the upcoming Heavy Equipment training, an instructor has been identified.

Councilmember Ray: I spent last week checking on elders and delivering food to approximately 50 elders. Attended the Yurok Housing Authority meeting where the Steelhead Lodge and

44 Ravenwood were discussed. The Klamath Tsunami trails need to be accessible during these
45 storms. The County has stated that the Tsunami warning sirens are the responsibility of the
46 Tribe to maintain. Attended a meeting with Klamath Community Services District regarding the
47 new tank installation.

48 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

49 **Councilmember Provolt:** Happy New Year to everyone. I would like to thank the Tribal staff
50 and Council for all the emergency assistance provided to the Orick District and others. Also, I
51 would like to thank you to the Orick Chamber of Commerce and Orick Community Center for
52 their assistance in coordinating emergency food distribution with Food for People and
53 Humboldt Made. Community members are encouraged to reach out for any help they may
54 need.

55 **Vice Chairman Myers:** I would like to suggest that a State of Emergency Declaration may be
56 needed for the local community/reservation due to all the flooding and other weather issues so
57 that funding can be requested. Bureau of Reclamation may be decreasing the minimum flows,
58 the Council needs to discuss this potential soon. Hats off to employees working during the bad
59 weather we are experiencing.

60 **Chairman James:** I would like the Tribal members to know that the Tribe is doing everything
61 possible to assist them with emergencies. Thank you to the Tribal staff and Corporations for
62 their commitment to assisting the membership. Thank you to the Tribal Council for the hard
63 work they do and their commitment. Appreciates all the Tribal Council Members who served
64 before us.

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66 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

67 Legal

68 Personal (Ray)

69 Corporations (Williams)

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71 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

72 Nicole Provolt, Orick District. I wanted to let you know we appreciate all your hard work.

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74 Celinda Gonzales, Weitchpec District. I want to know why the tribal police officer was taken
75 from Weitchpec office and placed in Klamath. We provided housing for the officer so we can
76 have one stationed here. Now we have to rely on the county to respond and they take too long
77 to get here.

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79 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

80 **Benefits**

81 B22-015, All Lines Aggregate Planning Session 10:30-12pm

82 Submitted by Rachel Powell

83 **Discussion on ALA Plan Update. No action.**

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86 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

87 Lance Tyke Robbins: I have a family (legal) matter. Council will listen to concerns in Executive
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90 **LUNCH:** 11:45am-12:45pm

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92 **AGENDA:**

93 **Council**

94 CA22-273, Status Update: Turkey Prize Shoot Fundraiser

95 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

96 **Directive to Health & Human Services Department to plan and coordinate an Annual Turkey
97 Prize Shoot Fundraiser for Pecwan Community. Delegated to Recreation Coordinator, to
98 come back to Council January 11, 2023. Discussion only, no action.**

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100 CA23-005, Status Update: Klamath Glen Tower

101 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

102 **Action/Discussion for Telecommunication Board to provide a written update to the
103 Community regarding the Klamath Glen Tower. Discussion only, no action.**

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105 CA23-007, Construction Corporation Bylaws & HR Policies

106 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

107 **Action/Discussion regarding Construction Corporations By-Laws and Human Resources
108 Policies. Discussion only, no action.**

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110 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

111 James Dunlap:

- 112 • Council should develop these corporations into good business with unilateral principles
113 and bylaws.
- 114 • There seems to be a bias against our own Tribal Members being able to work within
115 these corporations.
- 116 • Is there a sunset clause that can be implemented, because we don't believe our Tribal
117 Members are able to run these businesses?

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119 Jim McQuillen:

- 120 • Corporations are operations where there is the "Cart before the Horse" by not having
121 established Bylaws and policies.
- 122 • Looking forward to the Annual Corporations Meeting on January 21, 2023.
- 123 • Hoping for an update on the theft that occurred with one of the corporations.
124 Note: Chairman James explained confidentially of this matter.

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126 Nicole Provolt:

- 127 • Managing companies is different than managing people. Both are equally important.
- 128 • As a manager you have to be able to have difficult conversations and guide employees.
- 129 • In my experience, managers don't give timely evaluations and they don't communicate
130 well with their staff.

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132 CA23-008, License & Registration on the Yurok Reservation
133 Submitted by Councilmember Ray
134 Action/Discussion regarding the Vehicle License and Registration on the Yurok Reservation.

135 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to take the Vehicle**
136 **License and Registration Ordinance back out to public (comment) hearings. Motion carries by**
137 **consensus.**

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139 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

140 Allyson McCovey:

- 141 • I hope that when we look at the Vehicle License and Registration Ordinance that we
142 continue to encourage good laws; ie. Utilizing car seats, etc.

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144 James Dunlap:

- 145 • Why aren't in the same category that supply our own driver's license like the other 8
146 tribes that do it?
- 147 • I know we have commercial vehicle drivers upriver that would love that and benefit
148 from it. It's a money saver for Tribal Members. It's about giving money to the State of
149 California and we should not be doing that.

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151 Jim McQuillen:

- 152 • The Tribe could offer Driver Training. The School district doesn't do it anymore.
- 153 • I've been pulled over too, held at gun point, and I don't want to create a hostile
154 situation; and we need to stop harassment by CHP.

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156 Mason Van Mechelen:

- 157 • It's really cool to see that our Council deal with the same issues that I do. I was pulled
158 over and the first question was how much I have had to drink. After he was done with
159 that initial contact, then we just talked, and he explained that in his experience there
160 are a lot of drunks "down here."
- 161 • Yakima has their own DMV and license plate and it says Yakima Nation. Since I saw that,
162 I have wanted that for us.
- 163 • I just paid \$700 to get my truck registration done. That's a huge hit, especially after
164 Christmas.

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166 **BREAK: 1:57pm - 2:05pm**

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168 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:10pm -4:55**

169 Legal (L. Robbins/Chair)

170 Legal (BIA Road)

171 Legal (Insurance)

172 Litigation Update (A. Cordalis)

173 Personal (Ray)

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175 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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177 4:50pm Councilmember Vanlandingham leaves Council Meeting (excused).

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179 CA23-009, Status Update: Klamath Head Start Expansion

180 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

181 Jim McQuillen and Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz present for agenda item

182 To have Education provide an update on the Klamath Head Start Expansion.

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Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to have the Education Department work with the Planning Department on the expansion of the Yurok Klamath Head Start regarding cost of engineering, site plans, etc. Motion carries by consensus.

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Waitlist for Sites

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- Klamath= 13

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- South= 15

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Klamath expansion estimated costs (rough numbers)

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- Building costs- \$700,000.00 to \$1.2 million

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- Staff cost-\$399,272.28 (wage/benefits)

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- Operating costs (utilities, food, supplies)- \$150,000 yearly

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196 CA23-010, Promise Neighborhood Grant

197 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

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Action/Discussion regarding the Promise Neighborhood Grant Spending Plan. Item pulled. Discussed with CA23-009.

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TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

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Georgiana Gensaw:

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- As a Tribal Member with a family with 5 students within the Del Norte School district, two at Margaret Keating, two at Del Norte High School and one at College of the Redwoods in Crescent City. Our most vulnerable population (Yurok youth) are losing out, because our two largest, most well-funded programs have huge carryovers; TANF and Promised Neighborhoods.

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- Those two programs directly impact our kids, our families, and yet there is unspent funds. I would hope that Council would find that as unacceptable as I do.

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- Our kids are suffering, we've had a very rough school year, now with Last Chance acting up, it's made it worst.

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- Yesterday our Margaret Keating kids had to wait over an hour for their bus to pick them up because of the issue at Last Chance.

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- We know there was money allocated for at least two buses in the Promised Neighborhood Grant, where is the urgency to get those buses? And have those buses on this side of Last Chance so kids can get home.

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218 CA23-016, Klamath Water Tank

219 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

220 **Action/Discussion on the Yurok Tribal Commitment of \$231k to the Klamath Water Tank and**
221 **potential funding source of the Yurok Tribal Contingency Fund. More information is**
222 **requested. Item tabled.**

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224 CA22-263, Council Delegate and Liaison List Updates
225 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina, Chief Operations Officer
226 Tribal Council to review and update the Tribal Council Delegate and Liaison list for 2022/2023.

227 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve the Tribal Council**
228 **Delegate and Liaison list for 2022/2023 as presented today (attached). Motion carries by**
229 **consensus.**

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231 CA23-001, Marine Department
232 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

233 **Provide status update per Council Action Item CA22-227 whereas Natural Resources Division**
234 **will develop a Marine/Ocean Department and seek funding. Item moved to Council Retreat.**
235 **Discussion only, no action.**

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237 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**
238 YIHA23-002, January Monthly Report
239 Submitted by Nicole Sager

240 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve the monthly report for**
241 **the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as submitted by Nicole Sager, Executive Director. Motion**
242 **carries by consensus.**

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244 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to suspend the rules**
245 **and add CARB23-002 Cougar Environmental, Inc. and FIN23-007 Transfer of \$7 Million.**
246 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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248 **Carbon Program**
249 CARB23-002, Cougar Environmental, Inc Contract
250 Submitted by Javier Kinney

251 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve the contract and**
252 **contract amendment with Cougar Environmental, Inc. regarding the technical inventory**
253 **services for the Phase 1 Carbon Project. Motion carries by consensus.**

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255 **Finance Department**
256 FIN23-007, Transfer \$7 Million
257 Submitted by Michael Maranger

258 **Motion made by Vice Chairman/Councilmember Williams to approve the transfer of**
259 **\$7,000,000 from the Morgan Stanley Wellness Center Account to the Umpqua Bank**
260 **Operating Account (xxxxx5158). Funds to be returned to the Morgan Stanley Wellness Center**
261 **Account when available by the Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.**

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

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266 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

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268 **ADJOURN:** 5:48pm

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270 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

February 9. 2023

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

02/13/23

Date