ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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

ABSENT: Joe James, Chairman (travel), Lana McCovey, South District (sick).

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Baum, Office of Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve agenda with additions CARB22-001, FISH22-024, NR22-001. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS: No additions.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S): None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Hodge: Good morning, Staff, Council, and Tribal Members. I’m just wanting to be sure and let everyone know that we are working very hard to get the remodel done at the Willow Creek building that we purchased, and wanted to share that we’re doing everything we can to get this open as soon possible. I also want to encourage everyone in Humboldt County to register and vote, and get behind Steve Madrone, a candidate for the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors. Thank you.

Councilmember Williams: Good Morning. I just wanted to remind the members of the 5th District to vote. We have a chance to let our voice to be heard. So I just want to encourage people to vote. Thank you.

Councilmember McCovey: Not present.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass
Councilmember Ray: I want to let the community know I will be attending the Del Norte Board of Supervisors Meeting on the 26th, where the Board of Supervisors will be considering agenda item to transfer Hunter Creek Park to the Yurok Tribe. If you know anyone who would like to come and support that effort, you are more than welcomed to attend with me. Thank you.

Councilmember Natt: Pass.

Councilmember Provolt: Pass.

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT
Jessica Allen - Hi, this is Jessica Allen. I would like to get some help. I inherited my grandma’s land assignment and I haven’t been able to transfer it into my name. The Realty Department says there a moratorium on land assignments. It has been about 3 years since my grandmother passed away, so I’m hoping I can get some help in getting some direction to get that process going. The urgency is that I would like to get fire insurance on the home because there has been a couple of scary fires next to us at the New Village.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Property issue – Councilmember Hodge
Update on exclusion – Councilmember Vanlandingham
Update on issues brought to council about abduction – Don Barnes

CONSENT ITEMS:
Natural Resources
FOR22-006, Retroactive Approval to Submit BIA Grant to States
Submitted by Dawn Blake
Pulled out of consent, discussed in regular session.

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to request retroactive approval for Yurok Forestry to submit a proposal in the amount of $1,366,668 to the 2022 BIA, Grants to States and Tribes for Voluntary Restoration funding program to support the Ploxow Prairie Restoration Project. BIA allows full indirect, and no match required for this grant project. Motion carries by consensus.

Prosecutor
PRO22-002, DOJ Consultation on MMIP
Submitted by Rosemary Deck

Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively approve Chairman to sign letter submitting comments to the Deputy Attorney General’s Steering Committee on Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Yurok Indian Housing Authority
YIHA22-008, Monthly Report
Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve monthly report for the Yurok Indian Housing Authority, submitted by the Executive Director, Nicole Sager. Motion carries by consensus.

YIHA22-005, Uncollectable Tenant and Homebuyer Accounts Write Off
Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Uncollectable Tenant and Homebuyer Account Write Off Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners on February 8, 2022. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

YIHA22-006, Edited Occupancy Policy
Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the edited Occupancy Policy as approved by the Board of Commissioners on March 8, 2022. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

YIHA22-007, Refinance Title VI Loans with Tri Counties Bank
Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to approve the refinance of the Yurok Indian Housing Authority’s Title VI Loans with Tri Counties Bank by Resolution #22-37 with edits, and for Chairman to sign and the Secretary to attest, granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Tri Counties Bank. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

Human Resources

HR22-011, Job Descriptions for Technicians and Geospatial Analyst
Submitted by Rose Sylvia

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to approve job descriptions for Surveying-Mapping Technicians I-III and Geospatial Analyst Surveyor I-III. Motion carries by consensus.

HR22-012, Job Descriptions IVE Placement/Licensing
Submitted by Rose Sylvia

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve job description for IV-E Placement/Licensing Worker. Motion carries by consensus.
HR22-013, Job Description for Housing Program Coordinator and CHOW
Submitted by Rose Sylvia

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve job description for CHOW (Community Health Outreach Worker) and ICWA Housing Program Coordinator.
Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division
Natural Resources
NR22-002, Approval for EcoPartners Contract Amendment
Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

Motion to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the EcoPartners Contract in the amount of $111,580. Item Pulled.

CARB22-001, Approval of EcoPartners Contract
Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

Motion to approve and sign a contract with EcoPartners, LLC to provide Carbon Project Technical Services in the amount of $359,180 and to approve and sign the supporting Resolution #22-045 with edits, a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of EcoPartner, LLC. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

NR22-003, Approval of Ruby Canyon Environmental Contract
Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve, and authorize Chairman to sign the Ruby Canyon Environmental Contract not to exceed $67,500.00. See attached memo. Motion carries by consensus.

NR22-001, Approval of California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC
Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

Motion by Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve and authorize Chairman to sign the amendment for the California Strategies & Advocacy Contract, not to exceed $109,080. See attached memo. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.
LUNCH: 1:15pm-1:45
TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.
AGENDA ITEMS:
Energy “Oohl” Division
Education
EDU22-014, San Manuel Tribe’s Giving Pillars Funding  
Submitted by Victoria Carlson  
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the Yurok Language Program to apply for the Giving Pillars grant. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU22-015, Career-Job Fair on June 3, 2022  
Submitted by Jim McQuillen  
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge for Council to direct all Yurok Departments, Programs, and Tribal Corporations to participate in the Career-Job Fair planned for June 3, 2022 at the main Tribal Offices from 9:00am-2:00pm. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries  
FISH22-024, Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Hornbrook Property  
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.  
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve TANF State MOU 22-6017 effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign MOU. Motion carries by consensus.

Health & Human Services  
YHHS22-020, TANF MOU  
Submitted by Rhiannon McCovey  
Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to approve the attached Resolution #22-041 regarding a limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Sharon Rettmann in relation to the purchase of property in Hornbrook, CA. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

Tribal Court  
TC22-014, Approve Contract with Jennifer Walter  
Submitted by Angi Cavaliere  
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve contract with Ms. Jennifer Walter as a consultant to design the Victims of Crime Strategic Plan, not to exceed $51,000, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.

TC22-010, Yurok MMIP Awareness Day  
Submitted by Angi Cavaliere and Kendall Allen  
Motion to approve Resolution #22-025 and formally adopt May 5th and every May 5th thereafter, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day within the Yurok Tribal Community. Item Pulled.

TC22-012, Justice Center Phase III ARP Request  
Submitted by Jessica Carter

April 21, 2022 Council Action Meeting
Motion to approve the Tribal Court’s request for American Rescue Plan Act funding for the costs to complete the Yurok Justice Center Phase III Construction Project in the amount of $791,164. Discussion item, no action.

Executive Branch
Office of Tribal Attorney
OTA22-026, Hemp Ordinance Amendments
Submitted by Dawn Baum

Motion to approve emergency Hemp Ordinance Amendments for submission to the USDA, authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest, and direct OTA to take proposed changes out to membership for public comment. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.

Council
CA22-093, Action and Directive Reporting
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Directive was provided to Executive Director to create a log of past action and directives to review with Council as discussed at Council retreat on March 3-4th, 2022. This request is to have COO and Executive Director produce such report. Item Pulled.

CA22-106, Council Meeting Minutes – February 2022
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt


TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Victoria Carlson, Requa – I want to let Council know that Margaret Keating Elementary School only goes to sixth grade and more families are taking their children to Big Lagoon and Trinidad School, which is a K-8 school. Can we provide transportation for these students? Discussion held on looking at creating our own school district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:45pm - 4:45pm
Property issue – Councilmember Hodge
Update on exclusion – Councilmember Vanlandingham
Update on issues brought to Council about abduction – Don Barnes

No action out of Executive Session.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

ADJOURN: 4:47pm
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:  
June 9, 2022  

Signature:  
June 13, 2022  
Date  

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary