

**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING  
THURDAY, APRIL 21, 2022  
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

**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 5<sup>th</sup> 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

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

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51 Councilmember Natt: Pass.

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53 Councilmember Provolt: Pass.

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55 Vice Chairman Myers: Pass.

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57 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT**

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

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65 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

66 Property issue – Councilmember Hodge

67 Update on exclusion – Councilmember Vanlandingham

68 Update on issues brought to council about abduction – Don Barnes

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70 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

71 **Natural Resources**

72 FOR22-006, Retroactive Approval to Submit BIA Grant to States

73 Submitted by Dawn Blake

74 Pulled out of consent, discussed in regular session.

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**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.**

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81 **Prosecutor**

82 PRO22-002, DOJ Consultation on MMIP

83 Submitted by Rosemary Deck

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**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.**

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88 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

89 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**

90 YIHA22-008, Monthly Report

91 Submitted by Nicole Sager

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

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

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

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105 YIHA22-006, Edited Occupancy Policy  
106 Submitted by Nicole Sager

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

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

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

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123 **Administrations Division**  
124 **Human Resources**

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

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

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

133 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve job description for IV-E**  
134 **Placement/Licensing Worker. Motion carries by consensus.**

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136 HR22-013, Job Description for Housing Program Coordinator and CHOW  
137 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.**

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142 **Natural Resources Division**  
143 **Natural Resources**  
144 NR22-002, Approval for EcoPartners Contract Amendment  
145 Submitted by Javier I. Kinney

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

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149 CARB22-001, Approval of EcoPartners Contract  
150 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.**

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159 NR22-003, Approval of Ruby Canyon Environmental Contract  
160 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.**

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165 NR22-001, Approval of California Strategies & Advocacy, LLC  
166 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.**

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

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173 **LUNCH:** 1:15pm-1:45

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

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177 **AGENDA ITEMS:**  
178 **Ner-gery "Oohl" Division**  
179 **Education**

180 EDU22-014, San Manuel Tribe's Giving Pillars Funding  
181 Submitted by Victoria Carlson

182 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the Yurok**  
183 **Language Program to apply for the Giving Pillars grant. Motion carries by consensus.**

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185 EDU22-015, Career-Job Fair on June 3, 2022  
186 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

187 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge for Council to direct all**  
188 **Yurok Departments, Programs, and Tribal Corporations to participate in the Career-Job Fair**  
189 **planned for June 3, 2022 at the main Tribal Offices from 9:00am-2:00pm. Motion carries by**  
190 **consensus.**

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192 **Fisheries**  
193 FISH22-024, Waiver of Sovereign Immunity Hornbrook Property  
194 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

195 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve TANF State**  
196 **MOU 22-6017 effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025 and authorize Chairman to sign**  
197 **MOU. Motion carries by consensus.**

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199 **Health & Human Services**  
200 YHHS22-020, TANF MOU  
201 Submitted by Rhiannon McCovey

202 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to approve the attached**  
203 **Resolution #22-041 regarding a limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Sharon**  
204 **Rettmann in relation to the purchase of property in Hornbrook, CA. Roll call: Vice Chairman**  
205 **Myers-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-Yes, Councilmember Ray-Yes, Councilmember**  
206 **Vanlandingham-Yes, Councilmember Provolt-Yes, Councilmember Natt-Yes, Councilmember**  
207 **Williams-Yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, No-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.**

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209 **Tribal Court**  
210 TC22-014, Approve Contract with Jennifer Walter  
211 Submitted by Angi Cavaliere

212 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/ Councilmember Williams to approve contract**  
213 **with Ms. Jennifer Walter as a consultant to design the Victims of Crime Strategic Plan, not to**  
214 **exceed \$51,000, and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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216 TC22-010, Yurok MMIP Awareness Day  
217 Submitted by Angi Cavaliere and Kendall Allen

218 **~~Motion to approve Resolution #22-025 and formally adopt May 5th and every May 5th~~**  
219 **thereafter, as Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) Awareness Day within the**  
220 **Yurok Tribal Community. Item Pulled.**

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

224 **Motion to approve the Tribal Court’s request for American Rescue Plan Act funding for the**  
225 **costs to complete the Yurok Justice Center Phase III Construction Project in the amount of**  
226 **\$791,164. Discussion item, no action.**

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228 **Executive Branch**  
229 **Office of Tribal Attorney**  
230 OTA22-026, Hemp Ordinance Amendments  
231 Submitted by Dawn Baum

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

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239 **Council**  
240 CA22-093, Action and Directive Reporting  
241 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

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

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

248 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve meeting minutes**  
249 **of February 22, 2022 Gaming Meeting, February 22, 2022 Finance Meeting, February 23, 2022**  
250 **Planning Meeting, and February 24, 2022 Council Action Meeting, with edits. Minutes**  
251 **attached. Motion carries by consensus.**

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

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


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264 No action out of Executive Session.

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

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268 **ADJOURN:** 4:47pm

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**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

  
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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

**June 9, 2022**

June 13, 2022

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**Date**