ROLL CALL: 10:02am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Wes Crawford, East District (arrives at 10:24); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Phillip Williams, North District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District

ABSENT: Lana McCovey, South District (out sick)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Maggie Mais, Office of Tribal Attorney; Megan Siaosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with additions of FISH23-104 Funding for Clear Creek, YHHS23-045 Allcove Model Program Grant, YHHS23-049 Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention, and YHHS24-001 SAMHSA Year 4. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR
January 26, 2024, 5-6pm Pecwan District Meeting at Wautec Firehouse
February 3, 2024, North District Meeting
February 19, 2024, President’s Day Offices Closed

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES:
None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Natt: Pass.
Councilmember Provolt: Good morning, Tribal Citizens, and Council members. There’s so much that we’ve been successful in 2023 and I’m just wanting to thank the Council for our continued work and setting some priorities for 2024. A couple of things that have been on my mind is the
increase in PG&E bills. It's going to go up again another 18%. That's just in PG&E. I'm not sure about Pacific Power in Del Norte. I want our Tribal citizens to know that we're working hard to have solar energy and alternative energies for Tribal members so that those costs are reduced. It's just increased costs on energy systems and the Tribe is working on utility programs and various other systems so that we can control those costs for our Tribal citizens.

The other thing I wanted to bring forward is that elections are happening this year. There's a lot of important issues on the ballots. One of them locally is called Measure A. And it has to do with Humboldt Cannabis Reform Initiative. I'd like the Council to think about taking a position on that. I know Hoopa Valley just recently took a position on behalf of it because it's promoting environmentally responsible cultivation practices. And so, we should dive into that a little bit and think about what our position is on that measure. We will be talking about various Judges and other positions across the County and State of whom we're going to support because we want those candidates to support Native people, Native initiative, environmental issues and to support us as a sovereign nation. Thank you again for being here. Thank you for being online. Thank you, citizens, for attending. I appreciate the work the Council's doing.

Councilmember Ray: I've been getting a lot of calls, and a lot of the community is ready to go into the gym and put it to use. I've been asking for a while now for staff to figure out that process. I'd like to have Don schedule a meeting with maybe Dean and some other folks that you see appropriate for Friday at 2:30 to really dive into how to make this happen. I think we've got a temporary water source laid out and it's time to do a soft opening. I don't think we open the doors completely with staff and all that, but I think we do a soft opening. Whether that's one staff in there from 8 to 5, that way it gives the people opportunity to use the gym and those types of things during those times. And we can figure out a way to get it open after hours a couple of days a week. Again, I'd like to get some folks together this Friday at 2:30pm to really dive into that conversation to get those doors opened for the community to start using it. That's all I got.

Councilmember Crawford: Not present.

Councilmember Williams: Just a couple things this morning. I just wanted to talk about the importance of getting out and voting this year. You know, the last election that we just went through, there was less than 25 percent of my district that voted. And I understand that some people feel like maybe their input doesn't matter, but I wanted to make the statement today, going on the record, that your vote matters. Not only at the tribal level, but it also matters at the county and state level. You have a voice and I feel like those people that suffered to get this right to vote for us, we need to honor that. So, if you vote, you can change the course of your government. If more people voted, maybe the outcome of my election would have been different.
I'm not telling people who to vote for, but just vote. Exercise your right to vote because people suffered for that right. The second thing I want to talk about was the upcoming looming government shutdown. I've been getting a lot of interest in how that's going, where we are. I don't know where we are. I don't think the government knows where we are, but I think we need to prepare. I think Don, you probably already have. I've just been getting calls, and you wonder how that's going to impact the community. So, thank you.

Councilmember McCovey: Not present.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Happy New Year!

Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

Chairman James: I just want to say good morning, everybody, our Council, staff, and our tribal members listening. I do concur with you, Council Member Provolt, about the energy issues. I'm looking forward to working with my peers about how we can help our tribal members, elders, and citizens regarding energy. Those things matter because it's going to impact them greatly when someone's living on a fixed income and corporate America, as PG&E is just worried about the dollar. We're all up here to serve. So, looking forward to digging in of what we can do to help our citizens across the board on and off the reservation. And I am looking forward to a discussion on setting priorities to help our members. I'm looking forward to that. Thank you.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Mae Butts:

- I know you guys didn't just discuss anything about the elders or the disabled. How is someone put on a list to be seen? I called and they said, oh, if they have a car, we don't go see them. I have a car. I have no gas in the car. I know I'm not the only one out here feeling like I'm alone. There's a lot of elders out here that nobody goes and sees the food bank called, the transit calls and says, you want to go shopping. I don't have the money. I said, well, I need propane. I got a thing of water. That was it. Is that what we're doing for our elders? We need to stop and look and say, hey, our elders are important.

- When the Solar Panels came out. I called and said “Hey, can I get Solar Panels?” Oh, no. You live in Klamath. But my power bill's the same. When I was living up in the mountains, nobody came up there. Soon you will be elders. Soon you will be looking for someone to come and say, hey, are you okay?

- None of the elders were able to come to the Christmas party (Winter Celebrations) because we didn't have a van to go get them. They might have family there, but do their family even go see them? Does their family even care if they're alive? If any of you have any elders that need to be seen, please, let me know. Give me their names. Our elders are important to us. Thank you.
10:24am - Councilmember Crawford enters the meeting.

RATIFICATION OF POLL VOTE:

Natural Resources Division
Fisheries Department
FISH23-103, Klamath Basin Restoration and Co-Management MOU
Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retro approve a poll vote taken on December 22, 2023, to authorize the Yurok Tribe to enter into the attached memorandum of understanding with Klamath Basin Stakeholders regarding co-management with restoration of Klamath Basin resources. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Natural Resources Division
Wildlife Department
WILD24-01, Climate Resilience Regional Challenge
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen, Wildlife Department Director

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to set a planning date of January 24, 2024, for a $50 million request to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inflation Reduction act fund, the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge to support establishment a Traditional Land Stewardship Department, further development of a Marine Department, and land acquisition. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S): None provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal
CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings
CA23-309, Bluff Creek Management
Personnel (CFO)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division
Fisheries Department
FISH24-002, Fisheries Funding Submission January 2024
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the Fisheries Department to submit funding requests identified in attached documentation for high priority restoration projects. Motion carries by consensus.

Community Development Division
Planning Department
P23-069, Urgent Drinking Water Needs Grant
Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to retroactively authorize the Planning Department to submit an application to the California Waterboards Urgent Drinking Water Needs Grant Program to cover the budget shortfall on the Klamath Tank project and authorize the Chairperson to sign all necessary grant documents. Motion carries by consensus.

Council
CA24-007, December 13, 2023, Council Meeting minutes
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve edits and corrections Council Meeting minutes for December 13, 2023, Council Planning/Action Meeting. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Administration Division
Human Resources Department
HR23-27, New Job Descriptions and Revisions
Submitted by Daraxa Mattice

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Tribal Child Welfare & Behavioral Health departments new and revised job descriptions as well as updated organization chart for the following: Housing Services Manager, Benefits Advocate, with revisions to ICWA Manager, Social Services Aide, and Wraparound Facilitator. Motion carries by consensus.

Note: Council requested to have the organization chart provided when submitting action items for Job Descriptions.

Health & Human Services Division
Education Department/Language Program
EDU23-011, Yurok Language Updates
Submitted by Victoria Carlson, Yurok Language Program Manager

The Yurok Language Program would like to request time with the Council to discuss Yurok Language updates, and planning for funding. Set for January 24, 2024.

Client Services Department
YHHS24-03, FY24 State TANF Budget Modification
Submitted by Madison Green

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve Fiscal Year 2024 State TANF Budget Modification, Project #369-6. Motion carries by consensus.
Natural Resources Division
Carbon Program
CARB24-001, 2024 World Economic Forum
Submitted by Javier Kinney

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve, and authorize Javier I. Kinney, Carbon Project Manager, as a Yurok Delegate to participate in the premiere Davos World Economic Forum, Switzerland Open Forum, and side events January 14-21, 2024, to be held in Davos, Switzerland to highlight Yurok Carbon Projects, Nation Building Economic Initiatives, secure funding, preparations for COP29. (Please see attached).

Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-4, No-3, Abstain-0, Not present-1. Motion carries.

BREAK: 11:08am-11:25am

AGENDA ITEMS:
Fisheries Department
FISH24-001, Budget Modification
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Fisheries Department to modify Budget Code #7205 as described in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:
Health & Human Services Division
Tribal Child Welfare Behavioral Health Department
YHHS24-001, SAMHSA Year 4 Funds
Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve SAMHSA Year 4 budget in the amount of $677,550. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS23-049, Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention
Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw Hostler

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve acceptance of California Behavioral Health Recruitment and Retention Grant in the amount of $250,000. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS23-045, Allcove Model Program
Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw Hostler

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize submittal of a grant proposal in the amount of $2,000,000 to the California Youth Behavioral
Health initiative to support the development and implementation of a Yurok Allcove model Program for youth support and services. The grant deadline is September 18. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:  
Jewel Frank: I just wanted to say good work.

Planning & Community Development Division  
Transportation Department  
T24-003, Humboldt County Association of Governments  
Submitted by Grant Klopmeyer

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve a strategic partnership grant application with Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) and Humboldt Transit Authority (HTA) as a Co-Applicant for the FY24 Caltrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Program (STPGP). Authorize Chairman to sign all documents. Motion carries by consensus.

Council  
CA23-273, District Committee & Board Members  
Submitted by Taralyn Ipina, Chief Operations Officer

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Ray to Pursuant to the Constitutional authority of the Chairperson, Chairman James appoints Requa, Weitchpec, and North District Committee and Board Members with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council with edits as discussed today. Motion carries by consensus.

LUNCH: 12:00pm -1:02pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:  
Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to suspend the rules and add FISH24-003. Motion carries by consensus.

FISH24-003, Funding for Clear Creek  
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the Fisheries Department to accept funding and enter into an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for restoration activities on Clear Creek, and to approve Resolution #24-002 granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of California Department of Fish and Wildlife. The awards total $1,725,211, full indirect is allowable, and there is no cost match requirement. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember
Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes 7, no-0, abstain-0, not present-1. Motion carries.

CA23-280, Job Description for Executive Director of Wellness Center
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Status Update RE: to have staff develop a new job description for an Executive Director for the Wellness Village. Item tabled.

CA23-297, Legal Opinion on Executive Session
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford
Status Update RE: Directive to General Counsel to provide the Tribal Council with a legal opinion on when a Councilmember can be excluded from executive session. Item tabled to March 2024.

CA23-301, Endorsement of Candidate
Submitted by Chairman James
Motion to endorse Adam Schiff for California State Senator seat (formally Senator Feinstein’s seat.) Item pulled.

Directive to have OSG Office research Humboldt County’s Measure A.

CA23-306, RWE Communications Plan
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers
Discussion/Action on RWE Native American Tribes Communication Plan. Item pulled.
Directive to Staff to submit a letter informing RWE of our displeasure with their process.

CA23-324, Status of Policies/Council Ethics Ordinance
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Status Update RE: Staff to provide an update to the Council on the status of the Personnel Policies and Council Ethics Ordinance. Discussion only, no action.

CA23-329, Requa Resort-sewer
Submitted by Councilmember Ray
Status Update RE: Action/discussion regarding sewer/septic issues at Regua Resort. Updated provided. Discussion only, no action.

CA24-331, Recreation Committee
Submitted by Councilmember Ray
Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Ray to have staff work towards setting up a non-profit Recreation Committee and a Board. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-001, Waive Indirect for Donations

January 9, 2024, Council Planning & Action Meeting
Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to authorize waiving of indirect for Project # set up for Council Operations donations for Council directed events. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-002, COP28 Report to Council
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Request staff to provide a written/verbal report to Council on Conference travel to COP28. Report out given by Javier Kinney. Discussion only, no action.

CA24-004, Klamath Drainage District
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers
Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Yurok Tribe and Klamath Drainage District. Motion carries by consensus.

CA24-005, Wautec Cemetery Repairs
Submitted by Councilmember Natt
To approve funding from the Community Donation and Cemetery funds to repair fence at Wautec due to the recent storm damages. Discussion to include Culture Department Director and TERO to help with installation. Directive to THPO and TERO to coordinate a plan and budget.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Richard Myers II: Wautec Cemetery is starting to get filled up. We’ll need to make more room soon. I mean it’s not filled up yet, but it’s getting close. So, we need to look at that.

CA24-006, Traffic Citation & Revenue Sharing
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham
Discussion/action on Council’s interest in reviewing their agreement and how the Tribe could apply this to Yurok. Item tabled.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:09pm -4:05pm
CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal
CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings
CA23-309, Bluff Creek Management

Action out of Executive Session:
CA23-310, Parcel B Skeleton Proposal
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers
Discussion on Parcel B Skelton proposal. Item pulled.
CA24-003, Party Status-RREN Proceedings
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve and authorize filing of a motion for party status and comment to California Public Utility Commission proceeding A2202005 with OTA edits. Approval to participate in ex-parte meeting(s) with CPUC Commissioners. Motion carries by consensus.

Council
CA23-309, Bluff Creek Resort Management
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Discussion in Executive Session of transfer management of Bluff Creek Resort from the Yurok Economic Development Corporation (YEDC) to the Yurok Indian Housing Authority (YIHA) contingent on YEDC and YIHA Board approvals. Discussion only, no action.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

LITIGATION UPDATE: Amy Cordalis has several items for litigation update.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jewel Frank: I want to make a tribal member comment, that it’s nearly impossible to participate. It would be great to have a meeting on a Saturday just like once or twice a year. It can also be a way to get more tribal members involved. I’ve been waiting for Weitchpec District meeting, and I have been waiting for a postcard. I wish you all a happy new year.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

ADJOURN: 4:13pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: January 25, 2024

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

01/28/24

Date