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YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
FINANCE MEETING
Tuesday, October 24, 2023
Klamath Tribal Office
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>

ROLL CALL: 1:30pm

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (10:09); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District.

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve the agenda. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

November 15-North District Meeting 6pm-8pm
November 18-Orick District Meeting 11am-1:30pm

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams: I am just excited to be here. I am looking forward to the next 3 years. The North is a little disconnected, one of my goals will be to help more community events and meetings.

Councilmember Crawford: I was told goodbye last Thursday and was not able to attend, and I am submitting an agenda item about that.

Councilmember Natt: I had my District meeting, and Planning came and did a presentation about wind energy. It went well. We are excited about the upcoming projects.

Councilmember McCovey – Congratulations to the re-elected Councilmembers. We had a great Halloween Carnival at the Arcata Community Center. It was well attended.

42 **Councilmember Ray** – I am looking to open Aawok Ada Charles OES Building. I need a staffing
43 plan for the middle of next month to help with space allocation. Requa District elders need
44 firewood. It is getting cold. Is there a plan for that? If not let me know?

45 **Councilmember Vanlandingham** – I am excited to be here for 3 more (years).

46 **Councilmember Provolt** – Good afternoon, thank you to those who came this morning and
47 celebrated our Council Members on their re-election. I want to thank those who attended
48 online and in person. I want to thank the Corporations on their recent presentations and
49 reporting. We look forward to growth in this next year. I will just reiterate the need for
50 Ner Er Ner elders, Requa, Tsuari, O'Rekw, they all need firewood this time of year.

51 **Vice Chairman Myers:** I love this time of year; I love days like today. We always say we want to
52 hear from people. The people voted, the ballots were counted and now after working with
53 Councilmember Ray, Williams, and Vanlandingham. I agree with the way they voted. It's an
54 honorable task they have laid upon themselves. To step up and listen and be here today, it's an
55 important day. To celebrate our democratic process. Thinking about what Councilmember Natt
56 said about her district meeting, there are lots of big things coming up.

57 **Chairman James.** Congratulations Councilmember Ray! Congratulations Councilmember
58 Williams and Councilmember Vanlandingham! I did meet with Resighini Chairperson Fawn
59 Murphy and can provide an update to the Council. I also attended CIGNA meeting.

60 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

61 Susan Masten: I hope that when we have our Corporations Meeting in January, they have their
62 financials and audits ready as handouts. When we set up YEDC, we made it, so they had to have
63 transparency with the membership. It's important to see that our corporations across the board
64 are treated the same. It's good to know that the Corporations have some accountability. A few
65 of your members have business savvy. And to make sure that there is a correction plan if there
66 is audit. I am really pleased to hear that you are meeting with Resighini and Tolowa. Because
67 we also need to be at the table regarding our marine stewardship.

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69 Elizabeth Davis: I attended the quarterly corporations and there were no handouts, why
70 couldn't we have copies of those PowerPoint presentations?

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72 Lori Hodge: I wanted to give the perspective from a Tribal Member who used to be Council. I
73 hate it when people say oh its confidential, because that means we won't be able to read about
74 it. I let to see the agendas, but I want to read the backup documentation.

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76 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

77 CA23-281, Fish War Documentary
78 Legal (Ray, 2),
79 Personnel (Provolt)

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81 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

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AGENDA ITEMS:

Executive Office

ExecDir23-020, Consolidation of Accounts
Submitted by Don Barnes

Motion to authorize the transfer of (\$) from Morgan Stanley, (), to Yurok Tribe Umpqua Bank Consolidate Accounts. Item tabled.

Natural Resources Division

Environmental Department

ENVR23-024, Performance Partnership Grant Agreement Approval
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to request Council to approve the attached grant agreement for the FY23 Performance Partnership Grant with the US Environmental Protection Agency, #BG-97907921-0 totaling \$1,503,653, no match required & full indirect costs allowable. Motion carries by consensus.

ENVR23-025, Oklahoma State University Food Sovereignty Partners
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to request Council approval to partner with Dr. Valarie Blue Bird Jernigan at Oklahoma State University to submit a five-year grant to the Center for Indigenous Innovation & Health Equity totaling \$100,000/year with full indirect allowable & no match required. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries Department

FISH23-086, State Coastal Conservancy Agreement
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to enter into the attached agreement with the California State Coastal Conservancy and authorize the Chairman to sign & approve Resolution #23-121 granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of the California State Coastal Conservancy. 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-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstain-0, Not Present-0. Motion carries.

Executive Session: 2:00pm-2:53pm

CA23-281, Fish War Documentary
Legal (Ray, 2),
Personnel (Provolt)

Action out of Executive Session:

Council

CA23-281 Fish War Documentary
Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

**To discuss with Willard Carlson next steps & strategy for Fish Wars Documentary.
Directive to COO, Taralyn Ipina, and OTA to meet with the filmmaker RE: next steps.**

PRESENTATION:

Morgan Stanley Financial Reports

Presented by Jason Barr, Vice President Morgan Stanley

Discussion and review of status and market updates on Morgan Stanley Accounts for the period ending September 30, 2023.

Yurok Tribe Financial Reports

Presented by Chelsea Gibbens

Financials, budgets, and balance sheet provided to Council ending September 30, 2023.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Mary McQuillen: During the General Membership Meeting I was told that I could email my tribal member comments, and I did. I have not received a response. Is there a reason for that?

My question is, how is YIHA able to purchase Steelhead Lodge to make a transitional housing facility then rent out the restaurant portion. I was driving by and noticed a public notice posted on the window for a license to sell alcoholic beverages. I looked to see who was applying, this is how I know who is setting up a restaurant. Next, I looked to see who owns the property, and YIHA still does. Did YIHA purchase Steelhead with grant funding or HUD funding? By renting a portion of the property, allowing alcoholic beverages to be sold, are they operating within the policy of HUD or funding agency?

I'd like to know who thinks it's a good idea to have an establishment that sells alcoholic beverages next to a transitional housing complex? Most people who find themselves in transitional housing is due to having and addiction to alcohol and or drugs. It just doesn't make good sense. I would like to know about the funding that Housing bought Steelhead with.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

ADJOURN: 3:50pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:

November 28, 2023



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

11/30/23

Date