ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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

ABSENT: None.

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

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve agenda with additions of P22-030 and CA22-214. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S): None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

Councilmember Hodge: Good morning membership. First I just wanted to announce again, the purchase of the Willow Creek golf course by the Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation. It's a very exciting project. It will provide fair market housing for the first time in the East District for our tribal members. It's going to it's totally community revitalization and will provide a very fun family-oriented destination for our tribal members everywhere. It's just it's a very exciting project. I feel with the combination of YEDC and YAC, it's like the perfect storm coming together to really do good things with this property. Also I’m liaison for the Per Geesh Construction Corporation to the council and I just wanted to announce that they are really moving forward. They're getting contracts all over the United States and our CEO, Pamela Ames is working very hard to get more and more contracts, but is baby steps at first. I wanted to remind everyone about the Homeowner’s Assistance Fund that’s for COVID relief. Even if you don't think you qualify, you should try it as the requirements are minimal. Go to the website, check the income parameters because it is higher than other parameters. So it's worth checking out and get your
application in. Council just got back from our retreat. We had a two day retreat and discussed many things. And I just want to say, I thank this council for the hard work that we do and how we're able to sit at a table and roll up our sleeves and get the work done. We made a lot of progress and implement ideas. So I just wanted to say that and thank the council. I thought it was a very profitable, pleasant retreat. Thank you.

Councilmember Williams: I'm in a group in Del Norte County and they asked if somebody would step forward to run for school board. And I felt like the work I do here at the council level transfers over to the Del Norte County School Board. And I felt like I have a good reputation for doing good things for our community. So I felt like I should step up. I've already done work and at school over the past years and because I'm member of this community, I know that I have an insight that other candidates don't have, and that is the needs of our community. I want to ask everybody in the fifth district, Klamath and Northern Crescent City to register to vote. A lot of times I've heard members don't feel their vote counts, but I know at the local level, your vote does count and we need your vote. Also before I went on vacation, I took a trip to Washington DC with a Veteran's Leadership group about climate change. And I got to attend a press conference regarding the inflation reduction act signed by President Biden. It was a little scary. For a couple days, I was going around the speech in my mind and I didn't know what I was going to say, but when I got on the stage, I explained all the things that happened to us - the gold mining, the gold rush, got to explain about, our trees being cut down in our landscape and how much that affects climate change. I also got to speak about the dam systems that had put in place that our communities are still suffering. And so I just let it go. I let it my words fly. We're still here fighting. And so it turned out to be a great time and opportunity. I also got to attend the Department of Energy press conference regarding the Inflation Reduction Act. President Biden has mentioned tribes many times in the State of Union and for all this new funding coming down. He has highlighted that tribes are disadvantaged communities. And so there's an initiative in there that 40% of that funding will come down to rural communities. And so we're pushing for that. I'm a part of a leadership group where we're working on policies for the inflation reduction act and the group asked for me to bring forward a problem on our reservation. And so what I brought forward the need for our Wau-tek community to be electrified through this funding. Also to look into funding the next three phases for the up-river water systems. So I'm really excited to be working on that. It's been a good thing being part of this Veteran's Leadership Program. Thank you, Council.

Councilmember McCovey: So, this last week, I did have the monthly meeting with United Indian Health Services. United Indian Health Services is looking to expand services particularly into the physical therapy treatment. And they are currently looking at the Vector Rehabilitation Center and they're negotiations with them to take that over. Thank you.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

Councilmember Ray: I want to share that the NCAA DC scholarships have been allocated for the first round. We have reached our capacity and closing them down the first round. We received over 60 scholarships. There will be a second round. I will inform membership one that opens up. For the current ICDBG grant, are we going to ask for an extension? So it sounds like we have four months to start spending these funds down. That way our next grant application will
receive the maximum points allowed if we can start spinning these funds down. If we can get
an update on where we are with contract for construction, that’d be great. I will be traveling
with Chairman and Council to Washington DC Monday to push our Lands Bill, something that
tribe’s been working on for the last couple decades. This bill will expand the Yurok reservation
and many other things. So, I’m looking forward to that. It’s exciting. And it’s been introduced a
couple of times now. Hopefully we can give this last push and get the bill passed through this
Congress. And I just remind everybody to vote for Councilmember Williams on for Del Norte
County School board this next election. Wish him good luck.

Councilmember Natt: I just wanted to keep it on the radar of the Executive Director that we
need to figure out the washers and dryers at the Wau-tek and then make sure that we purchase
the HVAC system. Tribal members were asking when they start doing the demolition of the
buildings at the Head Start, and is there any possibility to have tribal members like get some of
the used building supplies, like the windows, cabinets, or whatever. They’re just going to demo
the building so why not give it to tribal members? So I just wanted to bring that to our
attention. Also, I need to figure out when our next Cultural Committee meeting. We just
appointed Margot Robins so we need to figure out and get her installed. Also the Culture
Committee meetings are not on the calendar. It used to be. That’s it for right now. Thank you.

Councilmember Provolt: Good morning, skue-yen’ ‘ue-koy. I wanted to thank Council Member
Ray for setting up a meeting with Superintendent Harris and the Principal at Margaret Keating
School. Supervisor Masten, staff and parents attended, and I’m hoping that we can continue to
meet quarterly or regularly with this team so that we can look at how to improve the school
climate and work on shared learning objectives. I have an Orick District meeting on September
17th at Stone Lagoon Visitor Center. It starts at 11 o’clock. Folks are welcome to attend. We will
be talking about the upcoming opportunity for another Community Block Grant and we will get
updates on Shoreline project. Lastly there are some openings on the Trinidad Coastal Land
Trust Board if anybody is interested in joining me on that for protection of our aboriginal
territories. I think that’s all right for right now, thank you.

Chairman James: Tribal membership and Council, I was in Sacramento yesterday. It was all
tribes meeting specifically regarding the no campaign on 27. That’s pretty straightforward.
Corporation from outside California are campaigning but Prop 27 is also not tribally driven.
There is a handful of tribes that support Prop 26, but also it’s a very eye opening. There is no
funding specifically for revenue share tribes. There is a pledge, but that’s it. So it's interesting.
And so there is a coalition growing to oppose 26 and I’ll be on that call to get more information.
The data shows 26 and 27 through the presentation that looks like neither of them will pass.
There was also strong discussion. And that was discussion by a lot of tribes down in southern
California regarding horse tracks. I wanted to highlight also, Mr. Barnes, if you could put it on
the radar that with winter coming around the corner, we need to plan for delivering firewood
for elders. So maybe we can put that as some type of fire wood cutting and delivering event like
we did last year before the winter gets here, that would be great. Councilmembers and I will be
going back to Washington DC on Monday coming back late Thursday to providing testimony on
our Lands Bill. I got invite to the White House on the 13th to hear President Biden. Since we’re
talking about Lands Bill I did have a discussion with Chairman Garth Sundberg from Trinidad
Rancheria about our land bill. It was a good discussion and at the end of the day, they do not
oppose our bill the way it is written. I also had a meeting with Chairman Murphy from Resighini and it was the same mindset Council. It was open. And again, we came in to that meeting from a village mindset from a ceremonial mindset. I made very specifically, I'm not going to guarantee something that I can't deliver on. That's what this council has to decide. I talked about how can we partner with MMIW and environmental cleanup, this and all that. We did talk about a pending case and that it is still moving forward. I did bring up the right of way issues. We did send our documents regarding deeded easement to them. That's first time that they had seen it. But it was a respectful call at the end of the day with her and also Chairman Sundberg. That's all I have for check.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Litigation (OTA), Update on Fisheries and River conditions (Vice Chairman Myers, Water System (Vanlandingham)

CONSENT ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division
Environmental Department
YTED22-042, America the Beautiful Challenge Grant
Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve the Environmental Department’s grant submission for the America the Beautiful Challenge totaling $4,999,942 over 4 years with full indirect allowable and the 3% match requirement is being covered by Native Americans in Philanthropy. Motion carries by consensus.

Fisheries Department
FISH22-057, Personnel Request
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve an employee promotion as described in the attached memo and backup documentation. This is grant funded position. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Administrative Division
Tribal Employee Rights Office
TERO22-003, Business License Approval
Submitted by Manuel Sanchez

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Vice Chairman Myers to approve to have the Council Secretary review and approve the business license request for RAM Consulting, a Tribal Member owned consulting firm. Motion carries by consensus.

Executive Office
Prosecutor Office
PRO22-005, One Time Funding Disbursement
Submitted by Rosemary Deck
Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve receiving one time funding this disbursement from the BIA to help fund the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor for the fiscal year 2022 and 2023 and approve fiscal year 2022 and 2020. Budget pending creation of a project code. Motion carries by consensus.

Planning & Community Development Division
Facilities Department
FAC22-004, 3rd Street Renovation
Submitted by Dean Baker
Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve Chairman to sign Baron Electric contact. Motion carries by consensus.

Health & Human Services Division
Education Department
EDU22-008, Contract with Two Feathers
Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to approve this contract for services with Two Feathers Family Services and to extend contract to June 2023. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-210, Tribal Management of Margaret Keating Elementary
Submitted by Councilmember Ray
Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Hodge to have staff look into the process of taking our reservation schools under tribal management. Motion carries by consensus.

Client Services/Nergy O'Ohl/Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition
YHHS22-050, 2022 Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition Tribal Action Plan
Submitted by Holly Reed
Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember McCovey to approve and adopt the Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition's 2022 Tribal Action Plan to address wellness issues in the Yurok Tribal Community. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS22-072, Low Income Home Energy Assistance
Submitted by Spring Wind Marshall
Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the acceptance of the additional $550 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program fiscal year 2022 funds, Project Code #8290 from the Administration of Children & Families and approve updated budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.

P22-030, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Grants Admission
Submitted by Gino O'Rourke
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve the submission of the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Gap funding grant in the amount of $50,000 to pay for the Tulley Creek Fire and Fitness Centers roof retrofits as needed to support the solar panel
LUNCH: 11:43am-12:45pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division

Fisheries Department

FISH22-058, Riverbend Sciences

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt approval to amend our contract with Riverbend Sciences to equal $122,953. Motion carries by consensus.

FISH22-059, State Coastal Conservancy

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey approval to amend our contract with the California State Coastal Conservancy, which would increase the total contract amount to $4,411,709. This is contingent on OTA approval. Motion carries by consensus.

FISH22-060, Budget Modification #7054

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge approval to modify Budget 7054 as described in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.

Watershed

WS22-003, Redwood National State Park G61 Road Removal

Submitted by Richard Nelson

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve attached budget modification for the G61 Road Removal Project 6682. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-211, Paving Boring Road

Submitted by Councilmember Natt

Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve paving of Beargrass 40 Road to the Boring housing site, and to approve Beargrass 40 Road to become a priority to be put on the transportation list. Motion carries by consensus.

Council

CA22-208, August Council Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion by Council member Hodge/ Councilmember McCovey to approve meeting minutes of August 10th Planning/Action, August 23rd Gaming, August 23rd Finance, August 24th Planning, August 25th Action, with edits. Minutes attached. Motion carries by consensus.
Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Natt to approve the 2022 Annual Membership Meeting agenda with corrections. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Elizabeth Davis: Where is the Annual Meeting being held? The main office in Klamath?

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:28pm-3:08pm
Litigation, Gaming (OTA)
Update on Fisheries and River conditions (Vice Chairman Myers)
Water system (Vanlandingham)

No action out of Executive Session.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

ADJOURN: 3:11pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: September 21, 2022

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary 10/31/2022