

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**
2 **FINANCE & PLANNING MEETING**
3 **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2024**
4 **EAST DISTRICT OFFICE**
5 **<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

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7 **ROLL CALL:** 11:01am

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

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14 **ABSENT:** None.

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16 **STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer
17 (travel); Jodi Hoone, Grants & Compliance Officer; Maggie Mais, Deputy
18 General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer, Megan
19 Siasoi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

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21 **QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

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23 **OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

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25 **REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

26 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the**
27 **agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.**

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29 **RATIFICATION OF A POLL VOTE:**

30 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

31 OTA24-010, Approval of Sale of Mad River Brewery
32 Submitted by Maggie Mais, Deputy General Counsel

33 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to ratify a poll vote that**
34 **was conducted on March 13, 2024, approve Resolution #24-27, Sale of Mad River Brewery by**
35 **Yurok Agriculture Corporation to Paskenta Mad River Brewing LLC and authorize Chairman to**
36 **sign & Secretary to attest. Motion carries by consensus.**

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38 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

39 **Health & Human Services Division**

40 YHHS24-007, Planning Session Request
41 Submitted by JB Cisneros, TANF Manager

42 **Council consensus to set April 24, 2024, to request a 1-hr planning session with Tribal Council**
43 **to review proposed changes to the current YTTP plan for the TANF plan renewal covering**
44 **years 2024-2027, facilitated by TANF Consultant, Glenn Basconcillo. Motion carries by**
45 **consensus.**

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INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):

Haley Azevedo, Diversion Case Manager
Roberta Chavez, To' Kee Skuy' Soo 'Ney-wo-chek' MMIP Project Coordinator
Loreta Brown, Victims of Crime Advocate
Sarah Korb, Receptionist for the YHHS Tulley Creek office
Dorothy Sylvia, Wraparound Coordinator
Maya Mace, Office of Tribal Attorney Paralegal
Jessica Cedillo, Lead Administrative Assistant

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

March 21, Senator Alvarado-Gil visit in Klamath
March 30, Easter Egg Hunt @ Willow Creek Golf Course 11am
March 31, Scott Gibson Easter Egg Hunt @ Margaret Keating School 1pm
April 4, North District Meeting 6-8pm

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams – I attended the Reservation Economic Summit last week. I was able to make some good connections. I re-connected with Gray Snow Communications. They are looking forward to working with us regarding infrastructure including training for solar energy installation. They have a module hopefully that we can get into that further down the road. Also, I met with Department of Energy representatives. They wanted to meet with us regarding the offshore wind projects. They knew that we were in opposition and said that was okay. They said that there's funding for this Council to attend any offshore wind conferences or government consultations, and they'll pay for it. They also said that even though we're in opposition, it's still going to make a way for us to be at the table. We have continued to let our voice be heard. That's all I have for today. Thank you.

Councilmember Crawford – I don't want to steal any of Sherri's thunder. She has some great news to report on. But, yesterday, the collaboration we had with the State and Federal Departments is a beautiful thing. Because we know our history, it has been a long time coming. I really do feel these entities should work with Indian tribes, native tribes across the United States. In the East District, we want folks to know how to get your work orders into the TERO day labor program. Get those applications in, let Warrior (Manuel Sanchez, TERO Director) know and they will start getting crews to work.

Councilmember Natt – Pass.

Councilmember McCovey – I just wanna remind everyone that I'm going to have a South District meeting on the 30th. It will be from 6pm to 7:30pm, and it will be an online meeting. The next meeting should be in person. I'm finalizing those arrangements, but this upcoming meeting will be online, and you will receive notices in the mail. Another thing, I recently had the United Indian Health Services monthly meeting, and I just wanted to let people know that if you were having to travel out of the area or anything to contact PRC (Purchased Referred Care) at United Indian Health Services (UIHS). If they're not able to assist you, they can refer you to

88 places that can assist you. Another meeting that I've been attending is the Corehub meetings
89 regarding offshore wind. The last meeting I attended was on the 12th and basically most of the
90 tribes are taking the same stand as we are. There's a lot of issues that need to get addressed
91 including the transmission highway. We all know that all the North Coast is Tribal Ancestral
92 Territory and so we need to make sure that we know what they're doing, and they know what
93 they can and cannot do. Thank you.

94 **Councilmember Ray** –A couple of rounds back we passed an action item to create a Recreation
95 Board. I don't know how involved the Council wants to be in the creation of the bylaws. I guess
96 I could set a work session with Council if they want to be involved. But I would like to get this
97 Board off the ground within the next month or so.

98 When we create bylaws, we need to appoint some people to the Board, and in what order do
99 we want to do that? I think we can get some people together to create the bylaws, and if that
100 works out, maybe that group of people can send it back to Council for approval. I guess I could
101 put an action item in for a work session. I was thinking I can get some people together, maybe 8
102 or 9 that would like to sit on this board and run through some bylaws and hopefully get a rough
103 draft back to Council. And then we can appoint those people to the board after we create the
104 bylaws. I would like to get some bylaws created and get this board set up so when we do hire
105 the Recreation Coordinator this person has someone to meet with for guidance.

106 **Councilmember Vanlandingham** –Pass.

107 **Councilmember Provolt** – Good morning, Council. Good morning, tribal membership. And
108 thank you Council Member Crawford and all the Tribal Council who attended yesterday's
109 celebration. It was an historical signing where land was returned to the Yurok tribe in
110 collaboration doing a co stewardship management with state and federal partners.

111 It was another historical day for the Yurok tribe and moving forward in acquiring aboriginal
112 territory and working with our partners in partnership. It was a quiet celebration, and we'll
113 have a larger one with the full community. Hopefully more people can tour this property as we
114 continue to restore the site. I'll take a moment to thank our colleague and friend, Rosie
115 Clayburn and her staff. She's been working on this through the duration of her time at the
116 Yurok Tribal Council with aawok Larry Hendricks, aawok Troy Fletcher, and many other leaders
117 in the past who saw this vision of how this land could be returned to the Yurok tribe and the
118 significant meaning of this place.

119 On another note, I attended a regular Trinidad Trail Committee meeting. The committee is
120 working on the trail systems. The Alex Lingren Memorial Trail and some other trails need to be
121 protected and maintained, including appropriate signage. They offered the Yurok Tribe to help
122 with the naming for some of the trails instead of the names that are currently used. So, I'll be
123 reaching out to Rosie, our cultural resources team, and our language team to see if they have
124 any ideas for trail names. That's it for now. Thank you.

125 **Vice Chairman Myers** – Pass.

126 **Chairman James** – Just to highlight it again, it was a good day for the Yurok Tribe and the
127 membership regarding the transfer of the 125 acres to the Yurok Tribe. The vision is to keep
128 moving forward the restoration efforts, but eventually build a visitor center and a cultural
129 center there working with our team of Save the Redwoods, State and Redwood Parks, and Miss
130 Clayburn and the team. Staff were also holding several spring fisheries meetings, and Council
131 will be acting here shortly regarding what that season will look like. Our Fisheries Director
132 informed us that this coming fall season, the numbers for fish might be very low too. So, we
133 may need to be prepared for that. That’s all for now.

134 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

135 Lottie Ammon:

- 136 • Awesome to hear and see the news about the Land Stewardship that we just acquired
137 with Orick District.
- 138 • Is there any way the tribe can help the people in the East District who don’t fall under
139 the PRC rules. Maybe if the tribe has funding to help in these situations.
- 140 • We saw squatters right below Auntie Ray’s house. We needed to start cleaning up and
141 help some of the elders/people down there in Mindy’s district at the end of the road.
142 There are old trailers that look like garbage and things like that. If something can come
143 in and help the area look cleaner and more beautiful.
- 144 • We don’t even have a basketball court in Willow Creek, and they have one way down at
145 the end of the road. I would like to see my uncle Chris Young’s property cleaned up,
146 there’s a squatter there and it’s really disheartening. I heard awhile back that you guys
147 helped the Indian Shaker Church, but being there, they need a lot more help.

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149 Lucinda “Inday” Myers:

- 150 • I’m wondering about the Elder’s Fund, is it still there? How much money is in it? Is it
151 getting higher? What are we going to do with it?
- 152 • I’m grateful that my nephew was able to see Linda Horne because there was no one to
153 help her turn on her generator, she was sitting in the dark in the cold. There is nobody
154 to help anyone.

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156 Anita Bussell:

- 157 • This East District building here that we had a big celebration for still doesn’t have a
158 telephone. There is no number for the Weitchpec Office in the Humboldt County phone
159 book, just Eureka’s. When my niece worked here, she used her personal phone for
160 work.
- 161 • I’m very happy and proud to see that the Yurok Language is active and progressing. I
162 want to express the needs for the East District; we’re advocating for our language too.
- 163 • I’m very vocal about my attitude with the offshore windmills.

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165 Lottie Ammon:

- 166 • With the Elder’s fund, I was thinking is there anyway all our business can donate so that
167 it can grow? If we’re not getting any money to build it up, there’s not going to be
168 anything for you guys sitting there.
169 • One of the things we could do is start our own newsletter for just the corporations.
170 • I had a few members ask at the MMIP, why was there profanity thrown out to try to get
171 the acknowledgement of people’s attention? It doesn’t make us look good.

172 Anita Bussell

- 173 • It was very upsetting to me to see that an employee had a DUI while driving a
174 government car.

175 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

176 TC24-007, Approval of Chief Judge Contract
177 OSG24-002, Offshore Wind Resolution Discussion

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179 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

180 **Community Development Division**

181 *Transportation Department*

182 T24-001, Master Agreement Resolution 24-001

183 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

184 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve Resolution**
185 **#24-011 to execute a master agreement to receive \$978,000.00 in Transit & Intercity Rail**
186 **Capital Program (TIRCP) Competitive Funds to purchase four new zero emission buses and**
187 **charging stations. Authorize Chairman to sign all related documents. Motion carries by**
188 **consensus.**

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190 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

191 Lottie Ammon:

- 192 • With charging stations, how long will it take to charge a car? How long will the charge
193 hold for these vehicles? Because, the other day, I put on 200 miles on my car because
194 my daughter forgot her keys at the cemetery in her car. So in my son's car, I came up
195 here, and went clear down to the cemetery, came clear back to Hoopa for wrestling,
196 went clear back down to Johnson's, then to the funeral grounds, then back up to
197 Weitchpec, and that was 200 miles, And so I am kind of concerned about how charging
198 stations would work in our area. I like the hybrid because it charges, and it uses gas.
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200 T24-006, FY24 Federal Transit Administration
201 Submitted by Patricia Ulmer-Gensaw, Planner III

202 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve FY24**
203 **Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Certification and Assurance, to accept all FY 24**
204 **appropriation and authorize Chairman to sign any documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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206 **Natural Resources Division**

207 *Fisheries Department*

208 FISH24-014, 2024 Bureau of Reclamation Annual Agreement

209 Submitted by Barry McCovey Jr., Fisheries Department Director

210 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**
211 **Fisheries Department to enter into the attached 2024 Annual Funding Agreement with the**
212 **Bureau of Reclamation for fisheries related research, monitoring, and restoration projects**
213 **totaling approximately 3.4 million dollars. Motion carries by consensus.**

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215 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

216 **Finance Department**

217 FIN24-003, \$750K Loan Payment for Phase I Lands

218 Submitted by Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer

219 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham for Council to**
220 **approve the payment of \$750,000 from the Morgan Stanley Carbon Reserve fund (*41712) to**
221 **the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and authorize Jason Barr to process the payment.**
222 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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224 **PRESENTATION:**

225 Morgan Stanley Financial Report

226 Presented by Jason Barr, Vice President Morgan Stanley

227 Discussion and review of status and market updates on Morgan Stanley Accounts for the period
228 ending February 29, 2024.

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230 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

231 Anita Bussell:

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 - I was told that generator that we received that there was money to get them fixed.

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234 **LUNCH:** 12:34pm-1:15pm

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236 12:38pm - Vice Chairman Myers leaves meeting for parent teacher conference.

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238 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

239 Lottie Ammon:

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 - How much do we owe on the Canoes? I was asking earlier, and you said that we are
- 241 done paying for them, or are we still paying?

242 **PRESENTATION:**

243 Yurok Tribe Financial Report

244 Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer

245 Discussion and review of financials, budgets, and balance sheet ending February 29, 2024.

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247 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

248 **Community Development Division**

249 *Planning Department*

250 P24-007, Microgrid Incentive Program Planning Session

251 Submitted by Michael Gerace, Planning Department Director

252 **Council consensus to set March 27, 2024, at 1:00PM to set a Work Session with Yurok Tribal**
253 **Council to discuss the pending Microgrid Incentive Program (MIP) and Grid Resilience &**
254 **Innovation Partnership (GRIP) Project Proposals currently in development.**

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256 **Natural Resources Division**

257 *Fisheries Department*

258 FISH24-011, Blue Creek Planning Session

259 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr., Fisheries Director

260 **Fisheries Department planning session with Tribal Council to provide updates and receive**
261 **feedback regarding restoration efforts in the Blue Creek Watershed. Discussion only, no**
262 **action.**

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264 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

265 Lottie Ammon:

- 266 • How can they do that and what do they know about that? Can they regulate? that? And
267 what about candlefish? Whatever happened to them?

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269 Yado Inong:

- 270 • Can you explain the discuss the difference between State and Federal EIS?

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272 FISH24-012, Contract Amendment with Fiori GeoSciences

273 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr., Fisheries Director

274 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to authorize the**
275 **Fisheries Department to amend our existing contract with Fiori GeoSciences to add \$200,000**
276 **and to extend it by one year. Motion carries by consensus.**

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278 *Wildlife Program*

279 WILD24-001, Joining National Fish & Wildlife Restoration Grant

280 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen, Wildlife Department Director

281 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Yurok as a**
282 **sub applicant to a National Fish & Wildlife Foundation “California Forests: Large Watershed**
283 **Planning” application under Lomakatsi Restoration Project, to conduct environmental**
284 **assessments and fuels reduction work in the Pecwan watershed, requesting \$1.93 million and**
285 **matching ~~\$482,000~~, \$545,190.00 and providing a letter of support with edits and all necessary**
286 **Chairman signatures. Motion carries by consensus.**

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288 **Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation**

289 YTCC24-001, Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation Bylaws

290 Submitted by Wes Scribner, Chief Executive Officer

291 **To approve the Bylaws for the Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation as presented and**
292 **adopted by the YTCC Board of Directors on February 9, 2024. Referred to OTA and bring back**
293 **to Council in 30 days.**

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295 **Council**

296 CA24-035, New Location for Playground
297 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to direct Executive Director to work with the Roads Department to clear space at ~~Kepe~~Creek Sregon Orchard for the installation of a new playground, and for appropriate staff to install equipment once site is ready. Motion carries by consensus.

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303 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

304 Lottie Ammon:

- 305 • Make sure the playground is age appropriate. Even the school's playgrounds are not age
306 appropriate.

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308 CA24-036, Update on Solar Panel Installation
309 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

Council consensus to add this to the agenda for the work session with the Planning Department staff to provide an update for Solar Panels for off grid homes and to direct Planning staff to start the project this spring and work through the summer to complete the installation of solar panels. Add to the Council and Planning Department Work Session P24-007, Microgrid Incentive Program Work Session set for March 27, 2024.

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316 CA24-038, Transportation Grant Request
317 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to have the Education Department seek school transportation grant to transport school aged Yurok household students to and from school who live in the ~~Klamath~~ all Yurok areas, attend school, and may need alternate school transportation ~~Big Lagoon and/or Trinidad~~. Motion carries by consensus.

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324 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

325 Jessica Clayburn:

- 326 • Big Lagoon is like Margaret Keating, but there feels like there is inequality if tribal school
327 on the reservation, even though this school is within our aboriginal territory. Many of
328 the students are TRIBAL members. We chose to leave Margaret Keating on the
329 recommendation of her Kindergarten Teacher.

330 Lottie Ammon:

- 331 • When you pull your kids out of a district that you live in, you take that funding from that
332 school. So that school can never build and make itself better, not unless our tribe goes
333 and steps in and helps give money to the school.

334 Rosie Clayburn:

- 335 • I 100% agree that there are deficits in our educational system, and they're everywhere,
336 and we absolutely as a tribe need to be stepping in to help fix them.
- 337 • What we're doing is protecting our future generations. Thank you for recognizing that
338 this is a need throughout the Yurok Area. We live in a very rural area and as parents,

339 educators, aunties, and uncles you know, we all want to make sure our children(s) are
340 protected, safe, and in a good place where they can actively grow and learn.

341 Jessica Clayburn:

- 342 • How do we as a tribe pay for the transportation that people get for sports events and
343 stuff like that because I kind of feel like that equitable. We could send our kids to town
344 (Crescent City) but then we're stuck down here and they're up there when the road
345 closes. Some of us don't have other people on the other side of the slide.

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347 **BREAK: 3:07pm-3:20pm**

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349 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:20pm-4:24pm**

350 TC24-007, Approval of Chief Judge Contract

351 OSG24-002, Offshore Wind Resolution Discussion

352 Personnel (Ray, Crawford, McCovey)

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354 Action out of Executive Session:

355 **Health & Human Services Division**

356 *Tribal Court*

357 TC24-007, Approval of Chief Judge Contract

358 Submitted by Jessica Carter, Tribal Court Director

359 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve contract**
360 **for Chief Judge Abby Abinanti with edits as discussed in executive session. Roll call: Vice**
361 **Chairman Myers-np, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember**
362 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember**
363 **Williams-no, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-4, No-3, Abstain-0, Not present-1. Motion**
364 **carries.**

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366 **Executive Branch**

367 *Office of Self Governance*

368 OSG24-002, Offshore Wind Resolution Discussion

369 Submitted by Megan Siaosi, Office of Self Governance Director

370 **To approve request executive session to discuss outstanding questions regarding the Offshore**
371 **Wind Opposition Resolution number 24-033 in Executive Session. Discussion only, no action.**

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373 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** None provided.

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375 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Executive Session.

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


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379 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Crawford.

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381 **ADJOURN:** 4:29pm.

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383 MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:
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386 Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

April 11, 2024
04/15/2024

Date