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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING/ACTION MEETING
October 9, 2023
Klamath Tribal Office**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/92549693537>

ROLL CALL: 10:01am

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

ABSENT: Joe James, Chairman (vacation)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Alex Mesher, Office of Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

October ~~16~~-20, Pecwan District Meeting 4pm-6pm at Wautek Firehouse

October 25, East District Meeting, 6pm at East District Tribal Office

November 2, Requa District Meeting, 5:30pm

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN

Councilmember Provolt: I wanted to thank all staff for putting together the Annual Membership Meeting. I would like to recognize how much the tribe has accomplished over our 30 years as a government. I encourage staff and tribal members to read the minutes we have on our web site to stay abreast of monthly activity and invite staff and tribal members to read the Annual Membership Report. I would also like to recommend the Annual Membership Reports be at each Tribal Office so members who were not able to attend the meeting could review the work being done.

45 **Councilmember Natt:** Pass

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47 **Councilmember Ray:** Pass

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49 **Councilmember Crawford:** I attended the Offshore Wind Conference and am looking forward
50 to gathering more knowledge about this industry. I want to get more tribal members
51 comments on it. I would also like to encourage us to have a Covid test at each Tribal office for
52 staff and membership as this illness remains a concern.

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54 **Councilmember Williams:** I apologize for my absence as I have been out sick due to Covid-19.
55 I also attended the Offshore Wind Conference earlier in the month and look forward to sharing
56 what I learned from the experiences of that community.

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58 **Councilmember McCovey:** I've attended meetings with United Indian Health Services. We are
59 updating our strategic plan. It was a full 2-day process. We made a lot of progress. We are
60 looking at possible expansion at the Weitchpec Clinic. I also sat in a couple of tribal
61 consultations. There may be proposed changes to the process for tribes to receive their
62 contract support costs. Tribes are requesting that current mandates be followed, but BIA is
63 requesting only part of the funds be received up front and corrections be done during the year.
64 They are presenting it as though there could be possible overpayments, but most tribes see
65 that that wouldn't happen and feel that audits should be sufficient. Written comments are due
66 by December 31st. Thank you. That's it for now.

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68 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

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70 **Vice Chairman Myers:** I would also like to thank staff for putting together the Annual
71 Membership Meeting and encourage staff and membership to read the Annual Membership
72 Packet.

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74 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None.

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76 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

77 CA 23-265, Government Shutdown

78 OTA Litigation Updates

79 MMIP (Vanlandingham)

80 Personnel (Provolt)

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82 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

83 **Health and Human Services Division**

84 *Education Department*

85 EDU23-039, First Nations Development Institute Grant Agreement

86 Submitted by Victoria Carlson

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88 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to approve funding
from the First Nations Development institute in the amount of \$80,000 to the Yurok Language**

89 Program under the Advancing Native Youth in Indian Country project. Note: Indirect is
90 allowable.

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92 **Natural Resources Division**

93 *Fisheries Department*

94 FISH23-083, Fisheries Funding submissions

95 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

96 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to authorize the**
97 **Fisheries Department to submit funding proposals as described in attached documentation**
98 **for high priority restoration and monitoring projects in the Klamath Basin.**

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100 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

101 **Health and Human Services Division**

102 YHHS23-046, YR6 FY23/24 Title IV-E Program Budget

103 Submitted by Valerie Ryles

104 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham approval for the**
105 **attached Title IV-E Program YR6 FY23-24 Budget and New Project Code Number. Welfare and**
106 **Institutions Code #10553.1 (b) there shall be no tribal share of cost for an agreement under**
107 **subdivision(a). Motion carries by consensus.**

108 Note: Discussion held with staff on reimbursement funds due to Tribe and needed follow-up.

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110 **Natural Resources Division**

111 *Fisheries Department*

112 FISH23-084, Resolution for California Geologic Survey

113 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

114 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize Chairman**
115 **to sign and the Secretary to attest to Resolution #23-119 granting a Limited Waiver of**
116 **Sovereign Immunity in favor of California Geological Survey as related to a previously**
117 **approved agreement. Roll Call: Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
118 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes,**
119 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Motion carried.**

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121 FISH23-085, Fisheries Support Letters

122 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

123 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to authorize the**
124 **Fisheries Department to submit the two attached letters in support of restoration projects at**
125 **the Klamath Drainage District and in the Scott River watershed.**

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127 **Community Development Division**

128 *Transportation Department*

129 T23-017, CalTrans STPGP Grant Award

130 Submitted by Brandy Natt

131 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve Resolution #23-111 for**
132 **the CalTrans Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant Award in the amount of \$555,000.00**
133 **for a Climate Vulnerability Assessment and Evacuation Plan. Motion carries by consensus.**

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135 **Economic Development Corporation**

136 *Redwood Hotel Casino*
137 RHC23-06, Amendments to RHC Personnel Policies
138 Submitted by Raymond Bacon

139 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Natt to approve recommended**
140 **amendments to RHC personnel policies. Motion carries by consensus.**

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142 **Council**

143 CA23-266, CNIGA Annual Membership Renewal & Dues
144 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

145 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
146 **Membership Renewal and Dues for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$5,000 per Tribe and \$40 per**
147 **Casino Employee x 8 =\$5,320.00 Total. To include any dues and fees. Motion carries by**
148 **consensus.**

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150 CA23-267, Federal Social Security
151 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

152 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember McCovey to have OTA review the**
153 **Tribal Social Security Fairness Act of 2018 process and bring information back to Council the**
154 **information needed to participate. Motion carries by consensus.**

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156 CA23-268, Indigenous Habitat Institute
157 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

158 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve a meeting**
159 **with the Indigenous Habitat Institute to discuss Hempcrete Housing Opportunities on**
160 **November 29, 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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162 CA23-269, Council Meeting Minutes-September 13 & 14, 2023
163 Submitted by Secretary Provolt

164 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to approve Council Meeting**
165 **minutes for September 13 (Planning) and September 14 (Action). Minutes attached. Motion**
166 **carries by consensus.**

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168 **BREAK: 11:05am – 11:15am**

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170 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 11:15am – 12:25am**

171 CA 23-265, Government Shutdown
172 OTA Litigation Updates
173 MMIP (Vanlandingham)

174 Personnel (Provolt)
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176 Action out of Executive Session:
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178 CA23-265, Government Shut Down-Operational Plan
179 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to direct Chief Operations Officer and Executive Director to work with staff to develop a written plan for a government shutdown and present to Council for approval. Motion carries by consensus.

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184 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.
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186 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Natt.
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188 **ADJOURN:** 12:26pm

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190 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

November 8, 2023

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11/21/2023

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194 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date