

1 **YUROK TRIBE COUNCIL**
2 **PLANNING MEETING**
3 **OCTOBER 6, 2021**
4 <https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

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6 **ROLL CALL:** 10:15am

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8 **PRESENT:** Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Ryan Ray, Requa
9 District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District;
10 Phillip Williams, North District; Lori Hodge, East District; Lana McCovey, South
11 District

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13 **ABSENT:** Joe James, Chairman (excused - ill)

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15 **QUORUM:** 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

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

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19 **REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

20 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with additions**
21 **FISH21-070, FISH21-071, FISH21-072, FISH21-073 and P21-064. Motion carries by consensus.**

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23 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

24 Quentin Matilton, Forester

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26 **CALENDAR:**

27 October

28 16-Sue-Meg Reclaiming Celebration

29 23-Orick District Meeting 2-4pm

30 November

31 4-Councilmember Ray out for a dental appointment (payroll day)

32 6-Requa District Meeting 2-4pm

33 December

34 Council Meeting adjustments will come back to Council tomorrow.

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36 **COUNCIL CHECK-IN:**

37 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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39 Councilmember Provolt: Good morning. The only thing I wanted to put on our radar is that it's
40 starting to get cold and if we can start working with our departments to start the firewood
41 project for our elders. I think that we need a plan to get that rolled out pretty soon. It is
42 starting to get a little chilly here, at least on the coast. Thank you.

43 Councilmember Ray: I'm looking for an update on the EA plan with the Klamath Emergency
44 Operations Center. It was supposed to be done by the end of last month. I'm just checking for
45 an update. Maybe an email to let me know if that has got completed or how far along we are to
46 get the funding released so we can go back into construction. I need update on the Glen tower,
47 for the internet. What's the holdup, is it being put up yet? I hear there may be some
48 renegotiation going on with the contractor. Vice Chairman if we could get an update on what's
49 the holdup with the Glen tower and the Recreation Coordinator. We're getting into the busy
50 time of the year. I don't know if our Health Officer is on board with that, but I see basketball
51 starts up in November. I don't know what the plan is. So if I can get an update on a plan or get
52 an introduction that would be amazing. That's it.

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54 Councilmember Hodge: Thank you, George. I just want to remind everyone about the renaming
55 of the Patrick's Point State Park and how wonderful that is. And just to be able to say it again.
56 Thank you. That's it for me.

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58 Councilmember Williams: Good morning everybody. I had my North District being last night and
59 it was a good discussion. One of the main points that I wanted to bring forward was some of
60 the members asked if we, as a Council, could develop a long-term master plan for our growth.
61 When we get these monies, like the ARPA and disaster relief monies, we could already have a
62 plan that's all ready to go with priorities. So I'd like to bring that forward. I also inquired about
63 the firewood program yesterday and Dawn Blake told me that there are people in the field
64 currently. As soon as they finished their jobs up, they're going to start on the elder firewood
65 program. That's all I have. Thank you.

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67 Councilmember McCovey: Hello everyone. I'm glad to be back. I had a United Indian Health
68 Services meeting yesterday. I just want to report that we're getting close to finalizing the
69 process for getting a new CEO. As soon as that is done, I'll let you know. And we are getting
70 ready to schedule our Annual Meeting. We thought things would be different this year with
71 COVID, but it's not. So we're having to plan for that. I just wanted to do a shout out for this
72 weekend. It's going to be the UHS Day of Caring. It is a volunteer day on Saturday, October 9th
73 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM to help to get the strawberry beds ready for next season. Thank you.

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75 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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77 Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

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79 Chairman James: Not present

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

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83 **RATIFY POLL VOTE(S):**

84 OTA21-093, Tribal Amicus Brief - Brackeen v. Haaland

85 Submitted by Tamara Honrado

86 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to ratify a poll vote taken on**
87 **September 30, 2021 to provide Chairman’s signature to a Tribal Amici Brief to the United**
88 **States Supreme Court opposing the Brackeen v. Haaland attack the troubling decisions**
89 **around the constitutionality of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Motion carries by consensus.**

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91 CA21-185, North District purchase and resolutions
92 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

93 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken**
94 **on September 30, 2021 to approve Resolution #21-115 waiver of sovereign immunity in favor**
95 **of First American Title Insurance Company and attachment agreement for settlement services**
96 **and endorsement, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest all associated**
97 **document for purchase of North District building (1585 S Railroad Ave. Crescent City.) Roll**
98 **call: Vice Chairman Myers-chairing, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
99 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes,**
100 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-0, abs-0, np-0. Motion**
101 **carries.**

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103 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

104 **Health & Human Services**

105 Alita Redner presents for agenda item
106 YHHS21-016, Generator Program
107 Submitted by Alita Redner

108 **Generator Program Distribution update, shipping costs, and program status. No action.**

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110 **Public Utilities**

111 Mike Searcy presents for agenda item
112 YPUD21-006, Water Systems Update
113 Submitted by Mike Searcy

114 **To update Council and Tribal Members of Water System Status as of June 1, 2021. No action.**

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116 **Council**

117 CA21-177, Fuel Fee
118 Submitted by Vice Chair Myers

119 **Discussion/Action on Tribal Fuel Fee. Agenda Item pulled by Vice Chair Myers.**

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121 CA21-187, Thompson Field rebuild/renovation

122 **Directive to Planning Department to create a design and implementation plan to**
123 **rebuild/renovation Thompson Field with an update in 30 days. Council consensus.**

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125 BREAK: 10:50am – 11:10am

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127 **Fisheries**

128 Fish21-072, Purchase of Unmanned Aerial Survey Equipment

129 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

130 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve the purchase of**
131 **unmanned aircraft systems parentheses aerial drone technology for data collection. Motion**
132 **carries by council consensus.**

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134 **Planning**

135 P21 -074, ICDBG Project

136 Submitted by Henry Solares

137 ~~**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to review options**~~
138 ~~**and make a selection for the Yurok Tribe's fiscal year 2021 Indian Community Development**~~
139 ~~**Block Grant via HUD due October 25, 2021. Total federal request \$799,998.00 proposed to**~~
140 ~~**fund either a community garden or Wellness Village. No cost share required and direct costs**~~
141 ~~**are covered. And authorized the Chairman to sign all necessary documents and Resolution**~~
142 ~~**#21-113. Motion withdrawn and tabled to Annual Membership meeting to get input.**~~

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144 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 12:00pm-2:35pm**

145 Litigation Update

146 P21-069-Land Purchase

147 CA21-191, CA21-192, and CA21-193

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149 Items out of Executive Session:

150 **Council**

151 CA21-191, Update of the land assignment

152 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

153 **Directive to the Executive Director to get information on the land assignment on the Pek-Tah**
154 **site.**

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156 CA21-193, Cultural Department

157 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

158 **Directive to the Executive Director to go over communication and processes for permitting for**
159 **projects with staff.**

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161 CA21-192, YTEP Water Permit

162 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

163 **Directive to the Executive Director to go over YTEP water permitting process to clear up**
164 **confusion.**

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166 **Planning**

167 P21-069, Land Purchase

168 Submitted by Michael Gerace

169 **Directive to Planning Department to follow up on property as discussed in Executive Session.**
170 **Information to bring back at next Council meeting.**

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TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Nicole Provolt: Hi, first I wanted to put an end to your dry spell Vice Chairman and make sure you had a good Tribal Member comment, and I'll take the opportunity. I want to thank the Council for all the hard work that you do. There has been so many amazing projects that are happening and I'll speak specifically to Orick district. There is the Shoreline, the partnership for the Visitor Center at Stone Lagoon, the Condor Project, and the recent renaming of Sue-meg State Park. And these are all amazing things happening within the Orrick district. And I would just like to remind council that it's great to see all this progress within the district, but it's also equally important to provide housing opportunities in this district to allow tribal members to be able to move back to our ancestral territory. So please support housing within the district. Thank you.

James Dunlap: I don't always agree with what you guys are doing, but I commend you for doing it. Like Nicole said, there are a lot of great projects that you guys are engaged in and it give you kudos for that. I know it seems like I'm probably one of the worst critics around, but I just want to say there are lot of good things happening and you do deserve credit for them.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Fisheries

Barry McCovey, Jr. presents for agenda items
Fish21-073, Planning Session for 2018 Fisheries Disaster Relief
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve 85% of the 2018 disaster relief funds be provided to certified commercial fishermen and to revise the spending plan to reflect the \$43,000 shortfall. Submit revised spending plan to Pacific Fishery Management Council. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

James Dunlap: Requa District, James Dunlap. I apologize for tuning in late and it may be redundant question. I'm not a North District member but my brother said that there was a lot of discussion about the food sovereignty programs and utilizing the fish money for supplement those programs. I just want to be opposed to that and go on record. I can appreciate the communal aspect of let's all join in and run around naked in the garden and that type of philosophy with the food. I think tribal elders have enough room in their perspective allotments or gardens to grow their own food, should they want it. I don't know if the goal is to obtain indirect monies as a result of fostering that program. I would just like to see perhaps put it out for the tribal members to vote on. The vegetables or fruits produced is not going to be given out to all the tribal members. It's only going to be giving out local people. I think specific grant driven money that is specifically for the reservation should be used for those types of projects and that the use discretionary funds belong to all 6,000 members of the tribe. I think those type of projects need to be taken out to tribal members to have an opinion voiced on that. The action item for the fisheries disaster money, I'm in favor of it as it's stated. I think that's all I have to say. Thank you.

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217 Georgiana Gensaw: I just want to say that by no means did Yuroks run around naked. We were,
218 and still are today, a very proud people, and we were respectful people and we grew our own
219 food. We were sovereign. I think that's the whole intent behind food sovereignty. And, I just
220 think that's a highly disrespectful way to look at it.

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222 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

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224 **ADJOURN:** 3:20pm

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226 **MINUTES APPROVED ON:** October 28, 2021

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229 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary** **Date**

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