ROLL CALL: 10:15am

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

ABSENT: Joe James, Chairman (excused - ill)

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
 Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with additions FISH21-070, FISH21-071, FISH21-072, FISH21-073 and P21-064. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:
 Quentin Matilton, Forester

CALENDAR:
October
16-Sue-Meg Reclaiming Celebration
23-Orick District Meeting 2-4pm

November
4-Councilmember Ray out for a dental appointment (payroll day)
6-Requa District Meeting 2-4pm

December
Council Meeting adjustments will come back to Council tomorrow.

COUNCIL CHECK-IN:
Councilmember Natt: Pass

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

October 6, 2021, Planning Meeting
Councilmember Ray: I'm looking for an update on the EA plan with the Klamath Emergency Operations Center. It was supposed to be done by the end of last month. I'm just checking for an update. Maybe an email to let me know if that has got completed or how far along we are to get the funding released so we can go back into construction. I need update on the Glen tower, for the internet. What's the holdup, is it being put up yet? I hear there may be some renegotiation going on with the contractor. Vice Chairman if we could get an update on what's the holdup with the Glen tower and the Recreation Coordinator. We're getting into the busy time of the year. I don't know if our Health Officer is on board with that, but I see basketball starts up in November. I don't know what the plan is. So if I can get an update on a plan or get an introduction that would be amazing. That's it.

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

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

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

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

Chairman James: Not present

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

RATIFY POLL VOTE(S):

OTA21-093, Tribal Amicus Brief - Brackeen v. Haaland
Submitted by Tamara Honrado
Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to ratify a poll vote taken on September 30, 2021 to provide Chairman’s signature to a Tribal Amici Brief to the United States Supreme Court opposing the Brackeen v. Haaland attack the troubling decisions around the constitutionality of Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). Motion carries by consensus.

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS:
Health & Human Services
Alita Redner presents for agenda item
YHHS21-016, Generator Program
Submitted by Alita Redner
Generator Program Distribution update, shipping costs, and program status. No action.

Public Utilities
Mike Searcy presents for agenda item
YPUD21-006, Water Systems Update
Submitted by Mike Searcy
To update Council and Tribal Members of Water System Status as of June 1, 2021. No action.

Council
CA21-177, Fuel Fee
Submitted by Vice Chair Myers
Discussion/Action on Tribal Fuel Fee. Agenda Item pulled by Vice Chair Myers.

CA21-187, Thompson Field rebuild/renovation
Directive to Planning Department to create a design and implementation plan to rebuild/renovation Thompson Field with an update in 30 days. Council consensus.

BREAK: 10:50am – 11:10am

Fisheries
Fish21-072, Purchase of Unmanned Aerial Survey Equipment

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Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve the purchase of unmanned aircraft systems (aerial drone technology) for data collection. Motion carries by council consensus.

Planning
P21-074, ICDBG Project
Submitted by Henry Solares

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 12:00pm-2:35pm
Litigation Update
P21-069-Land Purchase
CA21-191, CA21-192, and CA21-193

Items out of Executive Session:

Council
CA21-191, Update of the land assignment
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

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

CA21-193, Cultural Department
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

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

CA21-192, YTEP Water Permit
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

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

Planning
P21-069, Land Purchase
Submitted by Michael Gerace

Directive to Planning Department to follow up on property as discussed in Executive Session. Information to bring back at next Council meeting.
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.
Georgiana Gensaw: I just want to say that by no means did Yuroks run around naked. We were, and still are today, a very proud people, and we were respectful people and we grew our own food. We were sovereign. I think that's the whole intent behind food sovereignty. And, I just think that's a highly disrespectful way to look at it.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

ADJOURN: 3:20pm

MINUTES APPROVED ON: October 28, 2021

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary 11/1/21