

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
FINANCE/PLANNING MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2021
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ROLL CALL: 11:27am

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder); Dawn Baum, Acting General Counsel; Jill Mix, Controller

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

REVIEW AGENDA /ADDITIONS /APPROVAL:

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to accept the agenda with addition of YTEP21-059. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

December

Dec 4-Orick District Meeting @ Stone Lagoon Visitors Center (Chah-pekwo'Ket'oh)

December 14-Pecwan District Meeting (Wautek Firehouse & Morek Won)

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

B21-006, Benefits Quarterly Update

Submitted by Elizabeth Turner

Council consensus to set December 15, 2021 for quarterly update regarding insurance benefits with Council, and to allocate a timeframe of 1-1.5 hours for the presentation.

38 FISH21-086, Fish Processing Plant
39 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

40 **Council consensus to set a planning session for December 13, 2021 to discuss the details of**
41 **the Yurok Economic Development Corporation's possible transfer of the Fish Processing Plant**
42 **at Requa to the Yurok Tribe.**

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44 TC21-025, Court Organization Development
45 Submitted by Jessica Carter

46 **Council consensus to set a work session for December 28, 2021 to discuss Court Organization**
47 **Development and review proposed updates to the Court Organizational Chart.**

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49 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

50 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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52 Councilmember McCovey: Hello, everybody. I just want to stay that COVID is still here and we
53 should still practice all safety measures. As we know for the last two years, there tend to be
54 spikes of infections in our community. I want to thank all of you who've been vaccinated and
55 received your boosters. COVID is still here, so please be safe and act accordingly. Thank you.

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57 Councilmember Williams: Pass

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59 Councilmember Hodge: Thank you, George. Good morning membership. I just wanted to give a
60 huge shout out to the Health and Human Services Department that provided elder blankets and
61 gift packages. They were so appreciated. I heard nothing but great compliments about the
62 whole giveaway event. I just wanted thank everyone who participated in making that happen.
63 Thank you.

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65 Councilmember Ray: I've wanted a remind folks that the NCIDC food cards are available right
66 now. They are a \$100 food gift cards to Grocery Outlet and a couple other places in the east
67 district. If you know anybody that can use these gift cards, please have them go to the NCDC
68 website to fill out the online application. After the application is submitted, NCIDC will mail the
69 food gift card. If they can do it by the end of the day, there is a better chance to get the gift
70 card as long as the person falls within that 200% income guidelines. Please let people know
71 about this program.

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73 Councilmember Natt: Councilmember Ray reminded me about the NCIDC food cards and I've
74 been going around and helping people fill out the application because it is an online process. I

75 also got an email that today is the last day to fill out the survey for the Department of Energy. I
76 did the survey, but I think that one of our staff members could do the survey too, so I
77 forwarded it to our ED (Executive Director).

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79 Councilmember Provolt: Thank you, George. I wanted to thank the Forestry Department, the
80 staff, and the volunteers who help deliver elders firewood. We had two really good workdays
81 and a lot of wood was delivered throughout our area. I just wanted to thank everybody for
82 participating and getting word out to our elders.

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84 Vice Chairman Myers: Thank you, George. I'll add onto that. The elder's firewood event was
85 phenomenal between the two weekends with 50 or 60 loads delivered out to folks. It was a
86 fantastic opportunity to really work together as a team. We definitely need to keep that going
87 into the future. Other than that, I'm hoping folks had good Thanksgiving and wish for everyone
88 to have a good holiday. I also just want to give a quick shout out my sister Georgiana for her
89 birthday. Thank you.

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91 Chairman James: Thank you. This is a little bit of echo regarding the work that everybody's has
92 done so far regarding the services to our elders and our community. This comes from a
93 grassroots effort and a village standpoint. Thank you Council. Thank you staff. Thank you
94 volunteers for providing these services to our elders and our tribal citizens throughout the area.
95 We are looking to continue that effort as we move forward in 2022. We, as a Council, are still
96 hungry. We're still driven to make that impact for our tribal citizens across the board. I look
97 forward to the long days, long evenings, and long hours of work ahead on behalf of our tribal
98 citizens and to keep moving the needle forward. I do have a request from a tribal member
99 through an email and want to make sure we don't forget about that emergency and want to
100 make sure we address that today. That's all I have for right now.

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102 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

103 CA21-225, Property & Infrastructure update

104 CA21-225, On-line gaming

105 Personnel (Hodge)

106 Cultural sensitivity issue (Provolt)

107 Property dispute (Ray)

108 Personnel matters (2) (McCovey)

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110 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

111 Rose Sylvia: I have a comment. My niece recently died and I had actually called the tribe to get
112 her help. I had sent out an email to several employees within the tribe because she had been

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113 trying to stop what she was doing. So I just kind of put it out because I didn't really know who
114 to go to and I wanted to bring this to the Council's attention. As people, we can't always just
115 depend on the tribe to take care of us and what goes on in our personal life. But, in this
116 instance, the tribe does have programs for substance abuse. So I sent an email to staff and
117 nobody, nobody went out to see her, and nobody did anything. They just wrote back to me, but
118 didn't contact her. I find that really upsetting because I work at the tribe, and I'm not even
119 aware of the specific programs and what they are used for. It's confusing. I think that we need
120 to do a better job in communicating the different tribal help programs with the community
121 whether it's through brochures like the suicide programs that have a 1-800 number. They
122 saturate the community with the 1-800 number and those types of things. I just want to appeal
123 to the tribe to do that for us. I'm just saying, with me working here, I don't even know who I'm
124 supposed to call for specific things. And in this instance, it ended in a bad way. I'm sorry to say,
125 but I believe the Pecwan area, and probably the whole upper reservation is just saturated with
126 abuse. And I wasn't aware of it until I was going there every day and I was a little bit taken
127 back. When we're doing planning and issuing out money for certain things, you really need to
128 dedicate some to healing that community because it's just rampant. It's just this toxic
129 environment. I know we have programs and I just want to make sure that those programs are
130 available to everybody and they know how to access them. And so I just wanted to say that.
131 Thank you.

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133 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None

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135 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

136 **Council**

137 CA21-221, Ratify Poll Vote RE: Online & In-person Sport Wagering

138 Submitted by Tribal Council

139 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on**
140 **November 23, 2021 to authorize the Yurok Tribe to support a large coalition of Revenue**
141 **Sharing Trust Funds (RSTF) Tribes confidential comments to the Statewide Ballot Initiative #**
142 **21-0039, "The Age-Verified Tribal online and In-person Sports Wagering and Homelessness"**
143 **with edits. Motions carries by consensus.**

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145 **Environmental**

146 YTEP21-058, Decolonizing Wealth Fund

147 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

148 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to allow the YTEP Food Sovereignty**
149 **Division to apply to the Decolonizing Wealth Food Fund and Land Justice Grant for**

150 approximately \$50,000 for one year, full and indirect expenses are allowable, and no match is
151 required. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-abstain, Councilmember Hodge-abstain,
152 Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,
153 Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes.
154 Yes-6, No-0, abstain-2, not present-0. Motion carries.

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156 **Fisheries**

157 FISH21-09, Budget Modification #6063
158 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

159 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to authorize the Fisheries**
160 **Department to modify Project Code #6063 as described in the attached memo and budget**
161 **modification spreadsheet. Motion carries by consensus.**

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163 **Executive Office**

164 ExecDir21-020, Transfer of CARES Funds
165 Submitted by Jill Mix

166 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Hodge to approve the transfer Treasury**
167 **CARES funds from Morgan Stanley Account #169-037776-0912 to the Yurok Tribe main**
168 **Checking Account #39155158 in the amount of \$12,293,528.00. Motion carries by consensus.**

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170 **Wildlife**

171 WILD21-026, Pecwan Restoration
172 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

173 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve an amendment to**
174 **Contract #143-01 between the Yurok Tribe and Humboldt County Resource Conservation**
175 **District regarding the Pecwan Forest Health Improvement Project and increase value to**
176 **\$197,051.49, and approve all necessary Chairman's signatures. Motion carries by consensus.**

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178 **Council**

179 CA21-322, Elder Payment
180 Submitted by Chairman James

181 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize payment of**
182 **\$200.00 for all tribal elders, 60 and older as of December 1, 2021 from Morgan Stanley Elders**
183 **Funds using provisions under the General Welfare Ordinance. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-**
184 **yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-**
185 **yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes,**
186 **Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, No-1, abstain-0, not present-0. Motion carries.**

187 Statement for the Record:
188 Councilmember Provolt: Unfortunately, I'm going to vote no. For the record, the reason why I'm
189 voting no is because I'd rather take the money out a Morgan Stanley Logging Account #2 and
190 keep the base amount of \$2 million in the Elders Account for the growth. It is not that I don't
191 want to provide \$200.00 for each elder, but I want to use other available accounts for this
192 payment. Thank you.

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194 **LUNCH:** 12:54pm-1:45pm

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

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198 **PRESENTATIONS:**

199 **Yurok Financials**

200 Jill Mix, Controller

201 Review and discussion of the Financial Report ending October 31, 2021.

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203 **Morgan Stanley**

204 Jason Barr, Associate Vice President, Morgan Stanley

205 Review and discussion of Morgan Stanley accounts ending October 31, 2021.

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207 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

208 **Health & Human Services**

209 YHHS21-053, TANF Program

210 Submitted by Annelia Hillman

211 **Request for a 30-minute presentation with Glenn Basconsillio (consultant) to provide an**
212 **overview of the TANF Program Evaluation process and answer any questions. Council set**
213 **December 1, 2021 Planning Session for this presentation.**

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215 **Tribal Court**

216 TC21-019, Humboldt Community Information Exchange

217 Submitted by Lori Nesbitt

218 **Request a Planning Session date for Humboldt County Information Exchange to provide a**
219 **presentation to Tribal Council. Meeting set for December 1, 2021.**

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221 **Council**

222 CA21-221, Aawok Bonnie Green Site Development

223 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

224 **To have staff develop a budget and scope of work for the \$2 million previously allocated by**
225 **Council Action #CA21-197 on Tuesday, October 26 2021 for site evaluation/ renovation/ new**
226 **build, and to provide a copy to Council by the Council Planning Session on December 1, 2021.**
227 **Discussion with Planning Department staff.**

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229 CA21-222, Eureka 3rd Street Development
230 Submitted by Councilmember McCovey

231 **To have staff develop a budget and scope of work for the \$250,000 previously allocated by**
232 **Council Action #CA21-197 on Tuesday October 26, 2021, and to provide a copy to Council by**
233 **the next Council Session. Discussion with Planning Department staff.**

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235 **BREAK: 4:07pm - 4:16pm**

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237 CA21-227, Winter Celebrations
238 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña

239 **Discussion/Action on tribal membership Winter Celebrations. Council consensus to hold drive**
240 **thru events on December 20, 2021- Klamath, December 22, 2021 - location to be determined,**
241 **and December 23, 2021 to be determined. Council Operations will invite Council to a follow**
242 **up logistics meeting.**

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244 CA21-228, Requa and Orick ARP funding
245 Submitted by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt

246 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the transfer**
247 **of Requa and Orick District American Rescue Plan funding in the amount of \$3 million to the**
248 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority for the utilization of housing projects in each respective**
249 **districts. \$1.5 million for Requa District Elders Housing project(s), and \$1.5 million for Orick**
250 **District Housing projects, and for YIHA to work with the respective District Councilmember.**
251 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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253 CA21-229, HR Policy RE: Volunteer work
254 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

255 **Discussion/Action on Yurok Tribes' personnel policy regarding employee volunteer work in**
256 **schools. Discussion only, no action.**

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258 CA21-230, Veteran's Committee
259 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

260 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**
261 **formation of Yurok Veterans Committee. Motion carries by consensus.**

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263 CA21-233, Speed Limits in Orick
264 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

265 **To discuss options to address the request to support reduced speed limits within the Orick**
266 **community. Discussion only, no action.**

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268 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

269 Nicole Provolt: Hi Council, this is Nicole Provolt, Orick District. I wanted to make a comment
270 that kind of goes back to the Elder's Account. I didn't have good service at the time you were
271 taking tribal member comment about that item, so I'll use this opportunity. I think it's great to
272 provide \$200.00 for the elders. I think that Council should be asking the elders what they want
273 to do with this \$2 million dollars. And I would like to propose, within this coming year, before
274 we have this discussion next year, a real effort to outreach to the elders about what they would
275 like to see this money used for, and if they're comfortable going under the \$2 million base for
276 these yearly allocations. I don't know if that looks like several town halls meetings or maybe an
277 advisory referendum that is provided only on Elders ballots. I don't know if that's possible, but
278 just to kind of get an idea on what the elders want to see this money used for, and if they're
279 comfortable going under that threshold to facilitate these payments. I think that would be
280 really good information for Council to know. Thank you.

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282 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:59pm-6:20pm**
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290 **Action out of Executive Session:**
291 CA21-225, Property & Infrastructure update
292 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

293 **Executive session request to discuss current property negotiations, land acquisitions, and**
294 **infrastructure updates. Discussion only, no action.**

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296 CA21-226, Online Gaming
297 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

298 **Executive session request to discuss Online Gaming Sport Betting Initiatives updates.**
299 **Discussion only, no action.**

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

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303 **ADJOURN:** 6:27pm

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305 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

February 15, 2022

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309 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date