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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021**  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

**ROLL CALL:** 11:30am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Frankie Myers, Sherri Provolt, Ryan Ray, Toby Vanlandingham, Mindy Natt, Phillip Williams, Lana McCovey, Lori Hodge

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Earl Jackson, Taralyn Ipiña, Steve Edmiston

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

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chair Myers

**CALENDAR**

January 22-Klamath Volunteer Fire Truck delivery

January 25-South District Meeting 6pm

January 22-YAC meeting 3:30pm

January 30-Requa District Meeting 2pm "New Native Educational Choices Grant Program"

February 6-Oriect District Meeting-11am (CM Provolt will send information)

February 20-North District Meeting-1pm

February 22-South District Meeting-6pm

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA**

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to accept the agenda with emergency agenda item OTA21-007 CPUC settlement. Motion carries by consensus.**

**COUNCIL CHECK IN**

Councilmember Provolt: I attended a tobacco grant meeting with Health and Human Services on January 14, it's an advisory committee about tobacco and smoking near buildings and near playgrounds, etc. They would like a representative from YAC and YEDC. They will be reaching to have a representative from each of those corporations to attend those meetings.

Councilmember Ray: I wanted to inform the membership that there are three job openings. It's a collaboration between the Yurok Tribe and NCIDC. If you know of anyone who has lost their job because of COVID or been out of work for 15 weeks, they can fill out an application with NCIDC. The positions are called Sanitation Technicians. If you know anyone who has fallen behind with their bills, like rent; NICDC has funding to help with that. Health and Human

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44 Services has LIHEAP to help with that and emergency funding available please contact them if  
45 you need that assistance.

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47 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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49 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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51 Councilmember Williams: I had a North District meeting this past weekend. Rhiannon McCovey  
52 from Health and Human Services did a presentation about LIHEAP and CSB, good information. I  
53 got good feedback on Council honorariums, which was really nice. The other feedback received  
54 was to have more presentations. One of the presentations requested was from YAC and have  
55 them do one on their businesses.

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57 Councilmember McCovey: United Indian Health Services is currently rolling out their COVID-19  
58 vaccine clinics, they are currently in Phase 1B. They have completed most of the first two tiers  
59 and they are getting ready to start 65 years old plus. They are hiring temporary employees to  
60 help with the clinics. I gave the information to our HR and TERO departments.

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62 Councilmember Hodge: Pass

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64 Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

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66 Chairman James: We are following the Biden administration very closely, there's was a 90  
67 billion dollar bill that has been passed. There has been 1 billion set aside for Indian Country for  
68 grant for broadband/IT programs. We are looking at we can get access to that. I want to let the  
69 membership know that we are following any stimulus that may benefit Indian Country. We are  
70 also hearing about infrastructure and any time you hear about that you have to shovel ready  
71 projects. We are following all of that. It's through and for a pandemic, but we are trying to  
72 capitalize on this.

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

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76 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

77 FISH21-01, Budget Consolidation

78 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

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80 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to authorize**  
81 **movement of remaining funds in project codes 5158, 6065 and 6066 into project code 7063.**  
82 **See attached memo request to BOR, response from BOR and budget statement and revenue**  
83 **reports for more information. Motion carries by consensus.**

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84 **PRESENTATION:**

85 Jason Barr presents

86 Morgan Stanley Tribal accounts and status

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88 **BREAK 12:23-12:30**

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90 **EXECUTIVE SESSION 12:30-12:52 (Frontier Settlement)**

91 Kori presents  
92 OTA21-007, CPUC Settlement Agreement  
93 Submitted by Kori Cordero

94 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to approve the confidential**  
95 **settlement agreement related to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC)**  
96 **proceedings A.20-05-010 as described in executive session and distributed to Council and**  
97 **authorize Chair to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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99 **PRESENTATION:**

100 Steve Edmiston presents  
101 Yurok Tribe Financials

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103 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

104 **Information Services**

105 IT210-002, Budget Modification Project 106  
106 Submitted by Jessica Engle

107 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve budget**  
108 **modification for project 106 broadband to bring in funds from past revenue that had been**  
109 **unbudgeted to allow for outside attorney fees and for salaries due to increased cost for**  
110 **staffing. Motion carries by consensus.**

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112 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

113 OTA21-005, Increasing Contract cap on SMW Law contract  
114 Submitted by Kori Cordero

115 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember McCovey to approve this action item**  
116 **increasing the SMW Law outside counsel contract price cap from \$10,100 and \$20,200 and**  
117 **authorizing Chair to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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119 **Planning**

120 P21-005, Mini Van purchase  
121 Submitted by Melissa Miguelena

122 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve purchase of a new**  
123 **mini van for medical transport from FTA Project 11863 in the amount of \$33,342.75. Motion**  
124 **carries by consensus.**

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126 P21-006, General Engineering Consultant  
127 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

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**Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve Transportation Department request for general engineering contract and Action Item P20-042 in the amount of \$70,000 for Red Plains Professional, Inc. The selected bid is a TERO qualified entity. Motion carries by consensus.**

P21-007, Budget Modification for Project 11847  
Submitted by Melissa Miguelena

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vanlandingham to approve budget modification for Project 11847 to add additional fare funds to be used for line items: fuel and repair and maintenance for a total budget of \$68,514.89. Motion carries by consensus.**

**LUNCH 1:55-2:45**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

**Tribal Court**

Alanna Nulph presents agenda items  
TC21-006, SBI/Inquiring Systems Inc., Contracts  
Submitted by Angi Cavaliere

**Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey approve the contract with SBI (Sovereign) Bodies Institute (Inquiring Systems Inc as fiscal sponsor) for the amount of \$241,500.00 for a term of two years in accordance with the CTAS grant for the To'Kee Skuy' Soo Ney-Wo-Chek program for MMIW and authorize Chairman James to sign the contract. Motion carries by consensus.**

**Tribal Heritage Preservation Office**

Rosie Clayburn presents agenda item  
THPO21-004, Utilization of funds  
Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chair Myers to authorize the Cultural Resources Department and the Stone Lagoon Planning Team to utilize \$300,000 the Culture Center Funds. Funding to come from Morgan Stanley Account xxx596. Motion carries by consensus.**

Laura Woods: I live here in Orick, my family is from Orick. Orick has the tendency to be overlooked and under looked. It is the gateway to Yurok country. It's not many times that I drive past Stone Lagoon and that parking lot is not packed. It's a spiritually charged placed. I think we hire good ambassadors that would be good for Yurok. And I agree with Rosie, that if done right, it could open deep pockets for future funding.

Linda Cooley: I sit on a committee that over sees the visitor centers in that area. There has never been under 300,000 visitors passing through this area. These people will be going to our other Yurok sites. They will be learning about our language, water fights, etc.

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**Council**

CA20-277, Increase to Council Honorarium  
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

**Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chair Myers to approve an annual honorarium (compensation) adjustment as follows: Chairperson \$82,000; Vice Chairperson \$75,000; Councilmember \$65,000. Upon implementation, the stipend (\$75.00 per meeting) for Council meeting attendance will be eliminated. The compensation adjustment will be effective one year after Council approval pursuant to the Constitution. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-no, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-5, No-3, Abs-0, np-0. Motion carries.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Laura Woods: I would agree this is always a hot topic, there is never a good time to do this. I would like to see going forward to provide increases in increments, call it cost of living increases. Instead of waiting many years and doing big lumps at once it's a little bit easier for the membership to swallow, and then do it on a regular basis so it won't be so difficult. As a tribal member I would like to see all of Council treating this as a full-time job, and not having to have to supplement this job. So maybe raising it to a workable salary would enhance to live in those means. It's my understanding that if this raise goes through, that the stipend would go away. I think Councilmember Williams said his district said they shouldn't be paid to attend meetings. I know a lot of brilliant people, who were experienced, culturally experienced, they had a heart to serve, but because they were successful, they couldn't afford to run (for Council). With that being said, I support this raise. I do support increments; I do want to see the stipends go away once this raise goes away. I do respect Council and I know that many works way more than a full-time job. Many of you work more than 60 hours and I respect that. I hope this inspires generations to come.

Georgiana Gensaw: I support this, I have been working closely with Council for 11 years. I don't know why Council is always so hesitant to take care of themselves. Especially this Council, during this COVID time you have always put us first. It's no secret that other tribal councils make a lot more money. These wages are at and below lower Director wages; I think that's even a little low for Council, but its that where you are comfortable starting then I understand. You don't get COLAs, you just recently got health insurance, and I'm not sure if Tribal Members know that you don't get the same benefits as us employees - we get holiday pay, and over time that doesn't extend to Council. One thing that I don't agree with is changing the requirements for Council, for me when I vote for my leaders, I could care less about their degrees that they have, I more concerned with their moral fiber of the person, I am more concerned about their culture experience, and will they protect the things that are scared to us. I don't think degrees equal smarts, I think the wages should be livable. We are not smallest, we are largest. We shouldn't just strive to live paycheck to paycheck, but think about future generations. I hope you can be kind to yourselves.

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214 Rose Sylvia: When I came down the road this morning to go to work, I noticed the volunteer fire  
215 truck parked at Pecwan, then when I came back at lunch and it wasn't there. I really think that  
216 needs to be addressed. If it wasn't for Joe Nix we would have lost a lot more. It was in the shop  
217 being repaired. It wasn't being repaired from working on fires. You made a big push to have  
218 Wautek open and the truck should be parked in there. I know that to say something will cause  
219 hard feelings, but it needs to be said. I did talk to Rod, but he said I should bring it to Council. I  
220 was here before and I brought pictures of the small playground, it's sad. Council made some  
221 directives, but nothing ever happened. They even put culverts there now. I was there when  
222 they were putting them together. The border around the playground was never put around the  
223 swing set because they never bought enough boards, they put willow stakes in there, but now  
224 those are trees. Little kids go there and play. There is no one really to volunteer to help fix  
225 those things, we have kids and elders. I know the ones in Klamath are pristine and I assume that  
226 because the Housing department takes care of it. If Housing is going to do that in one area, they  
227 need to do it in all areas. They need to fix it the way it was supposed to when they first did it.  
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229 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Ray

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231 **ADJOURN:** 4:00pm

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233 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**February 11, 2021**

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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

02/18/2021

**Date**