ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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: Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Don Barnes, Executive Director; Dawn Baum, General Counsel; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA / ADDITIONS / APPROVAL:
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with additions YTEL22-001, CA22-054, CA22-055, CA22-056, CA22-057, and YHHS22-015. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR / ADDITIONS:
Administration Division
Enrollment & Elections Department
EE22-001 Election Ordinance Planning Session
Submitted By: Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt
Council consensus to set March 16, 2022 for a Planning Session to discuss the Election Ordinance.

Natural Resources Division
Environmental Department
YTED22-003 Food Sovereignty Council Work Session
Submitted By: Louisa McCovey
Council consensus to set March 16, 2022 for a Council work session to discuss the proposed Food Sovereignty Ordinance.

YTED22-006 Weitchpec Transfer Station Work Session
Council consensus to set March 16, 2022 for a Council work session with Environmental and Planning Departments to discuss the development of the Weitchpec Transfer Station.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: None provided.
COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Provolt: Pass.
Councilmember Natt: Pass.
Councilmember Ray: I would like to get an update from transportation on road maintenance for Starwien Road. I believe transportation was going to work on something with Caltrans to perhaps come to a solution for road maintenance. If we can get an update from Brandy if that is still moving forward on this, that'd be great. I know last year we put some gravel down and flattened it out. But the elder that lives at the top of the hill is going through cars left and right. I met with him the other day and the road is so torn up. Hopefully we're still on track to get it fixed. Thank you.

Councilmember Hodge: Thank you George. Good morning everyone. I just wanted to announce my East District meeting on March 21st from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Also I wanted membership to know we are still in search of another Board Member for Prey-go-neesh Corporation. So if anyone out there is interested in being on this Board, please reach out to me or someone else at the Tribe so we can direct you to Pamela Ames, CEO.

Councilmember Williams: Pass.
Councilmember McCovey: Pass.
Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.
Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

Chairman James: I want to let membership should know that we'll be getting on the record at the school board meeting tonight regarding one of the discussion points. I think what is on the agenda is to reduce the number of board members seats for our river schools. Knowing that we have lack of resources for our students in these schools, our voices need to be heard. I'd like to hear from our Education Director and our legal team in preparation for that meeting tonight. That's all I have right now.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Donna Matilton: Can you hear me? On the meeting tonight with the school board, I think it is an ad-hoc committee. From what I'm understanding nobody has said if it's going to happen or not, but they will look at the district lines and where they're going to be. I don't know if they are looking at just having one board member for that whole area. I don't know all the details but I'm going to try to make it to that meeting tonight and it would be good if someone from Council and Education could also go to those meetings because it sounds to me like it's going to happen.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Personnel (Ray)
THPO/SHPO Conference (Ray)
CA22-055, Telecommunications Board (Provolt)
CA22-013, Contract for Judicial Services (Williams)
CA22-047, Letter to Trinidad City Council (Provolt)
KTJUSD position for redistricting (Natt)
CONSENT ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division
Louisa McCovey present for agenda items

Environmental Department
YTED22-007 Whale Tail Grant Application
Submitted By: Louisa McCovey

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to retroactively approve the Environmental Department to apply to the California Coastal Commission Whale Tail Grant for a total of $50,000 and to approve the Chairman to sign a support letter. No match is required and indirect costs are limited to 10% of personnel costs, $7,055 is requested to cover the indirect shortfall. Motion carries by consensus.

YTED22-008 USEPA Wetlands Grant Application
Submitted By: Louisa McCovey

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to retroactively approve the Environmental Department to apply to the USEPA Wetlands Program Development Grant Program totaling $316,785. Full indirect charges are allowable with a 5% match requirement being met through the use of existing scientific equipment and computer software. Motion carries by consensus.

Forestry Department
Dawn Blake present for agenda items

FOR22-001 Timber Harvest Initiative Grant
Submitted By: Dawn Blake

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to retroactively approve Forestry’s Timber Harvest Initiative grant request to the BIA in the amount of $199,280 with indirect to be tacked on by the BIA upon approval. Motion carries by consensus.

FOR22-002 Retroactive Approve Project Code
Submitted By: Dawn Blake

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to retroactively approve a project code for completed work on the Cal Fire B900 Blue Creek Fuel Break entitled Improving Forest Health in the Yurok Community Forest and Salmon Sanctuary Project. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Administration Division
Rose Sylvia present for agenda items

Han Resources
HR22-005 Job Description-Language
Submitted By: Rose Sylvia

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve Yurok Language Collections Specialist job description. Motion carries by consensus.

HR22-006 Cultural Coach Job description
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve Cultural Instructional Coach job description with edits. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-033 Veterans Employee Policy
Submitted By: Councilmember Williams
Update from staff on new Veterans Employee policy to provide Yurok Tribe Veterans employee an addition of 8 hours of paid leave in observance of Veterans month. Discussion only no action.

Health & Human Services/Ner-gery “Oohl Division
Madison Green and Tamara Honrado present for agenda items

YHHS22-007 Client Services Department Logo and Name
Submitted By: Annelia Hillman/Madison Green
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve #2 Client Services Department logo and Yurok name Ner-gery-ker-pew for Client Services Department. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Donna Matilton: I have sat on the Advisory Committee for Social Services but I don’t get anything in the mail or that if I’m still on this committee. Since the pandemic, we haven’t heard from Social Services. I think last month Madison called and we kind of talked about having open meetings again. I don’t know what’s going on and don’t know about other committee members or if there’s anything going on that we are to advise on. When she says that the Advisory Committee had input, I never did get anything or a call to provide input. I would like to get some information on these meetings.

YHHS22-013 Quality Improvement Center
Submitted By: Tamara Honrado
Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve Tribal Child Welfare and Behavioral Health to apply for this funding source to improve Tribal Child Welfare and authorize Chairman to sign all required documentation. Authorize project code for this funding source; indirect allowed. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Donna Matilton: I have concerns that our children can be adopted through the welfare system. Their names are changed and they lose connection with the family. Everything is taken away from them. Adoption has to be taken away from the county because if we were so sovereign then we should be able to stop the county from doing that. It turned out that one of my neighbors that are non-native people had gotten a couple of the kids from Hoopa. Hoopa ICW gave these children to a non-native family. I found this out by accident when the kids got lost and they came to my house. I took them home and I was telling them about who they were and where they came from. Then I find out that one of the foster kids was into substance abuse. I’m just concerned about those kids. Their father was a Yurok tribal member and their mother was a Hoopa tribal member. When these kids are placed in non-native, it doesn't mean you take away who they are, where they come from or who their family is. They are still native kids.
Planning & Community Development Division

Henry Solares present for agenda items

Planning Department

P22-002 Property Purchase-CONFIDENTIAL

Submitted By: Michael Gerace

To review and approve property purchase agreement and Resolution22-006 a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of the Seller and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Item tabled.

P22-006 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Grants

Submitted By: Henry Solares

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to authorize the Planning Department to submit four grants to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation and authorize the Chairman to sign all necessary documents with Resolution #22-012 (with edits). The application is due March 7th and will include a request for $2.4 million over four purpose areas. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Bertha Peters: I see you have a lot of different things for this grant, but what I think is needed is when someone is missing or you know someone gets murdered that there is a way for people reach out to our Indian Doctors. And we as a tribe we need to be putting stuff into a grant so we can bring people in to help us with that. I know it works so we do need to be thinking about having different Indian doctors come in from different areas to help with stuff like this.

P22-007 Black Bear Farms County Agreements

Submitted By: Michael Gerace

Motion by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge to approve Humboldt County Assumption Agreement Cannabis Compliance Agreement and associated Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Humboldt County as expressed in Resolution #22-014 with edits and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstaining-0, Not Present-0. Motion carries.

Directive to Executive Director and Cannabis Task Force (Michael Gerace) to provide Council with a list of all properties obtained via RRR with the timelines of each parcels and include cost associated with environmental clean ups. This report is due to Council in 30 days (March 24 2022).

Natural Resources Division

Louisa McCovey present for agenda item

Environmental Department

YTED22-005 Cultural Burn Study Location

Submitted By: Louisa McCovey

Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt to allow the Yurok Environmental Department to conduct a two-year cultural burn study fully funded by several grants on APN#531-085-012 (formally known as the “Fryer Property”). Motion carries by consensus.
Barry McCovey, Jr. presents for agenda item

*Fisheries Department*

FISH22-005 Flow West Contract Amendment

Submitted By: Barry McCovey, Jr.

**Motion by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the Fisheries Department to add an amendment to an existing contract with Flow West in the amount of $50,700. Motion carries by consensus.**

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Herman Quinn: I feel that there won’t be a need for data until the estuary is cleaned up and brought back to its pristine state. I don’t know how many years there has been a sand pit right in the middle of our estuary where our fish can’t come in effectively. This is a concern has been on my mind for a long time. The river is our life line and it needs to be cleaned up for the fish to even go up the river.

Dawn Blake present for agenda item

*Forestry Department*

FOR22-004 Cappel C Timber Sale

Submitted By: Dawn Blake

Deplete Morgan Stanley account officially close Cappell C timber sale. $11303.45 to be removed from Morgan Stanley to go the Forestry Budget 227.

**Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to utilize $11,303.45 from Morgan Stanley Account Logging I (xxx215) to close out Cappell C Timber Sale. Motion carries by consensus.**

LUNCH: 12:20pm - 1:20pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Herman Quinn: I heard you are aware of the dog issue up at New Village. Samantha Myers called and said that there are complaints about our dogs. So we’ve been keeping our dogs tied up but our neighbor has 5 dogs and they are not tied up. Samantha did call us and say she was going to do a site visit but we have never had her up here. We’ve got an opportunity to speak with that tribal police the other day about our concerns about the drug traffic that happened up on this hill. You know we have one tribal police for some 200 odd miles. We need more proactive and drive to get tribal policing in our area. It’s hard to see this activity and not want to react. I just like to see us getting more security and have more of a presence in our community.

Chee-Shep James: I’ve contacted Sam and have asked her to give me an update of where it stands with the land assignment and that the animal ordinance. I've also assisted the family with getting an application in with housing to see if we can get them on the elder emergency to help them get a fence built.

Sam Alvarado: Well one more thing, we would like to I would like to know where Toby is with helping get our road worked on. We have to put it in 4 wheel drive in just to go up our little driveway. We had never to see him since his reelection. We have not seen him one time to even check in or anything. I guess my question would be to him and where’s he at with fixing our road? He promised us two years ago that our road was going to be next. Until we can get that a piece of equipment, the road as could be bladed. I mean even as a temporary solution. We were promised two years ago and this is very upsetting.

*February 24 2022 Council Action Meeting*
Donna Matilton: There are a people paying a lot more because of inflation and I'm wondering does housing and if there are other LIHEAP programs available where you don't have to fit into a certain income brackets to get help? Do you guys set that income brackets or does that come with the grant? The reason why I'm talking about this is because I don't see inflation stopping. I think it's going to keep going higher and higher for us who live from paycheck to paycheck. One of my concerns is for our elders and single mothers. If they are a hundred dollars over income, then they don't get help and you can't fix anything with a hundred dollars, you know? So that's where I'm at. I'm just advocating for that because I see inflation just going up so fast. We're having a hard time just hanging in there. Thank you.

Anita Bussell: I also am an elder. I am on a very tight income with Social Security and I don't have any access for me doing zoom meetings. I understand there's going to be in East District meeting. I heard Lori say the meeting is for March 21st by zoom. I want to know if East District can have a little TV setup in the Willow Creek tribal owned building. And so right now I'm just asking, so this can be planned that we can have access to this at the building for East District meeting on the 21st from 5:30pm to 6:30pm. Okay. I have one other question and want to know if that Razor Sharp place was bought by the tribe?

Donna Matilton: Back to that income guideline and I was thinking. I'm just going to go by myself and what things cost. I have an electricity, I have my water, I have my taxes on property which is about $1,100 a year. I also have homeowners insurance and everything coming out of a limited income. I don't think that the tribe has taken that under consideration when setting up programs to help folks who barely meet the qualifications for some of the programs. And so I'm really pushing hard on trying to get that guideline pushed up. You got your car, your automobile insurance and a lot of things that you have to pay for, let alone the cost of gas and groceries. I just want us to work on this.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division

Wildlife Program

WILD22-007 Sequoia Park Zoo Condor Care Center

Submitted By: Tiana Williams-Clausussen

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with edits regarding the Sequoia Park Zoo Condor Care Center and approve all necessary Chairman and Yurok Tribal signatures. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-032 Lead Ammunition Ordinance

Submitted By: Councilmember Williams

For Staff to provide update on CA21-233 regarding Lead Ammunition Ordinance (OTA was directed to draft an emergency Lead Ammunition Ordinance for Council consideration).

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve the emergency Lead Prohibition Ordinance and send out for public comment. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstaining-0, Not Present-0. Motion carries.

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA22-008 Investment Agreement with Yurok Agricultural Corporation-CONFIDENTIAL

Submitted By: Maggie Poffenbarger
To discuss attached confidential investment agreement with YAC. Item tabled.

OTA22-013 Contract for Judicial Services
Submitted By: Maggie Poffenbarger
Pursuant to the authority of the Chairman’s office Chairman James appoints Abby Abinanti to the Chief Judge with the advice and consent of the Council. Furthermore the Council approves the attached contract and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Item tabled.

OTA22-015 Legal Services with OTA & Yurok Telecommunications Corporation
Submitted By: Kori Cordero
To approve the attached MOU for Legal Services Agreement between the Yurok Tribe on behalf of the Office of Tribal Attorney and the Yurok Telecommunications Corporation and authorize Chairman to sign. Council consensus to send this agenda item to the Yurok Telecommunications Board.

Council
CA22-040 International Offshore Wind Partnership For Travel
Submitted By: Vice Chairman Myers
Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize travel for Vice Chairman Myers and _Council_ to attend 2022 International Offshore Wind Partnership Forum in Atlantic City, NJ on April 26-28, 2022. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-042 Elders Department
Submitted By: Chairman James
Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Natt to authorize the Executive Director to develop and implement a Yurok Elders Department within four months. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Elizabeth Davis: I’d like to thank you for finally making this move. It is much needed and much overdue, but I would like to urge that something happened right away. Recently, we had an elder that fell down in his home and wasn’t able to get up and was there for a couple of days cause he didn’t have anybody to check on him and that’s is not an isolated case. There was another elder who fell down in his house and knocked himself out. His health is deteriorating quickly and there just isn’t any family or staff to check on these individuals. So I think that we need to make some immediate steps to rectify that situation and of course go forward with the long-term plan. I’m glad that you’re going to be looking to create a new department because being here, I’ve seen new departments created within the tribe. Lots of them and more staff within the departments. Let’s skip back to grassroots and our community. I know COVID has happened and Council has had an ear full and rightly so because you have to give the people an opportunity to really speak to Council and make our issues and concerns known for the past two years. You have a lot of frustrated tribal members out here in the communities because their voice have not been heard in quite some time. I’m glad that there is the opportunity to do that now. And I'm glad to see that people are taking advantage of it. And I hope that more people will take advantage of it because there are a lot of issues that tribal members are concerned about and they would like to follow along what our council is doing in. So I just want to thank you for bringing this forward and creating something that’s going to be beneficial to the elders. And a lot of times, I don't like to see a whole lot of overhead because that means less direct services for the program and the members. Some of the departments could be overstaffed and some of those positions need to be combined to be able to...
provide more direct services to the membership. I look forward to following this new endeavor. I think it could be very successful with input from everybody. We've been doing the brown bag program here for many years and it's never had any staff designated to do it. It's all been on a volunteer basis. We've had our maintenance staff delivering food bags to our elders. We've had transit staff doing it. We need more hands-on services. We need to go into the homes and actually be there, talking to these individuals, listening to them and finding out what their needs are.

CA22-045 Blood Degree Referendum
Submitted By: Councilmember Williams

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Hodge to authorize Enrollment/Elections Director and OTA in coordinate with Enrollment Committee to draft language for 2022 ballot for referendum vote for blood degree quantum. Staff to bring back to Council as major action to refer to ballot. Enrollment Director to bring back a budget for tribal member outreach. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Bertha Peters: I have been sitting on Enrollment Committee and we worked on this before. You need to pull out what the committee worked on before and look at that language. You need to provide education to the membership so they can clearly understand the changes.

CA22-046 RES Summit Travel
Submitted By: Councilmember Vanlandingham

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to authorize travel for Tribal Council to attend Reservation Economic Submit on May 23-26, 2022 in Las Vegas NV. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-049 Secretary Tribal Advisory Committee
Submitted By: Vice Chairman Myers

Motion by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve nomination of Chairman and or Vice Chairman to the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-054 Yurok Agricultural Corporation Board
Submitted By: Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt pursuant to Chairman’s constitutional authority, Chairman James appoints Councilmember Hodge to the Yurok Agricultural Corporation Board with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-056, Wautek Playground
Submitted By: Councilmember Natt

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve Pecwan District Youth Funding for playground installation for Wautek playground. Additionally schedule work session to complete site planning. Motion carries by consensus.

Directive to Executive Director to work with staff to get bids/costs and how we can find funding for the playgrounds.

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CA22-057 Endorsement of Supervisor Madrone
Submitted By: Chairman James

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve endorsement of Humboldt County Supervisor Madrone for 5th District. Motion carries by consensus.

Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to suspend the rules and add YTEL 22-001 approve endorsement of Humboldt County Supervisor Madrone for 5th District. Motion carries by consensus.

YTEL22-001 Off-Reservation Tribal Lands Designation
Submitted By: Jessica Engle

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve Resolution #22-017 regarding the Yurok requests that the FCC consider Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity County Tribal Lands for the purpose and method described in Code of Federal Regulations (47 CFR 54.412), and authorize Charmian to sign related documents and Secretary to attest where indicated, pending OTA review. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS 22-015 Tribal Advisory Committee Nomination- CM Williams
Submitted By: Tamara Honrado

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to nominate Councilmember Williams to the Tribal Advisory Committee, California Department of Social Services, for a two year team. Current Councilmember McCovey’s term expires 2.28.22. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

BREAK: 3:43pm - 3:55pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:55pm - 5:24pm
Personnel (Ray)
THPO/SHPO Conference (Ray)
CA22-055, Telecommunications Board (Provolt)
CA22-013, Contract for Judicial Services (Williams)
CA22-047, Letter to Trinidad City Council (Provolt)
KTJUSD position for redistricting (Natt)
Hemp Plan (Vanlandingham)

Action out of Executive Session:
CA22-055, Telecommunications Corporation Board Appointment
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers pursuant to Chairman’s constitutional authority, Chairman James appoints Councilmember Williams and Councilmember Hodge to the Yurok Telecommunications Corporation Board with the advice and consent of Tribal Council. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-no. Yes-5, No-3, Abstaining-0, Not present-0. Motion carries.
Pursuant to the authority of the Chairman’s office Chairman James appoints Abby Abinanti to the Chief Judge with the advice and consent of the Council. Furthermore the Council approves the attached contract and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Item tabled.

Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the letter with edits to the City of Trinidad opposing the Memorial Lighthouse project and requesting a government-to-government meeting. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Lana McCovey: I think we should have the signs that shows the colors of the severity of fire danger similar to what Cal Fire has.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

ADJOURN: 5:36pm