

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 25, 2023
WEITCHPEC TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (10:09); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District

ABSENT: Lana McCovey, South District (medical leave)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Melodie Meyer, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to accept the agenda with additions of CA23-172 April 10, 25, 26, 27 and May 12, 2023 minutes, CA23-174 Tribal Nations Equal Distribution Fund, CA23-175 Klamath Water Tank, TC23-015 Community Based Reentry Grant, and OSG 23-002 Letter of Support. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

June 8-9, Councilmember Provolt out for ceremony
June 11, 50th Mattz vs Arnett Supreme Court Case Celebration @12pm
June 29-Water Meeting in Ashland

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams – Pass today.

Councilmember Natt – Pass today.

Councilmember Provolt – Pass today.

Councilmember Vanlandingham - Pass today.

Councilmember Ray - Pass today.

46 Councilmember Crawford – It was 52 years ago that I was finally introduced to my mom for the
47 first time. I am here today in Weitchpec where my grandpa was born, it is a good day.

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49 Vice Chairman Myers – Pass today.

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51 Chairman James - We just approved close to \$118 million worth of budgets this week. We have
52 a lot to do still. It is important to recognize today those individuals who were arrested years
53 ago by Fish and Game for who they were. Thank you.

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

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57 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

58 OTA23-037, Common Interest Agreement

59 Litigation Update (carryover)

60 Elder Issue (Vanlandingham)

61 Legal (Provolt)

62 Personnel (Williams)

63 Personnel (Crawford)

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65 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

66 **Natural Resource Division**

67 *Wildlife Department*

68 WILD23-005, Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species Application

69 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

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71 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to retroactively approve**
72 **submission of an application by the Wildlife Department to the Bureau of Indian Affairs**
73 **Invasive Species/Noxious Weed funding opportunity in the amount of \$112,609. Motion**
74 **carries by consensus.**

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75 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

76 **Administration Division**

77 *Risk Management Department*

78 B23-001, Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation – Group Health Plan

79 Submitted by Elizabeth Turner

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81 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the**
82 **Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation to enter the Yurok Tribal Health Plan effective June 01,**
83 **2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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84 *Human Resources Department*

85 HR23-008, Job Description – Revision

86 Submitted by Earl Jackson

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88 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Vice Chairman Myers to approve revisions to the Head**
89 **Start Assistant Manager Job Description. Motion carries by consensus.**

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91 HR23-009, Job Description – Prosecutor’s Office
92 Submitted by Earl Jackson

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve the revised Justice Policy Lead job description and approve new job description for Justice Policy Associate/Assistant with edits. Motion carries by consensus.

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97 HR23-011, New Job Description – Fisheries
98 Submitted by Earl Jackson

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt to approve the Fisheries Department Funding Manager Job Description. Motion carries by consensus.

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102 **Executive Division**

103 *Executive Director*

104 ExDir23-013, Rescind State of Emergency, Resolution #20-28

105 Submitted by Don Barnes

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to rescind Resolution #20-28, State of Emergency Declaration Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic Public Health Emergency and Imminent Threat Impacting the Yurok Tribe’s Ability to Adequately Provide Critical Services to Tribal Members on and off the Yurok Reservation. Motion carries by consensus.

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112 **Natural Resources Division**

113 *Environmental Department*

114 ENVR23-010, Interim Measure 15 Funding with PacifiCorp for 2023

115 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams for Council to approve and the Chairman to sign Amendment #18 Funding Agreement between the Yurok Tribe and PacifiCorp. Motion carries by consensus.

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120 ENVR23-012, North Coast Growers Association Partnership
121 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray for Council to approve a partnership between the Yurok Tribe Environmental Department and the North Coast Growers Association to support a projected titled Climate Resilience Training Program: Yurok Food Production for Resiliency over the next two years in the amount of \$99,9995, no match required, full indirect allowed. Motion carries by consensus.

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128 Added Items:

129 OSG23-002, Support Letter for Senate Bill 832

130 Submitted by Megan Siasosi

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve a Letter of Support for Senate Bill 832; Sexually Violent Predators introduced by Senator Jones. This bill would prohibit the placement of a person released on conditional release within five miles of “Indian Country”. Motion carries by consensus.

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136 TC23-015, Community Based Reentry Program Grant
137 Submitted by Amber Miller

138 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to authorize submission of**
139 **Bureau of Justice Assistance Fiscal Year 2023 Second Chance Act Community Based Reentry**
140 **Program Grant approved Resolution #23-74 and approve Chairman to sign necessary**
141 **documents and Secretary to attest with edits. Motion carries by consensus.**

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143 CA23-172, Council Meeting Minutes, April 2023
144 Submitted by Secretary Provolt

145 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve meeting minutes**
146 **of April 10 (Planning/Action); April 25 (Gaming); April 25 (Finance); April 26 (Planning); April**
147 **27 (Action), and May 12,2023 (Planning/Action). Minutes attached. Motion carries by**
148 **consensus.**

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150 YTP23-001, Tribal Police Wage Increase
151 Submitted by Chief O'Rourke

152 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Crawford to approve Yurok Tribal**
153 **Police Wage increase. Budget \$1,623,201.10 with additional funding of 387,577.00 from the**
154 **American Rescue Plan and \$415,300.33 from the Tribal Consistency Fund. Motion carries by**
155 **consensus.**

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157 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
158 Lori Hodge:

- 159 • I must advocate for the schools. Yurok Police are the only law enforcement in the area,
160 and we need them to show up at our schools. Kids are doing dangerous things and in
161 dangerous situations, we just need that police presence so people can feel safe.

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163 Charlene Colegrove:

- 164 • Patrol new and old village, we have people walking around aimlessly.
- 165 • We need more law enforcement, right here in Weitchpec.

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167 **Council**

168 CA23-175, Klamath Tank Project
169 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

170 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to have the Planning**
171 **Department draft a Request for Proposals and prepared to go out to bid on the Klamath Tank**
172 **Project June 1st, 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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174 CA23-174, Tribal Nations Grand Fund
175 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, COO

176 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Williams to authorize Council Operations**
177 **to apply for Tribal Nations Grant Fund Equal Distribution Grant for \$75,000 for MMIP and**
178 **\$375,000 for land purchases for infrastructure development. Motion carries by consensus.**

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AGENDA ITEMS:

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

YIHA23-012, 2024 Indian Housing Plan

Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve of the 2024 Indian Housing Plan and submission to US Housing and Urban Development (US HUD). The plan was approved by the Board of Commissions on May 9, 2023. Motion carries by consensus.

YIHA23-013, June Monthly Report

Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to approve the June monthly report as submitted by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as required in the YIHA Ordinance 2014. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Ray McQuillen:

- I hope that YIHA are following TERO and that they are hiring Tribal members for their specialty services.

Elizabeth Davis:

- Did Nicole/YIHA make any headway on planning the budgeting class for TREV residents?
- Were any HIP funds allocated this year?

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 12:03pm-1:45pm

No action out of Executive Session.

LUNCH: 1:45pm-2:08pm

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA23-032, National Telecommunication and Information Administration

Submitted by Alex Mesher

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the split of National Telecommunications and Information Administration grant-funded broadband project and authorize Chairman to sign memo authorizing split for submission to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration. Motion carries by consensus.

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CA23-158, Donation to Orleans School for Yearbooks

Submitted by Council Operations

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve donation of \$250 from Community Donations, plus \$250 Vice Chairman Youth fund, \$250 Orick District

223 **Youth fund, \$200 East District fund, and \$250 Weitchpec Youth fund to the Orleans School for**
224 **their 2023 Yearbooks for a total of \$1200. Motion carries by consensus.**

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226 CA23-160, Referendum RE: Councilmembers on Corp. Board

227 Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

228 **Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember Natt to approve putting a**
229 **referendum on the upcoming ballot regarding Councilmembers sitting on Corporations**
230 **Boards for the Tribal Membership to vote on. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-no,**
231 **Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-no,**
232 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Williams-no,**
233 **Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-3, no-4, Abstaining-0, Not present-1. Motion denied.**

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235 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

236 Lori Hodge:

- 237 • I trust this Council with these Board Seats
- 238 • Education on the advantage(s) of having Council on Corporations

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240 Pam Ames:

- 241 • What this does to our existing corporations, some of these board members have been
- 242 on them since the beginning of their creation
- 243 • There is a lot of historical knowledge right now that can affect progress.

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245 Elizabeth Davis:

- 246 • I'm not against Corporations, but I don't think we are ready for Corporations because
- 247 we first need to serve the needs of the people. I say we are not ready because there are
- 248 so many unmet needs.
- 249 • At yesterday's staff meeting we found out the childcare crisis
- 250 • Put the needs of the membership first, don't put the Corporation needs ahead of your
- 251 membership. The council needs to rethink their priorities.
- 252 • We need senior centers in ALL the districts.
- 253 • I see we are quick to buy land. Is there a plan to pay property taxes?

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255 CA23-160B, Referendum RE: Councilmembers on Corp. Board

256 Submitted by Council

257 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham directive to**
258 **Taralyn Ipiña, Chief of Operations c to coordinate a follow up work session and or set for**
259 **Council retreat. Motion carries by consensus.**

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261 CA23-173, South Boundary Yurok Reservation Sign

262 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

263 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to replace and**
264 **install the South Boundary Yurok Reservation Sign on Highway 101. Request also to include**
265 **boundary sign on Bald Hills. Motion carries by consensus.**

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267 CA23-163, Trinidad Trails Committee
268 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

269 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to appoint Councilmember**
270 **Provolt to replace Vice-Chairman Myers on the Trinidad Trails Committee. Motion carries by**
271 **consensus.**

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273 CA23-169, Tax Ordinance for Government & Corporations
274 Submitted by Chairman James

275 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to request the**
276 **Office of Tribal Attorney to draft a Tax Ordinance for the Tribal Government and**
277 **Corporations. Motion carries by consensus.**

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279 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

280 Pam Ames: I hope that each Corporation will be considered individually regarding any tax
281 ordinance. Not all Corporations have the same goals.

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283 **BREAK:** 3:11pm - 3:20pm

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285 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 3:21pm - 5:45pm

286 Litigation, Water Update
287 OTA23-037, Common Interest Agreement
288 Legal (Provolt)
289 Request for Information Request
290 Personnel (Williams)

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292 Action out of Executive Session:
293 OTA23-037, Common Interest Agreement
294 Submitted by Alex Mesher

295 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Natt to approve common interest**
296 **agreement and authorization Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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298 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Discussed in Executive Session.

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

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

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304 **ADJOURN:** 5:54pm

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306 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

June 29, 2023

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310 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

7/11/23

Date