ROLL CALL: 10:20am

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

ABSENT: None.

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

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with additions EDU23-031 Manuscript, CA23-203 Tribal Leadership & Governance Program Attendance, CA23-204 Appointment of General Counsel, CA23-205 Jadewood Capitol, FIRE23-007 Standard for Interagency Incident Business Management, EXDIR23-016 Administration Budget Modification, FIN23-018 Lobbying Firms, FISH23-063 Grant Submission, FISH23-065 Fall Harvest, OTA23-045 Humboldt Bay Terminal Consultation, P23-043 Potential Property Purchase and P23-044 Potential Property Purchase. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:
July 24, Requa District Meeting
August 16, East District Meeting 6-8pm (TERO)

COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Williams: Pass.
Councilmember Crawford: Pass.
Councilmember Natt: Pass.
Councilmember McCovey: Pass.
Councilmember Ray: Pass.
Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.
Councilmember Provolt: Pass.

Vice Chairman Myers: I would like to invite everyone to attend the upcoming Truth & Healing Council listening session taking place July 20-22, 2023.

Chairman James: Pass.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
NR23-005, Proviso Allocation Agreement
P23-043 Property Purchase
P23-044 Property Purchase
CA23-205 Jadewood
Personnel (Councilmember Crawford)

CONSENT ITEMS:
Natural Resources Division
Carbon Credit
CARB23-012, Environmental Defense Fund Grant Award
Submitted by Javier Kinney

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to review and approve grant agreement and receive funds for the Yurok carbon sequestration projects portfolio, Natural Resources Management portfolio, and Climate Finance advocacy in the amount of $120,000.00. Motion carries by consensus.

Emergency Services Division
Office of Emergency Services
OES23-006, FY 2023 Cal OES Prepare CA Match Sub Application
Submitted by Amos Pole

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to submit a sub-application to California Office of Emergency Services Prepare CA Match Program in the amount of $200,000 for an update/revision of Yurok Hazardous Mitigation Plan and approve Chairman to sign all applicable documents for this project and sub-application. Cal OES will cover 25% match requirement. Indirect is covered. Motion carries by consensus.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Council
CA23-202, Support for Preforming Arts Center Project
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to approve a letter of support or Tribal Resolution #23-92 for the Preforming Arts Center Project. Motion carries by consensus.
Administration Division

Finance Department
FIN23-017, Approval of Cemetery Funding from Project 2714
Submitted by Michael Maranger

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt for Council to approve the reallocation of $20,000 from the TERO portion of the Alcohol Fee Revenue (Project 2714) to fund the fencing of Yurok cemeteries. Motion carries by consensus.

Community Development Division

Planning Department
P23-039, Yurok Youth Center Authorizing Resolution
Submitted by Cynthia Bones

To approve Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest the attached Resolution to authorize and accept funding from the California Department of Health Care Services to construct the Yurok Youth Center on Weitchpec. Funding in the amount of $7,975,438.00. Item was completed on June 29, 2023. No action.

Yurok Health & Human Services Division

Education Department
EDU23-033, Budget Revision to Project 7112
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham for Council to Review and approve budget revision to Project 7112. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-034, Approval of Budget Reading Waterfall
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham for Council to Review and Approve the budget and authorize Tribal Chairman James to sign all required documents regarding what the Reading Nation Waterfall Project has to offer. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-031, Yurok Language Manuscript “Learning to Survive”
Submitted by Victoria Carlson

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers for Yurok Language Program Manager, Victoria Carlson, and Emerson Collage, Mneesha Gellman request for approval of the manuscript “Learning to Survive”. Motion carries by consensus.

Wildlife Department
WILD23-008, Chilean Visit to Condor Program
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a US State Department mediated visit from a Chilean Delegation to discuss co-stewardship success between the Yurok Tribe and Redwood National and State Parks, and any Council attendance of support if desired. Motion carries by consensus.
WILD23-009, Coastal Conservancy Sea Otter Grant
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to approve the Wildlife Department to submit a proposal to the Coastal Conservancy to begin feasibility analysis for Yurok Tribal Contribution to restoring sea otters to northern California, and for Council support for indirect cost-sharing not to exceed $12,200.90. Motion carries by consensus.

Yurok Indian Housing Authority

YIHA23-017, O’Link MOA
Submitted by Nicole Sager

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with 10 Tribes with overlapping areas to use the Tribal Enrollment Numbers for the Indian Housing Block Grant Allocations. Motion carries by consensus.

BREAK: 11:38am – 11:50am

AGENDA ITEMS:
Natural Resources Division
Fisheries Department
FISH23-065, Fall Fishery Management Plan
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the Fisheries Department draft 2023 Fall Harvest Management Plan. Motion carries by consensus.

FISH23-063, Fisheries Grant Submission
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Ray to authorize the Fisheries Department to pursue the funding opportunities detailed in the attached documentation for high priority restoration and research projects. Motion carries by Consensus.

Public Relations

PR23-02, Salmon Acquisition for the 59th Salmon Festival
Submitted by Matt Mais
The purpose of this agenda item is to receive guidance for the preferred option regarding the acquisition of salmon for the 59th Annual Salmon Festival.

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers to use (food) vendors to feed guests/visitors for Salmon Festival 2023. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Amanda Wilson: Requa District, it may be too late. However, maybe there is some wording you can add to "Salmon Festival" to bring awareness to the reason behind no fish.
EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:

Fire Department
FIRE23-007, National Wildfire Coordination Group Standard Policies
Submitted by Rod Mendes

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Vice Chairman Myers to Adopt and Approve the
National Wildfire Coordination Group Standard for Inter-agency Incident Business
Management to meet the requirements of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Cooperative
Agreement for Fire Management for the Yurok Fire Department. Motion carries by
consensus.

Council
CA23-203, Tribal Leadership & Governance Program Attendance
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve travel for
Councilmember Crawford and any other Council to the Tribal Leadership & Governance

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Tori McConnell: This is not the first time introducing myself to Tribal Council, but it is the first
time introducing myself as Miss Indian World. I am from Requa, Surper, and Wausek. I’m a Deer
Skin Dance Girl. Last fall, I saw a bunch of photos of Native youth at the White House, I didn’t
see one California Native Youth in those pictures, but I see Miss Indian World. I was drawn to
that, I looked up the requirements for Miss Indian World. Miss Indian World is the highest and
most prestigious award for native girls 18-25. One of the questions /statements from Jessica
Ray Rolling Thunder, “the crown goes where it needs to go.” Every year the girl is from a
different Tribe, is watching her destiny unfold. In the past 7 months, I have raised awareness
about salmon, for our tribal elders’ issues. I want to use this platform to raise awareness to the
issues that are specific to Yurok. I am in graduate school. I would like to have a continuing
relationship with the tribe. There are lots of issues I would like to address and work on, I want
to be a part of programs. I didn’t get to this position alone and I won’t be able to continue the
work alone. Tribal Council and the Tribe has been a big supporter for my whole life. If you have
any questions about anything I mentioned, please ask me.

Executive Office

Executive Director
ExDir23-016, Administration Budget Modification
Submitted by Don Barnes

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams for Council to
approve Project 11002 Budget Modification (Administration budget) to include an increase to
support the hiring of an Administration Assistant for the Willow Creek Tribal Office. Budget
modification includes wages, fringe, and equipment cost. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-204, Appointment of General Counsel
Submitted by Chairman James
Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams “Pursuant to the Chairman’s Constitutional Authority, Chairman James appoints Christine Williams as Interim General Counsel with the advice and consent of the Tribal Council. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes. Yes-8, no-0, abstain-0, not present-0. Motion carries.”

LUNCH: 12:50pm -1:30pm
12:50pm - Councilmember Williams leaves meeting to attend Offshore Wind as a panelist.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Office of Tribal Attorney
OTA23-045, Humboldt Bay Terminal Consultation
Submitted by Alex Mesher

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Natt to approve the attached letter requesting consultation with the Humboldt Bay Harbor, Recreation, and Conservation District regarding environmental review of the Humboldt Bay Marine Terminal with OTA edits, and to designate the lead contact person as Megan Siaosi, Office of Self-Governance for the consultation. Motion carries by consensus.

Administration Division
Finance Department
FIN23-018, Working Session for Presentations with Lobbying Firms
Submitted by Michael Maranger

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Provolt to set July 31, 2023, for Fiscal Department to set working session to schedule presentations with potential lobbying firms selected during a Request for Proposal. The meeting will be scheduled for 3 hours. Motion carries by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:35pm – 3:00pm
NR23-005, Proviso Allocation Agreement
P23-043 Property Purchase
P23-044 Property Purchase
CA23-205 Jadewood
Personnel (Councilmember Crawford)
Environmental (Ray)

Action out of Executive Session:

Natural Resources Division
NR23-005, Executive Session: Proviso Allocation Agreement
Submitted by Tim Hayden
Executive Session to present staff recommendations for the proposed Proviso Allocation Agreement with the Hoopa Valley Tribe and then with Humboldt County. Directive to staff to continue to move forward as discussed in Executive Session.

Community Development Division
Planning Department
P23-043, Potential Property Purchase
Submitted by Michael Gerace
To approve the Planning Department to negotiate for purchase of the attached parcel.

Directive to Planning Director to move forward with a conversation about the property as discussed in Executive Session with landowner.

P23-044, Potential Property Purchase
Submitted by Michael Gerace
To approve the Planning Department to negotiate for purchase of the attached parcel.

Directive to Planning Director to move forward with a conversation about the property as discussed in Executive Session with landowner.

CA23-205, Executive Session: Jade Capitol
Submitted by Taralyn Ipina
Discussion/Action for Executive Session re: Jadewood Capitol; Identify next steps and staff Point of Contact. Item pulled. No action.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Councilmember Natt.

ADJOURN: 3:00pm.

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: July 27, 2023

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary 8/1/2023