

**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

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.

43 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.
44 Councilmember Provolt: Pass.
45 Vice Chairman Myers: I would like to invite everyone to attend the upcoming Truth & Healing
46 Council listening session taking place July 20-22, 2023.
47 Chairman James: Pass.

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

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50 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

51 NR23-005, Proviso Allocation Agreement

52 P23-043 Property Purchase

53 P23-044 Property Purchase

54 CA23-205 Jadewood

55 Personnel (Councilmember Crawford)

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57 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

58 **Natural Resources Division**

59 *Carbon Credit*

60 CARB23-012, Environmental Defense Fund Grant Award

61 Submitted by Javier Kinney

62 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to review and approve grant**
63 **agreement and receive funds for the Yurok carbon sequestration projects portfolio, Natural**
64 **Resources Management portfolio, and Climate Finance advocacy in the amount of**
65 **\$120,000.00. Motion carries by consensus.**

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67 **Emergency Services Division**

68 *Office of Emergency Services*

69 OES23-006, FY 2023 Cal OES Prepare CA Match Sub Application

70 Submitted by Amos Pole

71 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to submit a sub-application**
72 **to California Office of emergency Services Prepare CA Match Program in the amount of**
73 **\$200,000 for an update/revision of Yurok Hazardous Mitigation Plan and approve Chairman**
74 **to sign all applicable documents for this project and sub-application. Cal OES will cover 25%**
75 **match requirement. Indirect is covered. Motion carries by consensus.**

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77 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

78 **Council**

79 CA23-202, Support for Performing Arts Center Project

80 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

81 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to approve a letter of support**
82 **or Tribal Resolution #23-92 for the Performing Arts Center Project. Motion carries by**
83 **consensus.**

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85 **Administration Division**
86 *Finance Department*
87 FIN23-017, Approval of Cemetery Funding from Project 2714
88 Submitted by Michael Maranger

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

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93 **Community Development Division**
94 *Planning Department*
95 P23-039, Yurok Youth Center Authorizing Resolution
96 Submitted by Cynthia Bones

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

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102 **Yurok Health & Human Services Division**
103 *Education Department*
104 EDU23-033, Budget Revision to Project 7112
105 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

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

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

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

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116 EDU23-031, Yurok Language Manuscript "Learning to Survive"
117 Submitted by Victoria Carlson

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

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

125 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a US State**
126 **Department mediated visit from a Chilean Delegation to discuss co-stewardship success**
127 **between the Yurok Tribe and Redwood National and State Parks, and any Council attendance**
128 **of support if desired. Motion carries by consensus.**

129 WILD23-009, Coastal Conservancy Sea Otter Grant
130 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

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

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137 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**

138 YIHA23-017, O'Link MOA
139 Submitted by Nicole Sager

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

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145 **BREAK: 11:38am – 11:50am**

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147 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

148 **Natural Resources Division**

149 *Fisheries Department*

150 FISH23-065, Fall Fishery Management Plan
151 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

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

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

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

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161 **Public Relations**

162 PR23-02, Salmon Acquisition for the 59th Salmon Festival
163 Submitted by Matt Mais

164 The purpose of this agenda item is to receive guidance for the preferred option regarding the
165 acquisition of salmon for the 59th Annual Salmon Festival.

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

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169 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

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

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174 **EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEMS:**

175 *Fire Department*

176 FIRE23-007, National Wildfire Coordination Group Standard Policies

177 Submitted by Rod Mendes

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

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184 **Council**

185 CA23-203, Tribal Leadership & Governance Program Attendance

186 Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

187 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve travel for**
188 **Councilmember Crawford and any other Council to the Tribal Leadership & Governance**
189 **Certificate Program in Placerville, CA July 24- 27, 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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191 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

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

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207 **Executive Office**

208 *Executive Director*

209 ExDir23-016, Administration Budget Modification

210 Submitted by Don Barnes

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

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216 CA23-204, Appointment of General Counsel

217 Submitted by Chairman James

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

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226 **LUNCH:** 12:50pm -1:30pm
227 12:50pm - Councilmember Williams leaves meeting to attend Offshore Wind as a panelist.
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229 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.
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231 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

232 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

233 OTA23-045, Humboldt Bay Terminal Consultation

234 Submitted by Alex Mesher

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

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241 **Administration Division**

242 *Finance Department*

243 FIN23-018, Working Session for Presentations with Lobbying Firms

244 Submitted by Michael Maranger

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

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250 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 1:35pm – 3:00pm

251 NR23-005, Proviso Allocation Agreement

252 P23-043 Property Purchase

253 P23-044 Property Purchase

254 CA23-205 Jadewood

255 Personnel (Councilmember Crawford)

256 Environmental (Ray)

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258 Action out of Executive Session:
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260 **Natural Resources Division**

261 NR23-005, Executive Session: Proviso Allocation Agreement

262 Submitted by Tim Hayden

263 **Executive Session to present staff recommendations for the proposed Proviso Allocation**
264 **Agreement with the Hoopa Valley Tribe and then with Humboldt County. Directive to staff to**
265 **continue to move forward as discussed in Executive Session.**

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

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

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

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

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281 CA23-205, Executive Session: Jade Capitol
282 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

283 **Discussion/Action for Executive Session re: Jadewood Capitol; Identify next steps and staff**
284 **Point of Contact. Item pulled. No action.**

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

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288 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Councilmember Natt.

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290 **ADJOURN:** 3:00pm.

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292 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** July 27, 2023

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296 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

8/1/2023

Date