

1 **YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL**
2 **PLANNING MEETING**
3 **WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2023**
4 **WILLOW CREEK TRIBAL OFFICE**

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6 **ROLL CALL:** 10:00am
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8 **PRESENT:** Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick
9 District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District;
10 Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.
11 Lana McCovey, South District
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13 **ABSENT:** Wes Crawford, East District (travel)
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15 **STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney;
16 Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council
17 Operations Coordinator (recorder).
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19 **QUORUM:** 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present.
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21 **OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.
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23 **REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

24 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**
25 **agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.**

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27 **CALENDAR**

28 August 16- 9:30 Land Assignment Ordinance Work Session TEAMS and Small Conference Room
29 August 25-September 1, Councilmember Ray out for vacation
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31 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

32 OTA23-046, Land Assignment Ordinance Work Session

33 **Council consensus to set August 16, 2023, at 9:30am to schedule a work session to review**
34 **public comments and new draft of Land Assignment Ordinance before August 24, 2023.**
35 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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37 **Council**

38 CA23-208, Work Session with Public Safety
39 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

40 **Council consensus to have Council Operations to work with Lieutenant Jake for a date in**
41 **September 2023 to schedule a work session with Yurok Public Safety to discuss a Scope of**
42 **Work in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties to prepare for the 2023-2023 Budgets. Motion**
43 **carries by consensus.**

46 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):** None

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48 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

49 **Councilmember McCovey** - On the 20th I attended the Offshore Wind working group. Staff were
50 also in attendance; presentation was made on MMIP and how this project will affect our area
51 and indigenous people. We need to bring this forward to our representatives. They think we
52 should have an overall TERO plan for the projects that will be the result of this project.

53 **Councilmember Williams** – TERO attended my District Meeting. We had Telecom CEO come in
54 regarding training opportunities. Requa Resort was the main topic specifically drugs and
55 homelessness. People are disappointed with how the Resort is looking. It is a very sensitive
56 subject because some of those living down there are Tribal Members. I explained that we are
57 hoping to hire a manager to manage the Resort. Another subject was the mouth of the river on
58 the southside. The family thought the Yurok Tribe was giving permission to people to use that
59 land. The family said that if the Tribe wants to utilize that property, they need to ask
60 permission. The family feels disrespected.

61 **Councilmember Ray** - Pass

62 **Councilmember Natt** – I have been assisting Tribal Member fill out applications for individual
63 solar power for tribal members downriver. I am going to request we discuss FEMA and would in
64 the Executive Session today. With the severe winter storms and snow damage, we should be
65 able to obtain trailers for those individuals that were affected.

66 **Councilmember Provolt** – I wanted to mention that membership expressed concerns about the
67 lack of Law Enforcement on the river. Even with the upcoming closures we still need to have
68 law enforcement on the river to protect the fish that are trying to make it upstream.

69 **Vice-Chairman** - Pass

70 **Chairman** – Just want to note that the Salmon Festival is right around the corner and wanted to
71 let the membership know we will not be serving salmon due to the low number of salmon. We
72 are requesting more food vendors for the festival and encourage people to spread the word.

73 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None

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75 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

76 FEMA (Councilmember Natt)

77 Cultural Issue (Chairman)

78 Litigation Update

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80 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None provided.

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82 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

83 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

84 OTA23-047, Fishing Rights Ordinance

85 Submitted by Alex Mesher

86 **No action requested, providing public update on Fishing Rights Ordinance per Council's**
87 **request. Discussion Only. No action.**

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89 **BREAK: 11:00am-11:10am**

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91 **Council**
92 CA23-209, Elder Services Representatives Positions
93 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

94 **Council consensus to approve to have staff to provide a report if positions have been filled,**
95 **services delivered, number of contacts made, training provided and status of Elder**
96 **Coordination Meetings. Update to be provided on a scheduled Council Planning Meeting.**
97 **Scheduled for August 9, 2023, Council Planning Meeting for one (1) hour.**

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99 CA23-211, Offshore Wind Presentation
100 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

101 **Discussion Only, with Dr. Habib Dagher on possible collaboration with the Yurok Tribe on**
102 **Offshore Wind Projects including supporting the recruitment of out Yurok Youth into wind**
103 **turbine production technology. Discussion only. No Action.**

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105 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember McCovey to suspend the rules and**
106 **add CA23-212, nomination to California Board of Education. Motion carries by consensus.**

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108 CA23-212, Nomination to California Board of Education
109 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to nominate Jade**
110 **Tyner to the California Board of on behalf of the Yurok Tribe. To have Jade work with OTA to**
111 **draft a letter for this nomination. Motion carries by consensus.**

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113 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
114 Jade Tyner:

- 115 • I just wanted to say I am seeking a nomination today. I have been working in education
116 for the previous or the past 15 years, and it has just become more and more evident
117 how much we need people advocating for students of color in as many different places
118 as we can, and
- 119 • I'm working in several other ways to do this through other committees and, meeting
120 with lots of different people.
- 121 • I just really feel strongly that we need more and more support for our students, and I
122 feel like this is the next step, and I would be honored to represent the Yurok Tribe on
123 the, on the California Board of Education.

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125 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
126 Directive to Rosie Clayburn, THPO to draft a letter to CALTRANS regarding cultural resources
127 (black ferns) along highway 169 and to protect those items.

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129 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** None provided.

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LITIGATION UPDATE: Executive session.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Lori Hodge, East District: It's great to be here, I am sorry I wasn't here earlier. I am so glad to hear about Council doing this nomination. I am happy to hear that Jade is going to be representing the Tribe at this level. Thank you.

CLOSING PRAYER: Councilmember Williams.

ADJOURN: 2:11pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:

August 23, 2023



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

08/24/2023

Date