ROLL CALL: 11:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, 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: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (travel)

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: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with additions CA23-077 Grants Compliance Planning Session and EDU23-009 Del Norte Child Care Council. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR: Item tabled.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass

Councilmember Provolt – I held a very active Orick District Meeting with 14 people in attendance. Bessie Shorty provided Suicide Prevention Information and Erin Butler provided Narcan Training. Thank you to Amos Wright who provided seaweed, he always makes sure we have traditional foods. People are excited about the Wellness Village. I also attended the Employee Relations Workplace Safety Meeting. Employees expressed the hope that the All-Employee Update Meetings can resume every other month or quarterly, as employees felt these meeting were helpful in providing up-to-date information within the Tribe.

Councilmember Ray – Attended three (3) site visits of properties that are of potential use to the Tribe that are for sale. The Klamath baseball field renovations will begin next month, staff need to make sure that the funds are there for the work. We have not received any updates on the DMV Ordinance and would like to review.

April 25, 2023, Council Finance Meeting
Councilmember McCovey – Pass.

Councilmember Williams – I attended the California Water Summit and it was eye opening how many tribes are advocating for water. I also attended the Crescent City Council Meeting – they adopted a MMIP Day Declaration. It was nice to see this City Council recognize the issues we face. I attended the YHHS Advisory Committee Meeting, there was no quorum, and maybe they should be offered a stipend for attending? Tribal elders are concerned about the health of Council Members. This is a stressful job and we need to encourage healthy living. Lastly, it is troublesome to see all the hurtful comments on social media.

Councilmember Crawford – Councilmember Williams is right, keep your prayers up. Do we have an update on the golf course? I have received a few requests from Tribal members to use the facilities for events. Shoutout to Ryan Offins, he obtained his Contractor’s License but is having insurance issues with the Tribes’ request for insurance. He has not had to provide that for the County for any jobs he has had. Are we able to purchase a rototiller for use by Tribal elders to assist with their gardens?

Councilmember Natt – I want to thank Manuel’s (TERO) Day Labor crew for the work they did on the orchard. They did a great job, now we just need to get the fencing up.

Vice Chairman Myers - Not present.

Chairman James – As Councilmember Williams stated the water event was very good. I attended the CNIGA meeting last week in addition to the League of Women Voters event and provided the keynote address. We have several MMIP events next week and a MMIP Walk next Friday in Weitchpec.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Rose Sylvia:
- I heard that our CFO is leaving us again? If this is true, Council should be concerned about losing employees.

Kristi Smith:
- I was wondering what was going on with Mad River Brewery? The property is up for sale for $1.6 million.

Jewel Frank:
- I really appreciated what North District member said about Councilmember health. Health is wealth.
- I attended the MMIP event this past Saturday. No one from Council spoke to me.
- I have been clashing with Rosemary Deck and services. I have been following up with regarding there was no mention of the drugs.

RATIFICATION OF POLL VOTE:

Council
CA23-107, Selection of Yurok Wellness Village Site & Contractor
Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken on April 12, 2023, to approve Rube Ranch as the Site and Bid from Pyatok #1 as the Contractor to the Yurok Wellness Village. #2 Windward with a caveat that they work with a local tribal engineer. Motion carries by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
CA23-123
Personnel (Provolt)
Legal (Ray)

CONSENT ITEMS:
None Provided.

PRESENTATIONS:
Morgan Stanley Accounts
Presented by Jason Barr, Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor

Yurok Tribe Financials
Presented by Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer
Financials, budgets and balance sheet provided to Council ending March 31, 2023.

LUNCH: 12:00pm -1:06pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jewel Frank:
- Is there a time limit on my Tribal member comment?
- I cannot see or hear very well on this zoom meeting, because the internet is not great.
- For the Wellness Center funds that you used to do the other project with, how is the 7 million being reimbursed? Or how is that being paid back?

Chairman responds.

Michael Maranger responds.

Jewel Frank:
- I was looking at the Humboldt Board of Supervisors agenda and Measure Z funding is listed on there. When that funding comes to the Tribe does in fact pay for the Tribal Prosecutor’s (Rosemary Deck’s) position?
- The Tribal Prosecutor (Rosemary) said that her department doesn’t provide any direct services like that. So, what does her job and Department do then?

AGENDA ITEMS:
**EE23-005, Enrollment of New Members**
Submitted by Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt** for approval of the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee, in a meeting held on April 17, 2023, to enroll applicants listed on Resolution #23-49 who meet membership requirements of the Enrollment Ordinance and the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.

**EE23-006, Denial of Applicants**
Submitted by Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt** for approval of the recommendations of the Enrollment Committee, in a meeting held on January 27, 2023, to deny enrollment of applicants DY-1044 through DY-1058 who do not meet membership requirements of the Enrollment Ordinance and Constitution of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.

**EE23-007, Relinquishments**
Submitted by Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt** for approval of the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee, in a meeting held on April 17, 2023, to Relinquish the Tribal Member listed on Resolution #23-50, pursuant to the Membership requirements of the Enrollment Ordinance and the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.

**EE23-008, Removal**
Submitted by Krystel Patapoff-Pruitt

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt** for approval of the recommendation of the Enrollment Committee, in a meeting held on April 17, 2023, to remove the Tribal Member listed on Resolution #23-51, pursuant to the Membership requirements of the Enrollment Ordinance and the Constitution of the Yurok Tribe. Motion carries by consensus.

**CA23-120, Discussion of Protection/Access to Wau-Kel Village**
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams** to direct TERO Department to designate Wau-kel Village as a traditional Cultural Property under the Yurok Tribe Inventory through Resolution, Direct THPO to draft a resolution recognizing the descendants of Aawok Waukell Jenni, Aawok Ada Charles and Aawok Nettie Waukell, and protect the continued to use of Tribal Trust Parcel TT5000 for Cultural Activities. Roll call; Vice Chairman Myers-np, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-abs, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6, No-0, abstain-1, not present-1. Motion carries.
TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Jeanette Earhart:
- I used to live down there and we fished down the river all the time and my grandma was there, and my mother was there. Now, we can't even go down the river. It's all blocked off.
- I used to go down there and pray, which I believe in praying my own way, own Indian way. And I burn my root for people to be well.
- Now, I have to go up in the road, across the river, and look down to where I used to go. And I used to live there. I lived there almost all my life until we had to move to Crescent City.

Fern Bates:
- I remember growing up there, we all grew up there and I knew where my grandma lived and my great grandma lived.
- We always had that notion in our head that, and I think it was said somewhere that in that land that there would always be access to the cemetery.
- All our families buried there. We wouldn't bury our family there if we thought we could no longer have any access.
- The road is closed off. They build big ditches just so to keep us out of there.
- Waukell is where we'd go to be together as a family, a village. We would go together to gather our roots and sticks for baskets and to fish there.
- I don't understand why there must be somewhere in some paperwork that says that we will always have that because that's what our grandma told us. We're going to always have access to the cemetery.
- This is where you pray. We can't even get down there to do that. We can't get down there when we bury somebody. We can't fully do the burial, the things that we do after someone's buried to go and have their last meal together.
- I can't understand how someone else can come into there, when they are not from there, Waukell, and make up all these rules. Tell us we cannot come into our own village.

John Proctor:
- All my life, my grandma Ada used to take me and we would go clean our graveyard. My whole life, we would go down there once a month.
- Now our graveyards being overgrown because we have no access, I think that's really a crime against us.
- I have someone that just passed away, I have no access to go down there.
- I am 77 years old. Please open the graveyard

Ron Bates Sr.:
- I remember when I was a little kid, my grandma would always pick me up and I would walk up and down the road at Waukell. I spent my life down there.
- My first fishing experience was down there.
- And now it seems like we're having to be criminals just to be in our own place.
- My son is buried down there. I have cousins, nephews, nieces, uncles, grandmothers, I mean a lot of family down there.
- My grandparents and great grandparents used to pray there.
- I love my family. I love my people. We are desperately looking for some support. I know you guys are supporting us quite a bit.
- Thank you for taking the time to listen and to understand where we're coming from.
Chrystal Charles:
- I'm Chrystal Charles, the granddaughter of aawok Ada Charles, Lloyd Charles's daughter.
- I was fishing down there with my daughter who was an infant, and they locked us in behind the gate. Had there been a medical emergency, I would've been locked in there, not been able to take my daughter to the hospital. Like how was that ok?
- My uncles, they'd be catching fish and Gram would have us all working.
- I was showing my children how to do this, but how am I supposed to do that if I can't even get there to show them the traditional way. That's my fishing spot as well.
- And I want to be buried there someday, so why would we take our garbage down to our burial grounds?

Jolleanne Britton:
- All my life, I've always been down there with my gram and family.
- My mom was born and raised right there on the river. She was one of the people that was born right on the river bar.
- She was taken away from her family and put in a boarding school
- She can't go show me how it use to be, but the river is different now.
- When I took her down there, she just had that glow on her face, like this is my home.
- She used to live there. When the 1964 flood came, it took her house out.
- I've loved to take my mom back down there. So thank you.

John Donahue:
- I grew up with my grandma Ada down there. All my kids learned to swim down there.
- It was kind of tradition for us to go down there and camp out all summer.
- My younger kids asked how come we don't go down there. Can we have our birthdays down there? We can't, we can't go visit their grandma, that's a big part of our traditions.
- It's like we had to go ask other people to camp at our campsite. I mean, it don't feel the same, don't feel like home.
- Now I tell stories how my grandma used to cook fish and anyone could go visit an have fish to eat.

Sarah Nelson:
- I used to go down there and camp during the summers as a kid. I learned to gut my first fish there when I was 10 years old.
- I'd like to teach my kids that in the same place, take them down there and go fish on Gram’s rock.
- I just think it's imperative to my grandmothers, my auntsies and the rest of my family's mental health and physical health to be allowed access to the burial grounds. This is their place for pray, to gather food, medicines, all of that stuff that our ancestors did. I think it's imperative.

Mary Charles-Jolly:
- I spent my whole life by my grandma’s side. She signed a 50-year lease.
- That road is owned by the BIA and not by Resighini.
- We've been fighting for Waukell since I was 6 (six) years old.
- My biggest questions is why do we continue fighting with these guys when it's BIA that owns the road?
I lived down there for 4 (four) years. To make it show that this (Yurok) tribe, that's our family, is interested in that property, but yet it keeps dwindling down to less and less property.

Why do we have to continue fighting this with them?

Why are they trying to say that we're the one who's contaminating river when they're the ones that's actually bringing all their debris down there and going through all the flooding?

Health & Human Services Division

Education Department

EDU23-016, Success in Both Worlds Conference
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams for Council to approve the donation of $1,000 from the Native Education Choices and empowerment project to support McKinleyville High School's Native American Club – Success in Both Worlds Conference. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-023, Budget Mod 7122
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve the attached budget mod for 7122 Wild Rivers Grant. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-024, COLA-Quality Improvement Funding Opportunity
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve the supplemental COLA and Quality Improvement funds offered by Office of Head Start for the FY23-24. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-009, Del Norte Child Care Council Contract
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve Chairman to sign contract between the Yurok Tribe and Del Norte Child Care Council for $558,712 for childcare services between February 15, 2023 and December 31, 2026. Motion carries by consensus.

BREAK: 2:52pm -3:17pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
James Proctor:
- What does restricted allotment mean?
- I am through praying; it doesn’t do any good.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Client Services
YHHS23-020, TJS Funding – BIA Child Welfare Services Legal Representation
Submitted by Allyson McCovey
Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt for approval of the Tribal Justice Support (TJS) Finding received from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), attached budget, and a new fiscal project code number and to approve for the Chairman to sign all related contracts and agreements developed from this funding. Motion carries by consensus.

Council

CA23-110, Amy Cordalis Yearly Retainer 2024
Submitted by Jodi Hoone

To authorize payment of Amy Cordalis’ annual retainer fee of $174,000/year based on approved 3-year contract (Starting March 22, 2021 ending March 21, 2024). Item tabled.

CA23-123, Kapel Construction Reimbursement
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Discussion regarding reimbursement to Kapel Construction for work completed during the 2023 Winter Storm Disaster Declaration. Item tabled.

CA23-133, Community Donation Clean & Sober Graduation Party
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a Community Donation in the amount of $250 Community Donation line item, $250 Requa Youth Fund, $250 North District Travel line item and $250 North District Youth Fund for a total of $1,000. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-136, Community Donation – Assistance w/ Travel
Submitted by Council Operations

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve a Community Donation in the amount of $250 from Orick District Community Fund and $250 Community Donation to help with travel funds. Motion carries by consensus.


EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:51pm -4:25pm
CA23-123
Personnel (Provolt)
Legal (Ray)

Action Out of Executive:
CA23-110, Amy Cordalis Yearly Retainer 2024, tabled to the second round of meetings in May.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.
CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

ADJOURN: 4:26pm
MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: May 25, 2023

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary         Date
5/30/23