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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>**

**ROLL CALL:** 10:04am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Frankie Myers, Sherri Provolt, Mindy Natt, Ryan Ray, Lori Hodge, Phillip Williams, Lana McCovey, Toby Vanlandingham

**ABSENT:** None

**STAFF:** Earl Jackson, Taralyn Ipiña, Maggie Poffenbarger, Georgiana Gensaw (recorder)

**QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Ray

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with additions; CA21-007, CA21-008, and IT21-003. Motion carries by consensus.**

**CALENDAR:**

January 27-CM Hodge out for the day (appointment).

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Pass

Councilmember Williams: Pass

Councilmember Hodge: Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District families and parents please watch your mail; we are sending out Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) surveys. We want to get as much input from parents and students. We will be holding zoom meetings in February. There are door prizes and other prizes for doing and turning in the survey. The School District is looking for an Administrative Assistant for the new school Superintendent, Jennifer Glueck. If you interested in administrative work or know someone who is please refer to the school district office.

42 Councilmember Ray: I am holding my district meeting Saturday, January 30 and will I am  
43 assisting Education Department by gathering input for their education grant and seeing what  
44 the needs are of our students and we can help.

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46 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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48 Councilmember Provolt: Good morning, I want to thank our staff, they do a lot of work on  
49 behalf of Council and community. I want to thank our public information (relations) Matt Mais  
50 and his team as they do a lot of work to share the news with the community of all our projects.  
51 I just got my newsletter, it's a great way to share all of the projects the Tribe is working on. The  
52 newsletter, Facebook and website all the ways of media. I think it's really key for keeping our  
53 constituents informed. Wok-hlew'

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55 Vice Chair Myers: It's been an exciting last few month as far as water discussion and dam  
56 removal. I just forwarded Council the summary of our last KHSA meeting being signatories. We  
57 are cautiously optimistic; everything seems to be moving along quite nicely. We are in the  
58 permitting stages now. We have filed our Amended License Transfer Agreement (ALTA) and we  
59 are happy with the process, we have met with all the commissioners. They cannot comment  
60 until they see our application. With the Biden presidency, the Primary runner for this  
61 administration we are going to see some positive appointment. I want to give an update on our  
62 corporations, we are working on adding those meeting dates to the calendar. Once again, I  
63 think that Biden Administration are going to helpful.

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65 Chairman James: I wanted to let our membership know that we are going to make another run  
66 in 2021 regarding infrastructure job and opportunities. I want to encourage our members to  
67 engage, because President Biden is going to release a stimulus funds to support infrastructure.  
68 We are still working on many things. I want to continue to advocate for the input from our  
69 members regarding land, housing, jobs, buildings, in our district, on our Reservation and within  
70 our Ancestral territory. We are doing good work, thanks to our staff and Council.

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72 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Personnel (Ray), Personnel (Chairman), OT21-003, CA21-008

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74 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

75 Nicole Provolt: Good morning, Nicole Provolt, Orick district. I wanted to take the opportunity to  
76 let Council know how much I appreciate the ability to participate in Council Meetings via the Go  
77 to meeting platform. I know we are utilizing it because of COVID, but for me personally even  
78 though I am live locally it's not conducive for me to attend in person because I have a two year  
79 old son. He's often rumbustious and I can mute the computer and I can zone in when it's  
80 something I want to pay attention to it and give my feedback. I hope soon, in the not too  
81 distant future, we can meet in person soon; but I do appreciate this virtual platform. Thank you.

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83 **CONSENT AGENDA:**

84 **Wildlife**  
85 WILD21-001 Section 6 Grant

86 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

87 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve submission of an**  
88 **application to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Section 6 Endangered Species**  
89 **Conservation and Recovery Grant Program in support of Humboldt marten recovery and any**  
90 **necessary Chairman signatures. Motion carries by consensus.**

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92 **Council**

93 CA21-005 January 6 & 7 2021 Minutes

94 Submitted by Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations

95 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve with edits and**  
96 **corrections Council Meeting minutes for January 6 & 7, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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98 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

99 **Fisheries**

100 Dave Hillemeier present for agenda item

101 FISH21-02, Search and Rescue MOU with Trinity County

102 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

103 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to authorize signature by the**  
104 **Chairman on the attached Memorandum of Understanding with Trinity County regarding the**  
105 **use of Tribal equipment for search and rescue operations. See attached memo, OTA work**  
106 **request, and past action item for more information. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers=yes,**  
107 **Councilmember Hodge=yes, Councilmember Ray=yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham=yes,**  
108 **Councilmember Provolt=yes, Councilmember Natt=yes, Councilmember Williams=yes,**  
109 **Councilmember McCovey=yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abs-0, Np-0. Motion carries.**

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111 FISH21-03, Acquisition of leases for GSA vehicles

112 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

113 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to authorize the**  
114 **Fisheries Department to acquire at least three GSA vehicles (two full size trucks and one SUV**  
115 **with 4x4 capabilities) for the 2021 construction season. See attached memo for more**  
116 **information. Motion carries by consensus.**

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118 FISH21-05, Redwood Creek

119 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

120 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Fisheries**  
121 **Department to enter into a contract with California Trout, and to work with a stakeholder**  
122 **group working on the Redwood Creek estuary project to provide technical services and seek**  
123 **additional funding to work on the Redwood Creek Estuary restoration project. Motion carries**  
124 **by consensus.**

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127 FISH21-06, Grant applications

128 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

129 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**  
130 **Design and Construction Program to submit several proposals as described in the attached**  
131 **memo during the next year (see attached memo, and associated documents describing**  
132 **funding opportunities for more information). Motion carries by consensus.**

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134 **Human Resources**

135 Rose Sylvia present for agenda item

136 HR21-01 Job Descriptions

137 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

138 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve job**  
139 **descriptions for Victim Services Shelter Manager, YCSS Program Manager, and Coordinator**  
140 **Interpretation Center. Motion carries by consensus.**

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142 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

143 Maggie Poffenbarger presents for agenda item

144 OTA21-001 Amended Yurok Public Utility Ordinance

145 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

146 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Ray to review public comments and**  
147 **approve attached proposed final Yurok Public Utility Ordinance with edits and authorize Chair**  
148 **to sign and Council Secretary to attest. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-**  
149 **no, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-**  
150 **no, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes.**  
151 **Yes-6, No-2, Abs-0, Np-0. Motion carries.**

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153 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

154 Elizabeth Davis: I feel the public hearing process is unfair during COVID, not everyone has  
155 internet during this time. Are you guys going to have another public comment when the  
156 pandemic is over, so people can make their comments then?

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158 OTA21-002 Amended Land Assignment Ordinance

159 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

160 **~~Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Natt to review public comments~~**  
161 **~~and approve attached proposed final ordinance and authorize Chair to sign and Council~~**  
162 **~~Secretary to attest. Motion withdrawn. Discussion only, no action.~~**

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164 OTA21-003 Comment letter on General Welfare Exclusion

165 Submitted by Maggie Poffenbarger

166 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to approve comment**  
167 **letter or IRS General Welfare exclusion program. Motion carries by consensus.**

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169 OTA21-004 Public Health Ordinance

170 Submitted by Dawn Baum, Deputy General Counsel

171 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Ray to approve final Public Health**  
172 **Ordinance. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-**  
173 **yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-**  
174 **yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abs-0, Np-0.**  
175 **Motion carries**

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177 OTA20-006 Appointment of Public Health Officer  
178 Submitted by Kori Cordero

179 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Chairman’s**  
180 **appointment of Hollie Strahm as the Yurok Tribe’s Public Health Officer via Resolution 21-**  
181 **005. Motion carries by consensus.**

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183 **LUNCH: 12:10-1:02**

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

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187 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

188 **Planning**  
189 Brandi Natt and Patty Ulmer-Gensaw present for agenda items  
190 P21-001 North Coast Tribal Transportation  
191 Submitted by Patty Ulmer-Gensaw

192 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Resolution**  
193 **20-001 and authorized signatures for Transportation Manager as Yurok Tribe representative**  
194 **to the North Coast Tribal Transportation Commission (NCTTC) with the Transportation**  
195 **Planner to be the alternate delegate. Motion carries by consensus.**

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197 P21-002 Yurok Tribe & Humboldt County MOA  
198 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

199 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham /Councilmember Ray to approve MOA**  
200 **between Humboldt County and the Yurok Tribe for improvements to Bald Hills Road and**  
201 **Lower Cappell Road. Motion carries by consensus.**

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203 P21-002-A Yurok Tribe & Humboldt County MOA-Resolution  
204 Submitted by Grant Klopmeier

205 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham /Councilmember Provolt to ratify**  
206 **Resolution 20-137, Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Humboldt County for**  
207 **the Memorandum of Agreement regarding and the improvements to Bald Hills Road and**  
208 **Lower Cappell Road. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**  
209 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
210 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8,**  
211 **No-0, Abs-0, Np-0. Motion carries.**

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213 P21-004 Patrick’s Point Trail Maintenance

214 Submitted by Patty Ulmer

215 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray /Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**  
216 **Resolution 20-136 for Suemeeg (Patrick’s Park) Maintenance Service Agreement with**  
217 **California State Parks. Motion carries by consensus.**

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219 **Tribal Court**

220 Jessica Carter, Lori Nesbitt present for agenda item

221 TC21-003 Wild Souls Ranch

222 Submitted by Jessica Cedillo

223 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**  
224 **contract in the amount of \$30,000.00 with the Wild Souls Ranch for therapeutic equine youth**  
225 **services. Motion carries by consensus.**

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227 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to suspend the rules and**  
228 **add TC21-001. Motion carries by consensus.**

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230 TC21-001, SAMHSA Youth and Family TREE

231 Submitted by Jessica Cedillo

232 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve the**  
233 **submission of the SAMHSA Youth and Family Tree Grant Application in order to enhance and**  
234 **expand comprehensive treatment, early intervention, and recovery support services for**  
235 **youth and their families with substance use disorders (SUD) and mental disorders and**  
236 **authorize for the Chairman to sign all necessary documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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238 **Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer**

239 Rosie Clayburn present for agenda item

240 THPO21-001 Suemeeg Park

241 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

242 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to authorize**  
243 **Chairman to sign a letter to the State Park requesting a formal name change of “Patrick’s**  
244 **Point” to Suemeeg. Motion carries by consensus.**

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246 THPO21-002 Chah-pek’w’ Project

247 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

248 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**  
249 **Resolution 21-002 authorizing the Cultural Resource Department to enter into an agreement**  
250 **with the State Park for updating the National Register of Historic Places nomination of Chah-**  
251 **pek’w’ Village. Motion carries by consensus.**

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253 THPO21-003 Stone Lagoon Visitor Center

254 Submitted by Rosie Clayburn

255 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the Stone**  
256 **Lagoon Visitor Center to be within the Cultural Resources Department and Organizational**  
257 **Structure. Motion carries by consensus.**

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259 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**  
260 Nicole Sager, Rachel Dowd present for agenda items  
261 YIHA21-01 Monthly Report  
262 Submitted by Nicole Sager

263 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt approval of the Yurok Indian**  
264 **Housing Authority’s Executive Director Monthly Report as submitted by Nicole Sager. Motion**  
265 **carries by consensus.**

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267 YIHA21-02 Duplication of Benefits Policy  
268 Submitted by Nicole Sager

269 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge /Councilmember Ray to approve the Duplication of**  
270 **Benefits Policy as approved by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority Board of Commissioners**  
271 **on January 12, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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273 YIHA21-03 Land Use Agreement  
274 Submitted by Nicole Sager

275 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the**  
276 **Land Use Agreement between the Yurok Indian Housing Authority and the Yurok Tribe to**  
277 **ensure at least 30% of parcels owned by the Yurok Indian Housing Authority are used for low**  
278 **income tribal housing. Motion carries by consensus.**

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280 YIHA21-04 Amended Tax Credit Eligibility and Occupancy Policy  
281 Submitted by Nicole Sager

282 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge /Councilmember Williams to approve the Eligibility**  
283 **and Occupancy Policy for Tax Credit Properties for the Yurok Indian Housing Authority with**  
284 **requested edits related to companion animals and length of time for abandoned units.**  
285 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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287 YIHA21-05 Grant Application  
288 Submitted by Nicole Sager

289 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to approve the Yurok Indian**  
290 **Housing Authority to submit a grant application to CA Housing and Community Development**  
291 **to the CDBG CARES CV2 and 3 Tribal Set Aside by Resolution 21-004 and for the Chairman to**  
292 **sign all related documents and the Council Secretary to Attest. Motion carries by consensus.**

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294 **BREAK 2:22pm-2:35pm**  
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296 **Council**  
297 CA20-237 A. Cordalis Contract

298 Submitted by Chairman James

299 **Motion made by Councilmember /Councilmember Motion to authorize Chairman to sign Amy**  
300 **Cordalis attorney contract. Item tabled.**

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302 IT21-003, Funding for Contractor  
303 Submitted by Jessica Engle

304 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to use of \$150,000**  
305 **from Operational Reserve x126 for sole source contract with Amerind. Funding to be**  
306 **reimbursed to account if funds are made available. Motion carries by consensus.**

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308 CA21-007, HEART donation  
309 Submitted by Vice Chairman

310 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge to approve HEART Rescue**  
311 **Team donation in the amount of \$7,100. Funding to come from the following:**  
312 **\$250-6391 Community Donation,**  
313 **\$1,600 Chairman’s travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 10,**  
314 **\$1,500 Vice Chair’s travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 15,**  
315 **\$750 North District travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 20,**  
316 **\$500 South District Travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 25,**  
317 **\$250 Requa District travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 30,**  
318 **\$1,000 East District travel line item project 50, g/l 6170 unit 35,**  
319 **\$500 Pecwan District travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 40,**  
320 **\$500 Weitchpec District travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 45, and**  
321 **\$500 Orick District travel line item project 50 g/l 6170 unit 50. Motion carries by consensus.**

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323 **BREAK 3:31pm-3:36pm**

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325 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:36pm-5:53pm**  
326 **KCSD update, Personnel, Property, and Strawberry Rock.**

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328 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to suspend the**  
329 **rules and add OTA21-008 Access to Yurok Village Site. Item to be discussed in Executive**  
330 **Session. Motion carries by consensus.**

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332 OTA21-008, Access to Yurok Village Site  
333 Submitted by Geneva Thompson

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335 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to authorize**  
336 **Chairperson to call Resighini’s Chairperson to work out a solution to Resighini’s actions**  
337 **blocking access to a Yurok Village and, in the event a solution cannot be reached to authorize**  
338 **Chief O’Rourke to issue a citation for violations of Yurok law. Further, authorize Council to**  
339 **request a government to government meeting with the Army Corp. Roll call; Vice Chair**  
340 **Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**



341 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-abs, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember**  
342 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-abs. Yes-6, No-0, Abs-2, Np-0. Motion carries.**

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344 Councilmember Provolt-conflict of interest  
345 Councilmember McCovey-conflict of interest

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347 CA21-004 Potential Property Purchase  
348 Submitted by Vice Chair Myers & Councilmember Vanlandingham-CONFIDENTIAL  
349 Action/Discussion regarding potential property purchase in the Weitchpec area.

350 **Directive to acting Executive Director to work with staff to enter negotiations with landowner**  
351 **as discussed in executive session (1/21/2021).**

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353 CA21-008, Strawberry Rock  
354 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña

355 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to not support**  
356 **Trinidad Land Trust acquiring the Yurok Sacred Site in what is now called Strawberry Rock and**  
357 **authorize Chairman to sign a letter stating the Tribes opposition. Roll call; Councilmember**  
358 **Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes, Councilmember**  
359 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**  
360 **Provolt-abs, Vice Chair Myers-yes, Yes-7, No-0, Abs-1, Np-0. Motion carries.**

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362 Councilmember Provolt-conflict of interest


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

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366 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

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368 **ADJOURN:** 6:04pm

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370 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**February 11, 2021**

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374 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

02/18/2021  
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**Date**