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**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2022
WEITCHPEC TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 10:04am

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

ABSENT: Joe James, Chairman (travel)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Jodi Hoone, Grants & Compliance Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Baum, Alex Mojado, Office of Tribal Attorney; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Crawford to approve agenda with additions of FIN22-012 and CA22-294. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Planning & Community Development Division

Planning Department

P22-034, Fee-to-Trust Project

Submitted by Marion Frye

Council consensus to set a planning work session with Tribal Council, Planning Department, and Michael Derry, Fee-To-Trust Project Consultant. Set for Monday, December 19, 2022.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION:

None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

Councilmember Crawford: Pass.

Councilmember Natt: Pass.

46 Councilmember Williams: Pass.

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48 Councilmember Ray: I am online today because I had tested positive for COVID. I tested
49 negative as of yesterday. I appreciate being able to join online, but I am feeling better and I am
50 back in action next week for sure.

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52 Councilmember McCovey: Pass.

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54 Councilmember Provolt: Pass.

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56 Vice Chairman Myers: Introduction by Javier Kinney, Carbon Project Manager of guests from
57 Japan doing some filing on Climate Change.

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59 Chairman James: Not present.

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61 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

62 Herman Quinn:

- 63 • Billy Moon who is banished from the Reservation attended Fall Feast here at the
64 Weitchpec Office. I notified Public Safety, nothing was done. I heard one of our officers
65 was seen visiting with Mr. Moon, like it was not a problem. I wanted Council aware of
66 this situation.

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68 Chrissy Robbins:

- 69 • There was a fire incident lit from the bottom of the hill. Her partner was put in harm's
70 way. The fire was conducted by the Culture Fire Management Council's and Yurok Tribe
71 Fire Department. A home and fire fighters' lives were put into jeopardy. This incident
72 was a direct result of someone's negligence.

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74 Herman Quinn:

- 75 • Some of this year elder's fish had gill rot. This is unacceptable to give this kind of fish
76 away. Concerned about the quality of the water.

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78 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Fire Incident (Council), Moon Exclusion (Council), Emergency Assistance
79 (Crawford/Vice Chairman), Off-Shore Wind/Energy Summit (Vice Chairman)

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81 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

82 **Natural Resources**

83 *Fisheries Department*

84 FISH22-075, Fisheries Grant Submission Approval

85 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

86 **Motion made Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Williams for approval to submit a**
87 **grant application to the US Forest Service in the amount of approximately \$300,000 for the**
88 **Landscape Scale Restoration funding opportunity. Full indirect is allowed and no match is**
89 **required. Motion carries by consensus.**

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91 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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93 **Executive Office**

94 *Finance Department*

95 FIN22-013, Merchant Services Agreement

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve the Merchant Services Application with BlueFin Technologies Merchant Services Agreement and the T Tech, LLC ACH Agreement, as part of the software upgrade to the Utility Management Services (UMS) application. Motion carries by consensus.

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101 *Prosecutor's Office*

102 PRO22-011, MMIP Educational Policy Briefing Document

103 Submitted by Rosemary Deck

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the briefing document on MMIP policy for the purpose of educating lawmakers, tribal leaders, and no-profits on the MMIP crisis, its root causes, and proposed policy solutions to better facilitate our policy work. Motion carries by consensus.

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109 **Health & Human Services Division**

110 YHHS22-085, Reach and Resiliency Infrastructure Award

111 Submitted by Alita Redner

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve acceptance of Reach and Resiliency Award and designation for assistance with infrastructure planning. Motion carries by consensus.

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116 **Planning & Community Development Division**

117 *Planning Department*

118 P22-031, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Grant

119 Submitted by Gino O'Rourke

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the Chairman to sign and the Secretary to attest to Chairman's signature of grant agreement with the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund in the amount of \$200,000.000. Motion carries by consensus.

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125 **Council**

126 CA22-286, Northern California Indian Development Council, Inc. Certificate of Appointment

127 Submitted by Taralyn Ipinia, Chief of Operations

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to appoint Councilmember Ray as the Delegate and Councilmember Natt as the alternate to the Northern California Indian Development Council Board of Directors. Motion carries by consensus.

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133 CA22-289, Culture Fire Management Council Appointment of Louisa McCovey

134 Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

135 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve appointment of**
136 **Louisa McCovey to the Culture Fire Management Council, replacing Councilmember**
137 **Vanlandingham. Motion carries by consensus.**

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139 CA22-290, Lost Coast Wind Contract Extension
140 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

141 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Lost**
142 **Coast Wind Contract Extension, pending Office of Tribal Attorney review and approval.**
143 **Funding to come from Tribal Consistency funding, not to exceed \$36,000. Roll call; Vice**
144 **Chairman Myers-chairing, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-no,**
145 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-yes,**
146 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-5, no-2, abstaining-0, not**
147 **present-1. Motion carries.**

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149 **BREAK: 11:19am-11:40am**

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151 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

152 Ronald "RT" Jones:

- 153 • Checking on the status of my complaint with TERO?
- 154 • Are we moving away from hiring Tribal Members? I know a lot of Tribal Members need
- 155 jobs, but over in Weaverville they are not hiring Tribal Members. My old supervisor will
- 156 not speak to me, they will not call me back. I don't know why I was fired.

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158 Melissa Myers:

- 159 • There is so much blight we have on a reservation. I go to Requa, which is one of my
- 160 favorite to go fishing, to go camping, to hang out for the day. Right now, there's
- 161 pedophiles and creepy people down there and broken up stuff and crap. Literally crap
- 162 everywhere. And I was thinking, am I the only one that thinks this is wrong? What? We
- 163 have no law, you could just come and, and crap on our land and tear apart your car and
- 164 burn up your trailer and we don't care about it. This is no right.
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- 166 • I mean is it a garbage dump over there? It's a landfill happening over there. It hurts my
- 167 heart and I know I am related to some of these people that are in these positions.
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- 169 • Talk about environmental, how much oil and gas and crap. I know some tribal members
- 170 use their river bar to burn their garbage. That's what they do. People have decided
- 171 that's a good place to their yard debris and they pile up and burn it. And when I go down
- 172 there to my river bar fishing hole, I'm getting flat tires. I'm finding weird debris. I'm just
- 173 like, I think that's wrong. It's wrong for me.
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- 175 • It's wrong for us. And I feel like you can go to fancy places, you can go all around the
- 176 world, go talk to the presidents, the secretaries and all those things. But we have
- 177 garbage on our river bars. Let's clean up our river bar, let's clean up our village.
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- 179 • And down there in that(community) there's a missing (girl) and she was seen and was in
180 we all community talk amongst ourselves. And we said, we know who did it, but yet
181 they didn't live in our community. Changed our whole lives. I don't invite my
182 grandchildren down. We don't go for walks anymore.
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- 184 • Where is the miscommunication of a contractors coming onto the reservation? Where is
185 the miscommunication of our TERO Department? It's sad to see another summer, where
186 contractors come to the reservation with no tribal members working for them. There
187 needs to be somebody else that goes out and advocates and for the people and talks to
188 them and gets them for these jobs coming about. So, I know it's a hard job, so I think
189 there needs to be more than just one guy.
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- 191 • On another matter, I feel tribal involvement with our local schools is minimal. I'm going
192 to go visit my school. We have a 29 year old school teacher and it's like he's alone. I
193 don't think we have a bunch of support. He's got like 14, 15 kids and nobody comes to
194 help. No parents come to meet their kids. No one comes to do demonstrations. I'm
195 pretty sure that's what we could say for a few other schools except for the ones that
196 people are traveling miles and miles to take their kids to some awesome school where
197 there is some awesome communities support. I'd like to see us be more involved in our
198 schools. I'd like to see the, and come up and do something. And I'd like to see you all
199 come visit. That's it for today.

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201 Herman Quinn:

- 202 • TERO issue, Mindy had asked me work down there around the Wautek Firehouse and it
203 took 8 months to get paid.
- 204 • Warrior mentioned again that they were getting ready to work. But I can't work for free,
205 I can't run my truck without gas.
- 206 • Getting river bars cleaned up. Like old Village river bar. We still have metal culverts that
207 our roads departments tore up. I talked to Watershed and Roads Department Staff
208 about it, I believe that if it isn't in Klamath he doesn't care about it.

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210 Tribal Members are reminded to please refrain from using names of any Tribal staff.

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212 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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214 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to suspend the rules**
215 **to add an agenda items. Motion carries by consensus.**

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217 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to add FISH22-**
218 **076, YHHS22-060, and FIN22-015. Motion carries by consensus.**

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220 CA22-294, Meeting minutes for late October beginning of November 2022
221 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

222 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve the Meeting**
223 **minutes for October 25 Council Gaming, October 25 Council Finance, October 26 Council**

224 **Planning, October 27 Council Action, and November 9 Council Planning/Action Meetings.**
225 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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227 YHHS22-060, GNB Consulting Contract
228 Submitted by Madison Green

229 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve TANF**
230 **Technical Assistance Contract with GNB Consulting, Inc. in the amount of \$89,000 for the**
231 **Yurok Tribe TANF Program. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-chairing, Councilmember**
232 **Crawford-no, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember**
233 **Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember**
234 **McCovey-no. Yes-5, no-2, abstaining-0, not present-1. Motion carries.**

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236 FISH22-076, Fisheries Contract with USGS
237 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

238 **Motion made by Councilmember Crawford/Councilmember Vanlandingham for approval to**
239 **enter into an agreement with the US Geological Survey for LiDAR data acquisition over Yurok**
240 **Ancestral Territory and to approve contingent on OTA final review. Motion carries by**
241 **consensus.**

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243 FIN22-012, Check Signer Update for Umpqua Bank Accounts
244 Submitted by Michael Maranger

245 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Resolution**
246 **#22-128 to update the check signers on all Umpqua Bank Accounts as listed on the resolution.**
247 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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249 FIN22-015, Transfer \$99,800 from Morgan Stanley Elders Account
250 Submitted Michael Maranger

251 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to approve the transfer of**
252 **\$99,800 from the Morgan Stanley account xxx575 to fund December 2022 payments made**
253 **pursuant to General Welfare Ordinance to elders in the amount of \$100 each. Motion carries**
254 **by consensus.**

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256 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

257 Windsong Nelson:

- 258 • Our Yurok Tribal Fire Chief lit a fire at the bottom of the hill, my husband was standing
259 at the top of the hill. I just wanted someone to know.

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261 **LUNCH: 12:21pm-2:10pm**

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263 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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265 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to suspend the rules**
266 **and add CA22-299. Motion carries by consensus.**

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268 CA22-299, Dam Removal Resolution
269 Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers/Amy Cordalis

270 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
271 **Resolution #22-130, with edits, in support of the Klamath River Renewal Corporation**
272 **("KRRRC") Acceptance of the FERC license for Project 14803 and transfer of the Klamath**
273 **Hydroelectric Project of the KRRRC for Facilities Removal and Related Actions. Roll call: Vice**
274 **Chairman Myers-chairing, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
275 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes,**
276 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, no-0, abstaining-0, not**
277 **present-2. Motion carries.**

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279 **BREAK: 2:20pm-2:30pm**

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281 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:30pm-5:00pm**
282 Fire Incident (Council)
283 Moon Exclusion (Council)
284 Emergency Assistance (Crawford/Vice Chairman)
285 Off-Shore Wind/Energy Summit (Vice Chairman)

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287 No action out of Executive Session.

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

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291 **CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Crawford.**

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293 **ADJOURN: 5:08pm**

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295 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

January 12, 2023

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01/18/2023

299 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date

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