ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (10:09); 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/Vice Chairman Myers to accept the agenda with additions of CA23-138 and CA23-123. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR: Item tabled.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams – Pass.

Councilmember Crawford – An individual told me that their family had five (5) baskets that their grandfather had received/collected while working in Pecwan in the 1950s. They wanted to give them to the Tribe, they don’t want money. They just would like to be recognized. With our Wellness Center, maybe we could display them there, because you have to have our culture and traditions to be well. That’s apart of wellness.

Councilmember Natt – Pass.

Councilmember McCovey – I had a meeting with United Indian Health Services Staff and with Peggy O’Neill to discuss the Wellness Center. They also applied for a 10 million dollar grant for a healing center that will be located next to the Potawot Health Village. We were discussing the kinds of services that each entity would be providing. They are very excited about us doing an inpatient center and would be dedicate to helping patients go there for services.

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We need to be planning for the staffing and operations because it takes that long process to get licensing and everything that's associated with that type of project.

Another thing I was told was that United Indian Health Services received money for a generator in Weitchpec to provide emergency power to the whole building.

Councilmember Ray – Pass.
Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass.
Vice Chairman Myers – Pass.
Councilmember Provolt – Pass.
Chairman James – We need to start the discussion of fall fishing. We have the dams coming down this year and next year. We need to make sure we are getting the information out to our members. I want to continue with the momentum of job fairs, I know we had one in Hoopa. We also want to look at the number of applications handed out or received. What is the results of those job fair? We also need to look at a 10 day turn around for services to our members. Whether you're in a department that's providing services, we're going look at implementing a 10 days response time to help those who reached out. We need shake it up a little bit, not get too comfortable. And I mean this in a good, positive way. But again, if you're providing services, we want to look at changing the internal system to provide more timely service.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Lori Hodge:
- Thank you for being here today.
- The Career Fair held at Hoopa High was awesome
- Great turn out by Yurok, it was a really great event.

Jewel Frank:
- We have 26 participants online today
- I like the video, but the audio could use some improvement

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Pre-go-neesh 8a (Vice Chairman Myers)
CA 23-134, Land for sale (Councilmember Ray)

AGENDA ITEMS:
Executive Division
Public Relations
PR23-001, Salmon Festival Budget
Submitted by Matt Mais & Micki Moon

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the proposed date is Saturday, August 19, 2023. The Salmon Festival has occurred on the third
Saturday in August for most of the last two decades or more. To approve that the Salmon Festival will be set for the 3rd Saturday of August of every year. Motion carries by consensus.

Council
CA23-125, Councilmembers Sitting on Corporation Boards
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Discussion on Councilmembers sitting on Tribal Corporation Boards, should issue be sent out for Tribal Membership vote. No action, discussion only.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jackie Mix:
- I believe that the tribal council members should really read their charters.
- A corporation is not a tribal government
- I really feel that our tribal council that we vote in to office really needs to take care of our tribal government instead of our corporations.
- These tax credit programs that are coming up, you know, we, we have a lot to learn each one of us, no matter how experienced we are in our jobs, that's why we have to have our charters set up.
- I just truly feel that there's a separation of power has to be in place. That is my concern.

James Dunlap:
- I admire you guys. I may not always say so, but I'm thankful that you take the time to pay attention to some of these items that come up on social media.
- I still have concerns for the need of seven varying different corporation boards.
- The tribal members have asked repeatedly, repeatedly, where's the audit? What is the profit loss statement for the brewery? What is the profit loss statement for the YAC?
- The Mad River Brewery has 20 employees, but only one of them is a tribal member and not qualified to be a general manager.
- My question is that we already had a Yurok Economic Development Council. Why aren't we using them for these expenditures and oversight?
- Once you leave the reservation boundary, all that tribal sovereignty stops, you can check with Blue Lake and see how they, they found out how hard it is in the real world without that tribal sovereignty.
- Why are we going through creating massive expenses? Are all those positions for all those corporation boards have new positions like HR Director, Finance Director, and paying for attorneys?
- You can't use tribal funds. You can't use the OTA for that corporation. So, they all have those expenses. I think these businesses need to be moved under the YEDC Corporation. That would be my vote.
- I strongly feel that Councilmembers should not be sitting on all these corporate boards. One, they're not qualified to be making the decisions for successful corporations. Thank you.
Rose Sylvia:

- One of my questions is, who are the stakeholders to the corporations?
- If the tribal membership is considered a stakeholder of a corporation, then do we have the right to vote out the boards if we're unhappy with them?
- I've stood up in council meetings and how I felt that Council being on corporations was a conflict of interest.
- I specifically pointed out that if the President of the Corporation is also a Council Member and they put an action item before the full Council and speaking to it, then voting on it, I see that as a serious conflict.
- I stated that you were elected and it was your fiduciary responsibility to the Yurok Tribal Council, not the corporations. I also asked for an outside opinion. I was later told on teams by OTA that you have an outside opinion about that conflict of interest.
- I think that we are spread too thin. Nothing is going to be successful unless you can really put your time and energy into it. And if you're not putting your time and energy into one thing and you're putting it into a whole bunch of things, then none of them are going to be successful.

Jewel Frank:

- I'm going to respectfully request that you immediately closed the MRB doors because of their losses.
- Some of you guys are guilty of being rude to your own tribal members who have elected. You are here to serve us and we are here to tell you when you are failing and when you are doing a good job.

Jackie Winter:

- There is a place for council to be on the board but as a non-member. Part of the responsibility of a Councilmember on that board is to provide updates to the full Council on what's going on as far as that corporation is concerned.
- I don't see anybody in the corporation going out and trying to find tribal members to be on the board. And I don't see them going out to hire tribal members.

Lori Hodge:

- I would like to see more advertisement of the Corporation meetings with the links and the days and times of the meeting so that we can get more tribal member input because from my experience, no one ever shows up. I think it would be really great to make them a focus to get the links out there so people can join meeting.
- I think that we have many tribal members who are very educated, very experienced. If you're interested, please call so these board positions can be filled.

Anita Bussell:

- I got a phone call this morning about today's meeting. I tried to call here to this office and there is no answer. There should be someone to help people to meetings.
- I'm concerned about the MRB and find out that we didn't buy the building. What you do we buy ad how much are we paying in rent. Is it worth it?
There are issues about trusting people, and trusting you. I really am concerned about where we are going in the future and this corporation thing.

CA23-126, Tribal Member Request to Use Tribal Vehicle
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Discussion on Tribal Member request to utilize a large capacity Tribal Vehicle to transport 8th grade students to the Bay Area for their end of year trip. Discussion only, no action. Council Operations will follow up with Councilmember Crawford & Tribal Member to follow application process.

LUNCH: 12:03pm-1:03pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Frances Vedolla:
- My generator was stolen - the one I was given from the Yurok Tribe.
- The Tribe used elder’s money to build the casino and we were supposed to get $100 a month when it started making money. What is happening with that?

Lottie Ammon:
- Why is this building here, and there’s no internet no phone number.
- What about a training for our members to learn how to check on elders.

CA23-123, Reimbursement for Kepel Construction
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Vice Chairman Myers to reimburse Kapel Construction for work completed during the 2023 Winter storm disaster declaration. Motion withdrawn. Item moved to executive session. Item tabled.

Rose Sylvia:
- I’m not a tribal member with the expectation that the Tribe’s is going to do everything for me, but if the tribe is going to do things for tribal members, then I would hope that you do get a little more organized.
- I wanna request that somebody from our area be responsible to check on people. My brother got stuck on side of the road and had to walk home.
- I used to live in Hoopa and they had a big snow storm. They sent out their firefighters to everybody’s house to cut out debris on their roads with their chainsaws. We have firefighters, we could do the same. It doesn't always have to be like some contractor.
- We were without power for over a week with all of the power lines that was down. Whoever the incident commander was, didn't even come to the area. And so I just wanna say, if you’re going to appoint somebody to an area, have it be somebody from that area who knows people and knows where to go to check on them. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:59pm -2:44pm
Kapel Construction Reimbursement, discussion only, no action.
AGENDA ITEMS:

Council

CA23-128, Redwood Region Tribal Climate Resilience Network
Submitted by Chairman James

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve participation and engagement with Tribal Climate Resilience Network. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-135, Meeting w/ LiUNA! Laborers’ Union
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Meeting with LiUNA! Laborers’ Union on April 26th @1:00pm 3:30pm. Discussion only, no action.

CA23-138, Community Donation
Submitted by Councilmember Crawford

Motion by Councilmember Crawford/ Councilmember Natt to provide donation to Tribal member who needs to travel to and from Sacramento. $250 to come from East District Travel line item and $250 to come from Pecwan Travel line item. Motion carries by consensus.

BREAK: 3:45pm-4:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:00pm -4:20pm

CA23-134, Properties for Sale in Klamath
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Executive Session: Discussion regarding two properties for sale in Klamath. Discussion only, no action.

4:13pm - Vice Chairman Myers leaves meeting for the day.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None provided.

LITIGATION UPDATE: Item tabled to Action meeting.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams

ADJOURN: 4:25pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: May 25, 2023

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary       Date

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