ROLL CALL: 10:02am

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 (11:33)

ABSENT: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (travel, water negotiations),

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Jodi Hoone, Grants & Compliance Director; Melodie Meyer, 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 Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to accept the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Yurok Health & Human Services

Tribal Court

TC23-020, Friendship Housing Planning Session
Submitted by Jessica Carter, Tribal Court

Council consensus to schedule August 23, 2023, at 2pm for a Planning Session with Friendship Housing regarding the Wellness Center partnership. Motion carries by consensus.

TC23-021, Work Session with Chief Judge
Submitted by Jessica Carter, Tribal Court

Council consensus to schedule September 11, 2023, at 10am for a Work Session with Chief Judge Abinanti regarding succession plan pursuant to Clause 2.H.a of Judicial Services contract. Motion carries by consensus.

Council
CA23-214, Meeting with True North Organizing Network
Submitted by Taralyn Ipina, COO
Council consensus to schedule September 13, 2023, at 1:00pm for Planning Meeting with True North Organizing Network to discuss the Promise Neighborhood Initiatives. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-222, Meeting with Chris Peters: Strawberry Rock
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Council consensus to approve meeting with Chris Peters, 7th Generation Fund on August 23, 2023, at 11am regarding the Tribes position on Strawberry Rock. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:
August 21st - Stanford Youth Mental health & Wellbeing Presentation in Weitchpec.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):
Kurtis Nulph, IT Services
Raul Zepeda, IT Services

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams – I had an eventful past couple of weeks. There was a search and rescue mission conducted in the North District for a missing tribal member and I assisted on that search. It opened my eyes to the homeless encampments, the subculture that is in there, and I don't know if anybody else is aware that there's a whole subculture in the homeless encampments with their own hierarchy, their own systems. I've known many of the people that live there. We have a lot of tribal members living in homeless encampments. I kind of had a tour from the tribal member perspective, and it's very, very disturbing. It’s very scary. There are people losing their lives in the homeless encampments. There's abuse that our tribal members are being exposed to.

And on my journey through the homeless encampment, all I could hear in my mind was the mother of this tribal member telling me, find my daughter, please. Do your best. And I put six miles in that day. I was the last person out of that encampment because I was determined to help this family. Unfortunately, I didn’t find anything significant, but opened my eyes to abuse that is happening in the woods that we don't see. I'll continue to work on helping these people get out of that cycle they're in. It took me a couple days to decompress from that. I still feel a little in my heart. It hurts.

I also attended a meeting here at the tribal building with the under Secretary of the Interior and the Chief of Six Rivers National Forest, talking about opportunities to partner with the tribe. And during our meeting, they made an announcement that there's 25 million tribal set aside for forestry management partnerships. I spoke a lot about workforce development opportunities and how important it was for Yurok tribal members to have an opportunity to become foresters. For higher education opportunities, to share their knowledge and we as Yurok people are born with the instinct to take care of the land and how important that was for us to be involved in
managing our forests and it went over well. They have a lot of opportunities for internships to
pretty much open the door for us and are eager to open the door for young tribal members to
work in that field.

I also attended a meeting with NOAA and the National Marine Fisheries Organization to help us
in our water fight and the management of our fishing. They have money also to contribute to
help us manage our water, and manage it after the dams come out, manage our fisheries, they
were eager to help us. I talked about how one time at the turn of the century, 1900, 1890, 1910,
up into the 1920s. Where we had the strongest fishery on the coast, and I want to be on the
front line to restore that glory to where it once was, so that we have hundreds of thousands of
fish to harvest. Anyway, that’s what I did for the last couple of weeks. Thank you.

Councilmember Crawford – I had the opportunity to attend the Tribal College a couple weeks
ago down in Placerville, other tribal employees also attended. It was a good program and ran
well professionally, they had some very knowledgeable, reputable speakers there, professors
from across the country. It was nice to review a lot of tribal policy to understand where we’re at
now today as Indian people across the country, and how we need to combine and unite our
efforts to fight the good fight. Public law 280 getting that looked at also with our water issues,
gaming issues, land back. They covered pretty much the gamut of what’s going on in Indian
country. I recommend it to anyone. Thank you, Council, for recommending that training for me
and again, I recommend this training for anyone who wants more knowledge in Indian country.

They want to try to have it up in this neck of the woods next year. They mentioned maybe Bear
River. They also had a component for youth. I paid for my 2 daughters to go. They thoroughly
enjoyed it and got a lot out of it. Their discussions when I saw them again was really a pleasure
to listen to them talking about issues in Indian country that were brought to their attention at
this conference at such a young age. It’s empowering. We need to get more youth down there
or at the next one.

As far as East District news, I reached out to Mr. Maranger and asked about how I was going as
far as finding funding for a kitchen. I haven’t got anything back yet, in that regard. The East
District needs a kitchen up there in that building and to offer services equal to all the other
areas. So, I kind of want to investigate that.

I’m a little disappointed about the TANF money is going to school children and a lot of school
children are left out because they’re out of the service area. I really do look at this as a great,
great thing for the children to get an opportunity to get a voucher for school clothes. It seems
like it was put together quickly and thrown out there at the last minute. I’m just wondering if we
could do better next time and service those students who live outside the service area. Because
there’s a need and I’m hearing that need from many constituents, their families. Hopefully we
can do better next time. Thank you.

Councilmember Natt – Last week I attended the meeting with Congressman Huffman, and we
talked about the MMIP and lands legislation and offshore wind. I think it went well. I was
excited to meet and visit a little bit, because it's important to continue to open discussions and our problems and concerns.

Councilmember McCovey – Not present.

Councilmember Ray – I can provide an update on the Klamath Community Center project. We have the contracts in place. Right now, we are looking for a contractor to do the site prep for the Klamath Tank project. We're also looking for a cleaning company to come in and clean the building.

My timeline for a Grand Opening is this next winter for the community celebrations. We have a lot of PPE in the building that we need to start getting out. We need to start clearing everything out of the building. We need to start getting staff to move into the building within the next couple of months. We are looking at November, mid-November for the tank to be up, the water to be on. I have until then to get this building fully equipped with computers; with everything we need inside it. We need to start working towards getting this building ready for moving in.

So that when the water is turned on, it's ready to go. I don't know, Don, if the connex boxes have any room in them, but we got a couple of months to move everything out in the same timeline to move everything in. We need to move all the PPE and all the stuff that's stored in there needs to come out so like Boys and Girls Clubs can start outfitting their room up and all that stuff and get the computers all set up and get departments moved in. Thank you.

Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass

Councilmember Provolt: I wanted the membership to know that I'm working with our Council Operations Team to post Advisory Committee meetings, Corporation meetings and Council meeting on the council calendar website so that people can attend those meetings. Hopefully in the next month or so we'll get that worked out with the staff involved so tribal members can attend these meetings. We want to be able to have membership attend, make comments and be informed of all the great work that we're doing across Yurok Country. Thank you.

Vice Chairman Myers – Not present.

Chairman James: Pass.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jewel Frank: Thank you for the Councilmember check in. It was good to hear what's up. I'm doing like three different things here besides canning fish. I just wanted to ask if the agenda needs to be on the screen because I was hoping to be able to see who's all participating. I don't have to go like, back and forth. That's my only comment. Aside from that, good job. Thank you. Have a good day.
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Litigation updates (Maggie Poffenbarger OTA)

CONSENT ITEMS: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Administration Division
Executive Director
ExDir23-017, California Indian Heritage Center Presentation
Submitted by Don Barnes, Executive Director
To provide California Indian Heritage Center 15-30 minutes @2:30pm for a presentation to Council about their outreach efforts for the development of a State-Wide Cultural Center and Park. Discussion only, not action.

Natural Resources Division
Wildlife Department
WILD23-010, Condor Use of Prairie Creek Restoration for Avian Flu
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen, Director
Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to approve the use of a clearing at Prairie Creek Restoration area for building a set of pens for short-term holding of pre-release birds and birds held for testing for avian influenza. Contingent on receiving any further land management authority’s approval required. Motion carries by consensus.

Office of Tribal Attorney
OTA23-049, Rights-of-Way and Utility Franchising Ordinance
Submitted by Gage Hensen, Office of Tribal Attorney
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to adopt the YUROK TRIBE FRANCHISING AND UTILITY LICENSING ORDINANCE on an emergency basis and to schedule a working session to discuss standard adoption of changes to Title 24 and 25 of the Yurok Code. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-np, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-6, no-0, Abstain-0, Not present-2. Motion carries.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jewel Frank: Regarding right of way and that you guys are at the beginning stages, are tribal members able to be a part of this? Because I live behind a locked gate and with the issue raised about MMIP and safety factors, it would be good to know more about this. I don't know if you guys heard about that serial killer who was an architect over in New York. I just wanted to mention that because it's important. Thank you.

Council
CA23-209, Elder Servicer Representative Positions
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
For staff to provide a report on if positions have been filled, services delivered, number of contacts made, training provided and status of Elder Coordination Meetings. Update to be provided on a schedule Council Planning Meeting. Item tabled for next Planning Meeting, August 23, 2023.

STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD:
Councilmember Natt: I've been saying in the various elders’ services meetings we don't have an advocate for the Pecwan area. The job description said for other places, but it didn't specify the Pecwan area. And so, a lot of people didn't apply. I don’t know if there's only 2 positions open for elder advocates and where those positions are located. Will there be any new positions coming about through a grant? So those are the kind of updates that I would like to see. I will continue to advocate for our area because we have a rural area where you live the furthest away from anything.

BREAK: 11:33am-11:43am
11:33am- Councilmember McCovey joins the meeting.

CA23-217, Elders Firewood Program
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
To direct staff to develop a comprehensive plan for Elders Firewood Program in preparation for 2023-2024 Winter. Staff to provide update to Council in September. In coordination with Forestry and Executive Office. Item tabled to next Planning Meeting, August 23, 2023.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: Jewel Frank: Good job. Everyone is going to be warm. If you could throw in a food voucher, then you would be golden.

LUNCH: 12:00pm-12:45pm

CA23-218, Public Defender to Tribal Members
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Discussion/Action to work with Tribal Court regarding a Public Defender to provide legal consultation and advice to Tribal Members who need representation. Council Operations to work with Tribal Court to schedule a work session. Set for September 13, 2023, 1030-12pm.

CA23-219, Prairie Creek Redwood State Park Celebration
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Discussion/Action regarding the Tribe & Tribal Departments participation in the Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park 100 Year Birthday Celebration on August 26, 2023. Discussion only, no action. Council Operations will follow up after August 15 (waiting on travel confirmations).

CA23-223, Yurok Tribal Lands Bill
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers
Discussion: Yurok Tribal Lands Bill. Item tabled to next Council cycle.
Update regarding the Yurok language Program. Discussion only, no action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:50pm-4:30pm
Litigation updates (OTA)
No action out of Executive Session.

PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:
Indian Community Development Block Grant Update & Discussion (P23-040)

LITIGATION UPDATE: Executive Session.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Natt.

ADJOURN: 4:34pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: September 14, 2023

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary 09/18/2023