

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 12, 2023
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

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; Candace Frank-Guerrero, Council Operations Assistant (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Crawford to accept the agenda with emergency agenda item FISH23-064. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

- July 21st, Requa District Meeting.
- July 24th, Yurok Agriculture Corporation Meeting
- Aug. 2nd-7th, Chairman will be out for ceremony.
- August 14th, Ramos Cultural Sharing Event @Sacramento, CA.
- Aug. 28th-Sept. 1st, Councilmember Williams will be out.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:

Alissa Myers – Women in Fire Program

Victoria Moon Sanchez – Women in Fire Program

Rachel Fosdick – 0-6 Early learning Coordinator for Promise Neighborhood

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams: During the past weekend there was the Arts and Crafts Fair in the North District. I hope Tribal Members made a few dollars. We are going to make this an annual event. CDS is working on overhauling their Child Support Program. They are looking at ways to make the program better. I attended the Water meeting yesterday. We need to do things differently so all our waterways can be healthy.

45 **Councilmember Crawford:** I also attended the water meeting. Councilmember Williams voiced
46 concerns from the Yurok perspective well. I had my East District meeting on Monday. Fentanyl
47 crisis was the theme of the meeting. I also attended Hoopa's meeting on the same issue. We
48 need action on this. Housing concerns also was the topic of the meeting. I understand that the
49 Hoopa Tribe received FEMA Trailers and want to know if we can get some of those.

50 **Councilmember Natt:** Pass.

51 **Councilmember McCovey:** Pass.

52 **Councilmember Ray:** The Klamath Community Center should be completely paved by the 21st
53 of this month. The building should also be completed by September. Construction on the new
54 water tank is scheduled for this year. The housing program is waiting for a grant award for 24
55 units to be in the Klamath Glen. YIHA needs an agenda for the upcoming meeting with the
56 Tribal Council. Tribal businesses' needing permits need to be address with Del Norte County.

57 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

58 **Vice Chairman Myers:** Pass.

59 **Councilmember Provolt:** I have a scheduled district meeting scheduled for 7/22/23 at the
60 Redwood National Park Headquarters in Orick at 11:00am. Permitting is a conversation we
61 need to have. If it's fee land and tribal members are paying taxes to the County, then the
62 County needs to support and provide permits. I think it would be a good idea to have the
63 Planning Department investigate this issue.

64 **Chairman James:** On Monday we had guests from the Torres Martinez Tribe and New Energy
65 Nexus to discuss collaborations on energy specific issues. The old days are over, and we need
66 to look forward to the next steps. The two groups are very interested in partnering with the
67 Yurok Tribe.

68 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

69 Elizabeth Davis, East District:

- 70 • I would like to see if I can get an update on having somebody at the Willow Creek Office
- 71 to answer Tribal Members questions, hand out applications, etc.
- 72 • I was going to wait for the All-Employee Meeting, but I thought this was a better forum.
- 73 • I just wanted to remind you, from a Tribal Member perspective, the message that is
- 74 employees are more important than the membership, having them housed in good
- 75 office space & accommodated.
- 76 • You know we need to accommodate the Membership. Let's bring the focus back, which
- 77 is providing services for the Membership. I'm pretty sure that's why that satellite office
- 78 was open. So, I appreciate that. Thank you.
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80 Veronica Van Mechelen, Requa District:

- 81 • We got a letter from the Tribe to the Del Norte Planning because they had asked us to
- 82 get a letter that said The Tribe will take over building/planning/permitting of our
- 83 project (store).

- 84 • The county told us they are working with the Yurok Planning Department now, and they
85 told me Michael from Planning was handling it.
86 • I have been emailing him and calling him and he has not responded to me. So, we're
87 just trying to get an update to move forward to opening our store.
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89 Lori Hodge, East District

- 90 • I'm just on the permitting issue talked about earlier, I was just curious about which
91 Department from the Tribe would you report something like that?
92 • I've gotten several questions about perceived violations of like, too many septic's
93 systems and things that would be permitting violations.
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95 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

96 FISH23-064, Road Access

97 Personnel (Crawford)

98 Litigation Update,
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100 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None.
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102 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

103 **Community Development Division**

104 *Planning Department*

105 P23-040, FY23 ICDBG Planning Session

106 Submitted by Ray Moisa

107 **Motion to engage Tribal Council in a planning session on Council's priorities for the next**
108 **round of funding for the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) form U.S. Dept**
109 **of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) in the amount of \$2 Million due September 3, 2023.**
110 **Discussion only, no action.**

111 **Executive Office**

112 *Public Relations*

113 PR23-002, Salmon Acquisition for the 50th Salmon Festival

114 Submitted by Matt Mais

115 **Motion to receive guidance for the preferred option regarding the acquisition of Salmon for**
116 **the 59th Salmon Festival. Item tabled to Council Action 7/13/23.**

117 **Office of Self Governance**

118 OSG23-004, Request for Tribal Council Planning Session

119 Submitted by Megan Siaoisi

120 **To schedule a work session with Tribal Council to provide guidance on the Tribal Council's**
121 **Priorities for the OSG Department. Set for June 28, 2023, Council Planning Meeting.**
122 **Discussion only, no action.**

123 **Natural Resources Division**

124 *Fisheries Department*

125 FISH23-061, Planning Session RE: Fall Fishery

129 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

130 **Planning Session to discuss fishing regulations and receive Council guidance on the 2023 Fall**
131 **Harvest Management Plan. Set for July 12th, 2023. Discussion only, no action.**

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133 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

134 Elizabeth Davis, Weitchpec District:

- 135 • I do like the comment that if the fishery is close to membership, then we should not be
136 selling it at the Salmon Festival. It's not a money maker anyways, it's more of a
137 community gathering.
- 138 • Under the current regulations right now, do we have until August 5th to get some
139 subsistence fish?
- 140 • I would be in favor of possibly opening that up, letting people know that they only got
141 this amount of time to get some subsistence fish. You know cause I'm low on my own
142 stock and I'd like some put up for the winter.
- 143 • We had a rough winter last year, and we don't know what's in store this upcoming year.
144 I think probably a lot of people are in the same mode needing to get their Salmon
145 canned and on-hand.
- 146 • Give the membership a little warning, It's a small window till the 5th. If it can be done,
147 I'd appreciate it as a Tribal member.

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149 Nicole Provolt, Orick District:

- 150 • I'm very in favor of closing the Fisheries, I think it's in the best interest of our Fishery in
151 the long haul.
- 152 • I really appreciate all the comments, especially from Councilmember Williams regarding
153 staying focused on what we're doing, and not what everybody else is doing.
- 154 • I come from a fishing family; we fish when we can. I don't necessarily agree that
155 everybody will fish just because we say, "you can't fish".
- 156 • If it's recommended by Fisheries, recommended by culture committee and all these
157 committees, recommended by Council that it's okay to fish, then I feel like it's okay to
158 fish. But if it's closed and recommended that it be closed then we need to take that
159 seriously and not fish.

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161 Steve Sanderson, Requa District:

- 162 • I like Councilmember Rays idea about opening it up, and if you guys are going to close it
163 down it would be good for people that don't have traditional fishing holes here.
- 164 • I love fishing, and it's going to be rough, but I will be able to do the drifting.
- 165 • I was hoping maybe the last two weekends, maybe just two days out of that time for
166 not fishing.

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168 **LUNCH: 12:05pm-1:05pm**

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170 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

171 Elizabeth Davis, Weitchpec District:

- 172 • I would like to ask if it is possible if we can at least get the elders one fish.
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AGENDA ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division

NR23-004, 2023-2025 Forestry Workplan for Timber Sales
Submitted by Tim Hayden

Motion for Yurok Forestry Director, Dawn Blake, to present the Yurok Forestry Department efforts to plan, permit, contract, and administer timber sales on tribal lands. Item tabled.

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA23-044, Tabacco Responsibility Ordinance
Submitted by Annie Perry

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to schedule a work session to review new Tabacco Responsibility Ordinance and approve it to go out for public comment. Motion carries by consensus.

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CA23-185, Yurok Habitat for Humanity
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/Action on creating a Yurok Habitat for Humanity program to address the housing crisis on the Yurok Reservation. Item tabled to Council Action 7/27/23.

CA23-190, Various Projects Status Update
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Discussion on getting updates on the following previously approved action items? 1) Bathrooms and Trucks. 2) Tsunami Warning in Klamath. (Does it work?) 3) Recreation coordinator job 3) Recreation4) Requa Resort contract. Discussion only, no action.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:25pm-2:30pm

FISH23-064, Road Access
Personnel (Crawford)
Litigation Update,

Action out of Executive Session:

Natural Resources Division

Fisheries Department
FISH23-064, Discuss Road Access
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

The Fisheries Department requests a discussion with the Tribal Council regarding a public road access issue in the Klamath area. Directive to staff to continue to utilize public road access for wants/needs.

218 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT:** None Provided.

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220 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** Provided in Executive Session.

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222 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None Provided.

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224 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Councilmember Ray.

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228 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

July 27, 2023

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

8/1/2023

Date