YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021
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ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman, Frankie Myers, Vice-Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Phill Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District, Lana McCovey, South District

ABSENT: None

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director, Dawn Baum, Acting General Counsel, Taralyn Ipina, Council Operations Director (recorder)

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve September 8, 2021 Council Planning meeting agenda. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:
YHHS Social Workers, Dixie Martin, and Beth Schultz

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:
Council
CA21-158, Schedule YHHS Work Session
Council consensus to schedule October 18, 2021 10am for YHHS Work Session regarding organization and services to membership.

CA21-161, Schedule Town Hall for Advisory Referendum
Proposed motion: To schedule Town Hall for Tribal membership input on 2021 Advisory Referendum; Personal Marijuana Cultivation

Directive to Executive Director to prepare Town Hall agenda, plan & schedule. Report back to Council at the September 9, 2021 Council Action meeting.

September 13, 2021 5:00pm, East District meeting
September 18, 2021 11:00am, Orick District meeting
September 23, 2021 Tribal Leaders Forum at Sacramento, CA
Combine September 21-23, 2021 Council meetings (cancel September 23rd meeting)

September 30, 2021 9:00am, Public Hearing on Patrick’s Point name change

October 5, 2021 6:00pm, North District meeting

October 15, 2021 6:00pm, South District meeting

Staff to schedule following meetings
- Recreation Coordinator Presentation
- Benefits Coordinator Quarterly Reports
- Big Fire Report to Council
- Fisheries Work Session

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Ray: I had my district meeting on the 2nd. One of the main topics was water and KCSD. The community is worried about the boil water notice and things of that nature. I think we need to contact KCSD and find a path forward. It’s about time and it’s been a rocky road. It’s time to start those conversations back up. I let the community know I would try to start this back up but no promises. The disc golf baskets have arrived. Next week their will be a volunteer crew out there to put the final touches on the course. We will have a meeting on Monday. I’m wondering about elder’s fish. I saw the flyer about North and South for food boxes and elders fish, I’m wondering about Requa District. Can people start picking up fish at the boat dock? Or are we going to have people from Requa District drive to Crescent City to pick up fish? I need clarification. It’s doesn’t make sense to drive when the fish are right there are the docks. Del Norte County has e-mailed the Tribe about Hunter Creek Park. I don’t know if we have responded. We requested that Del Norte County to donate the land to the Tribe a few years back. I want to do a response letter from OTA. That is ancestral territory and if its’ given to anyone it should be given to the Tribe. I just want to make sure we are on top of that and we oppose it going to anyone else.

Councilmember Hodge: I just want to note that I’m having my district meeting on the 13th of this month from 5-6:30pm. The air conditions in Willow Creek are much better today, which is great news. Everyone stay safe. Thank you.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Councilmember Natt: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: We had the monthly UIHS meeting yesterday. I want to report we are advertising for a new CEO. We hope to have the position filled by the end of the year. UIHS is currently doing a review of salaries. The purpose is to make sure we are comparable to the current market and we are looking on all employees’ salaries and making adjustments to those as needed. One thing I wanted to say about COVID testing. When you see North Coast Testing Services that is United Indian Health Services so if you get referred out, you aren’t getting referred to another agency. UIHS is one of the major testers for Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. When you get referred out, you are more than likely dealing with UIHS. There were
issues brought to me regarding Weitchpec, hopefully they have been taken care of. I do want to
let people know is that there are staff problems with getting all the testing that’s needed. It has
been a problem. One of the problems at Weitchpec was the generator and storage of vaccines.
Hopefully that’s been resolved. As for contact tracing, it requested that for the influx of positive
tests we had had that you reach out to people you’ve had contact with yourselves. Then let
them know you may have exposed or may have Covid. Thank you.

Councilmember Williams: I want to share that I attended the Del Norte Public Health meeting
with the guidelines that are going on in Del Norte with the Public Health Officer. He was able to
answer a lot of questions. We have lost a lot of people. A lot of people are testing positive.
Hundreds of kids are being quarantined in Del Norte because of the schools. One of the
questions I wanted to ask is: Why are the schools not shutting down? The Public Health Officer
shared with us that our children are falling behind in school. They want to everything we can
keep the schools open. Even if that means whole classes going on quarantine. They felt it was
important to keep schools open. Number two question was: Why are we not shutting down
when our number are worse than ever? The Public Health Officer answered they are in a better
position to answer to the pandemic at this point. We are prepared and they can meet the
challenge. We are going to keep moving forward. Another question is about people continuing
to go out in public when they are positive and infect others. That has got to stop. People that
are positive need to stay home. One stat they brought up is that Walmart has 200 employees
and last week Walmart had 150 employees in quarantine. They only had 50 employees. That’s
because people continue to go to the store when they are positive. I just wanted to share
information and encourage everyone to get vaccinated. That’s the way we are going to have to
move forward. I just want everyone to stay healthy and safe.

Councilmember Provolt: I wanted to thank the Fisheries Department for helping me with the
Elders fish for Orick District because it is difficult for my elders to get to Eureka or Crescent City.
The last couple of years I’ve taken it on myself to get some ice chests and arrange to pick fish
up. I’m able to personally deliver. I’m fortunate in my area to able to do that. The Fisheries staff
helped me yesterday and I wanted to thank them for that. I also have lots of questions coming
to me from the community on why we are open because of the high rate of positive Covid
testing. There were hundreds of kids exposed. We may have the tools, we may have the
knowledge, we may be able to mask, and have social distancing, but it continues to spread
widely. I don’t know if this is something we need to talk about in Council and what our position
is. That is a high concern in the community. Thank you.

Vice Chair: Pass

Councilmember Ray: Regarding elders fish, I’ve been getting a lot of complaints about pay day
from the start date. When are the checks coming out? If you can look into that and get these
fishermen paid then I would really appreciate it.

Chairman James: I want to thank our staff, our membership, our community regarding the
recent fire and smoke impacting all of us. I want to thank our staff for the work their doing;
wellness checks, air purifiers, across the board on top of dealing with a pandemic that
impacting all of us. I send my condolences. We did a moment of silence last week in
remembrance of Aawok Raymond Mattz. I want to send condolences for his family. I was also
able to do a field tour with planning staff. We are doing a lot of great work on the reservation
and within our ancestral territory. Hopefully, we can put out some sort of media about the
great work that the team and the whole Task Force are doing. I’m really proud.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
No tribal member comment provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Trinidad issues, Broadband, Personnel, Hunter Creek, Klamath Community Services District,
UIHS and Litigation update

STANDING AGENDA ITEMS:
Health & Human Services
Alita Redner presents
YHHS21-016, Generator Program update
Discussion only, no action.

Public Utilities
YPUD21-006, Water System update
Discussion only, no action

Information Services
IT20-040, IT Department update
Discussion only, no action

Health & Human Services
YHHS21-036, ICWA/Title IV E Planning session
Discussion only, no action

Education
ED21-034, Update from Klamath Trinity Joint Unified School District (KTJUSD) Superintendent J
Jim McQuillen, Jennifer Glueck and Dana Miguelena presents
Discussion only, no action

Council
CA21-162, Coordination with KTJUSD RE: COVID Safety
Discussion/Action on coordination with KTJUSD on COVID precautions and outbreak safety plan
Discussion only, no action

LUNCH: 1pm-2pm
AGENDA ITEMS:

Tribal Heritage Preservation Office
Rosie Clayburn and Nikki Peters present THPO21-007, Chah-pekw O’ Ket’-toh Visitor Center Update
THPO provide update on the progress and challenges at the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center
Discussion only, no action

Council
CA21-155, Supreme Ordinance Planning
Planning session to review Supreme Ordinance
Council consensus to schedule September 29, 2021 10am for Council Work Session RE: Supreme Ordinance.

CA21-156, Annual Membership Meeting
Determine agenda for Annual Membership Meeting October 9, 2021; to be held virtually.
Council Operations Director records agenda topics and will provide draft agenda to Council for final approval.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 2:30pm-4:45pm
Trinidad issues, Broadband, Personnel, Hunter Creek, Klamath Community Services District, UIHS and Litigation update

Council
CA21-129, Broadband Building
Follow up on Broadband Building
Discussion only, no action

CA21-163, Hunter Creek
Directive to OTA to draft letter to Del Norte County on Hunter Creek acquisition and oppose land transfer to any party other than the Yurok Tribe.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: No comment provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

ADJOURN: 4:48pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: September 22, 2021

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary
09/30/21 Date