

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
FINANCE MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 12:30pm

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; 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: None

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Baum, Office of Tribal Attorney; Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Natt.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to accept the agenda with CA22-258 be brought over from Action Meeting agenda, CA 22-265, and FIN22-010. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

October 26-28, Chairman James & Taralyn travel to Sacramento, CA
November 6-20, Climate Change delegation travel to Egypt (CM Provolt)
Combine November 9 & 10 to November 9 Council Meeting
November 8-9, Offshore Wind Energy Meeting (Vice Chairman)
November 10, Veteran's event
November 9-13, Washington, DC Veteran's Trip (CM Williams)
November 15-16, Truth & Healing at San Bernardino, CA
November 21, South District Meeting 6-7:30pm online
November 22, East District Meeting details to be determined

INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRIBAL EMPLOYEES: None provided.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

44 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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46 Councilmember Ray: Pass

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48 Councilmember Crawford: Pass for today.

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50 Councilmember Williams: Attended Last Chance Grade summit regarding the trees that are
51 being impacted. 2 proposals that stood out. 1st just widened the road, this will have an impact
52 on old growth trees. 2nd – less fir and more old growth. DNCVS – old growth trees to be turned
53 over to the Tribe. This was the recommendation of the County Supervisors. 2030
54 groundbreaking. Attended the Orick District meeting, great hostess, got to meet the Tribal
55 members there, was happy to attend the meeting.

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57 Councilmember McCovey: Attended retreat with UIHS, one topic was the operational strategic
58 plan, there is a need for an overall need for a long and short term goals. If Council has any
59 suggestions/wants/needs let her know. In lieu of the Halloween carnival the South area is
60 hosting a movie event, allowing the youth to attend the movie at the Broadway cinema.

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62 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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64 Councilmember Provolt: Orick District meeting thankful to Pamela Ames, Prey-go-neesh who
65 reported on Corporations goals and projects. Tribal members expressed importance to exercise
66 our ocean rights. Thank Councilmember Hodge for her work.

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68 Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

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70 Chairman James: Will be traveling to Sacramento to testify at the Native American Select
71 Committee Hearing and the 30x30. NCAI travel the following week and will be on a panel to
72 discuss the Tribe's needs. Mr. Barnes, please put out a notice to departments requesting any
73 assistance for the elder wood project. MMIP work is near and dear to my heart. Day of Action
74 at the Capital to stress the need for additional funding.

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76 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

77 James Dunlap: Requa District. I would like to welcome, Councilman, Wes Crawford and thank
78 outgoing, Lori Hodge for her work. I attended the Orick District meeting and have grave
79 concerns over an item that is being discussed. I won't be here tomorrow's agenda and want to
80 express my concerns regarding CA22-265, the exclusion of tribal businesses from the Supreme
81 Ordinance. The tribal council are reserved specifically for the tribal membership. That being
82 said and established, tribal council does not have the authority to waive the Supreme ordinance
83 or grant it to a tribal business entity, especially when that tribal business entity, is not being
84 held accountable, for its own financials or actions. To operate and waive our tribal sovereignty

85 is at, at the discretion of a business owner that is not necessarily a tribal business owner
86 because nothing in our tribal business ordinance, what are the, the mandates that the business,
87 dictates that it has to be a tribal member running that organization so we can have non-tribal
88 members waiving our tribal sovereignty under this, the way that this is written, and I am
89 adamantly opposed. I would ask that you put it out for a tribal member, tribal wide vote.
90 simply because that is, just way too much power for a non-elected official that has, there's no
91 guarantee that it is a tribal member that will be using and waiving our tribal sovereignty. That
92 being said as a result, somewhat, I would ask that you begin to entertain dissolving of the Yurok
93 Agriculture Committee and placing it under the authority of the Yurok Economic Development
94 Corporation, and transferring all assets thereof, to a Tribal Council governed entity. I believe
95 that would be keeping with the purpose and of the preamble and the Constitution promoting,
96 peace and prosperity to the Yurok people. How many people, how many tribal members would
97 it take for you to consider this proposition to dissolve the Yurok Agriculture Committee? Would
98 a hundred signatures do it for you, for you entertain that project, or 200 signatures or 300
99 signatures of tribal members? I would ask that you would allow tribal members to have a say in
100 an entity that does not promote wealth or health to our Yurok people. That's all I have. Thank
101 you.

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103 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Offshore Wind (Vice Chairman Myers)

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105 **POLL VOTE RATIFICATION:**

106 **Natural Resources**

107 Fisheries Department

108 FISH22-069, Resolution for Copco House Purchase

109 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

110 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to ratify a poll vote**
111 **taken on October 20, 2022, the Fisheries Department requests approval of Resolution 22-116**
112 **granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in favor of First American Title Insurance**
113 **Company in relation to the purchase of a field house for dam removal operations. Roll call;**
114 **Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-abs, Councilmember Ray-yes,**
115 **Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes,**
116 **Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, No-0, Abstaining-1, Not**
117 **present-0. Motion carries.**

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119 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

120 **Natural Resources Division**

121 Wildlife Program

122 WILD22-015, Project 6678 Budget Modification

123 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

124 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve**
125 **the attached budget modification for Administration for Native Americans Grant #90NR0306**
126 **and all necessary Chairman signatures. Motion carries by consensus.**

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128 **PRESENTATIONS:**
129 Morgan Stanley Reports
130 Presented by Jason Barr, Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor.
131 Reviewed and discussed Morgan Stanley accounts and allocations ending September 2022.
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Directive to Executive Director, Don Barnes, to bring back an emergency action item to transfer investment account funds to elder’s fund.

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136 Yurok Tribe Financials
137 Presented by Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer
138 Reviewed and discussed Yurok Tribal Financials ending September 2022.
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140 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

141 **Administration Division**

142 Benefits
143 B22-014, Risk Management Budget
144 Submitted by Liz Turner

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers approval of the Risk Management Budget in the amount of \$285,458 and the transfer of an additional \$214,542.00 from the initial startup funds under the self-insurance trust account for startup, and to authorize project numbers to be issued and Chairman to sign all associated documents pending OTA review and approval. Motion carries by consensus.

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151 FIN22-010, Creation of the ALA Bank Account
152 Submitted by Michael Maranger

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Resolution 22-119 establishing the creation of the All-Lines Aggregate (ALA) Claims Account with Umpqua Bank, and for Chairman and Councilmembers to sign all relevant documents, with edits. Motion carries by consensus.

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158 **BREAK: 2:01pm - 2:19pm**
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160 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

161 Susie Long: Thank you. One other thing I wanted really express to you is the stress that you
162 folks are under, and that you need to be sure to walk. When I had my heart operation, I was out
163 in Arizona and it was unexpected. And the night I knew I had to go to the heart doctor, I prayed,
164 Lord, if I have to have an operation, you better give me the best heart doctor you got. The
165 doctor said “Susie, are you walking?” I said, yes. And he said, walk some more. So I try to walk
166 two miles a day. Sometimes I make it, sometimes I don't. I like to walk on the beach down there
167 Dry Lagoon. So, I’ll remind you to get your yearly doctor appointments, and you ladies be sure
168 to get the tests that you're supposed to have. And men, you have tests too that you're
169 supposed to have. Because you are important to our people, you're very important. Otherwise,

170 you wouldn't be sitting where you are. I want you to know, I pray for each one of you all the
171 time. I pray for your health so you can do your job as our tribal leaders. Thank you.

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173 CA22-258, FY2022 Remaining Travel Funds

174 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

175 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to authorize use of \$3,000 of**
176 **the ARPA funds to purchase a trailer for elderly (Tribal Member) Veteran. Check to be made**
177 **out to Leanna Berghagen. Motion carries by consensus.**

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179 **Finance Department**

180 FIN23-002, Morgan Stanley CARES Account

181 Submitted by Michael Maranger

182 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to approve the closing**
183 **of the Morgan Stanley CARES Account, moving the remaining funds to the Umpqua checking**
184 **account. Motion carries by consensus.**

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186 **Information Services Department**

187 IT22-003, Budget Increase Project 11004

188 Submitted by Gary Markussen

189 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey to approve budget**
190 **increase of \$355,680 to Project 11004 for ongoing Microsoft 365 services. Motion carries by**
191 **consensus.**

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193 **Health & Human Services Division**

194 Education Department

195 EDU22-040, Sign on Bonuses to Help Recruitment

196 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

197 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to review and approve**
198 **recruitment signing bonuses up to \$10,000.00 for hard to fill positions in Education, including**
199 **Child Care Aids, part-time Child Care Teachers, Head Start Teachers, the Promise**
200 **Neighborhood positions of Trauma Coach, (grades) K-12 lead and (ages) 0-5 lead. Motion**
201 **carries by consensus.**

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203 Health & Human Services Department

204 YHHS22-083, Youth Opioid Response Final Contract

205 Submitted by Alita Redner

206 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Natt to approve Youth Opioid**
207 **Response Contract Amendment and Budget Modification for final close out report for project**
208 **#8277. Motion carries by consensus.**

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210 YHHS22-087, Low Income Home Water Assistance Program

211 Submitted by Springwind Marshall

212 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Provolt to approve the**
213 **acceptance of the additional \$1,911.00 for the Low-Income Home Water Assistance**
214 **Program’s American Rescue Plan Act Funds, project code #8285, from the Administration of**
215 **Children and Families, and approve budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.**

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217 **Tribal Member Comment:**
218 Elizabeth Davis: Good afternoon. This is Elizabeth Davis. For clarification, is this funding only for
219 water bill assistance? And what specifically does wastewater mean? It can mean sewer bills?
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221 **Natural Resources Division**
222 Fisheries Department
223 FISH22-066, Budget Modification 6047
224 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

225 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey approval to modify**
226 **budget #6047 as described in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.**

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228 FISH22-067, Accept Pacific Salmon Recovery Funds
229 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

230 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt Fisheries Department to**
231 **request Chairmans signature on the grant agreement for Pacific Salmon recovery funds in the**
232 **amount of \$334,000 for their work to be completed in 2023 and 2024. Motion carries by**
233 **consensus.**

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235 FISH22-068, Accept Bureau of Indian Affairs Funds
236 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

237 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham Fisheries**
238 **Department Request Tribal Council accept BIA water rights litigation and negotiation funds.**
239 **And the amount of \$185,000 for work to be completed in 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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241 Wildlife Department
242 WILD22-018, Seventh Generation
243 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

244 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember McCovey to approve the attached**
245 **budget for a grant to the Condor program from the 7th Generation Fund, Issuance of a**
246 **project number, And all necessary Chairman signatures. Motion carries by consensus**

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248 **Council**
249 CA22-245, National Congress of American Indians Travel
250 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

251 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to approve,**
252 **travel to NCAI Annual meeting in Sacramento, CA October 30th through November 4th, 2022**

253 **for Tribal Chairman, Vice Chairman and Councilmembers McCovey, Crawford, and Ray.**
254 **Motion made by consensus.**

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256 CA22-246, National Congress of American Indians Membership Resolution
257 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

258 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to approve**
259 **Resolution 22-112, with edits, National Congress of American Indians membership renewal**
260 **for 2022-2023 and authorize payment of \$1300 for membership dues. Motion carries by**
261 **consensus.**

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263 CA22-247, California Nations Indian Gaming Association Membership Dues
264 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

265 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to approve**
266 **\$5000 for CNIGA annual membership dues for 2022 to 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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268 CA22-261, Appointment of Yurok Tribal Council Secretary
269 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

270 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Natt pursuant to Constitutional**
271 **Authority, Chairman James appoints Councilmember Provolt as Yurok Tribal Council Secretary**
272 **with the advice and consent of Yurok Tribal Council. Motion carries by consensus.**

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274 CA22-262, Appointment of Committee Board & Committee Members
275 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

276 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Natt Pursuant to Constitutional**
277 **Authority, Chairman appoints the following individuals Kelly Lindgren for South District**
278 **Culture Committee to the Yurok Tribes committees and boards for the East, South and**
279 **Pecwan districts with the advice and consent of Tribal Council. Motion carries by consensus.**

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281 CA22-263, Council Delegate and Liaison List Update
282 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer

283 **Tribal Council to review and update the Tribal Council delegate in liaison list for 2022 through**
284 **2023. Item tabled for one month.**

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286 CA22-264, Native American Heritage Commission Select Committee on Indian Affairs Travel
287 Submitted by Chairman James

288 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve travel**
289 **for Chairman James to attend and testify for the Native American Heritage Commission in**
290 **Sacramento on October 26-28, 2022. Motion carries by consensus.**

291
292 CA22-266, Redwood Hotel Casino Pinnacle Bank Loan
293 Submitted by Chairman James

294 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize**
295 **Redwood Hotel Casino to pay an additional \$600,000 per year for Pinnacle Bank Loan**
296 **#570612-10 until the loan is paid in full, pending YEDC Board’s approval. Motion carries by**
297 **consensus.**

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299 CA22-275, Ice Machine Update for Wautek and Kepel
300 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

301 **Discussion/action to make CA22-180 a priority to purchase. Two ice machines. Item pulled.**

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303 CA22-265, Political Donation to Assemblymember Ramos
304 Submitted by Chairman James

305 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve political**
306 **donation to Assemblymember Ramos in the amount of \$3,000. Funding from Project 50,**
307 **6390. Motion carries by consensus.**

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309 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers to suspend the rules and add**
310 **ExDir22-004. Motion carries by consensus.**

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312 ExDir22-004, Morgan Stanley Transfer to Elders Account
313 Submitted by Michael Maranger

314 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Yurok CFO to work**
315 **with Jason Barr to transfer the remaining balance of Yurok Investment Account (xx775) to the**
316 **Morgan Stanley Elders Account (xxx575) and authorize Chairman to sign all relevant**
317 **documents. Motion carries by consensus.**

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319 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided

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321 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Tabled to Council Planning Meeting 10/26/2022

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323 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

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325 **ADJOURN:** 3:36pm

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327 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

December 1, 2022

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331 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

_____ 12/02/2022
Date