ROLL CALL: 10:03am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (10:10am); 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 (10:10am); Lana McCovey, South District

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Melodie Meyer, 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 Chairman James.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve the agenda with the additions of OTA23-019, YHHS23-15, CA23-72, FIRE23-003 and P23-008. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS: Council reviewed calendar and made updates.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:
Councilmember Williams: Pass.

Councilmember Crawford: I worked in Willow Creek Office on Monday. Staff were already there. It was a really nice feeling to walk in and have happy staff working. We set the example. Our words are medicine. Our actions are being watched. I just wanted to share that.

Councilmember Natt: I did go out and help Tribal Members get gas and propane. We had limited supplies. Hopefully we get more supplies coming in soon. Especially, with the rain coming in. We might get flooded out. We have a tribal member elder who really needs some help. His electrical panel blew out and so there’s no way he’ll be able to be reconnected. Just trying to help our vulnerable population.
Councilmember McCovey: Please do what you can to prepare for this storm. I want to thank the Councilmembers who are able to assist tribal members in person. We need to be watching the weather and be prepared. It can cause some more damage.

Councilmember Ray: I would like to check in on the portable (septic) truck and see where is the appointment to get that fixed. Hopefully, the portable toilets are being ordered and they are on the way. The power will be going out here in the next few weeks. The State of Emergency is for down here too. I had an 80-year-old who didn’t have any heat, she was cuddled up on her bed with blankets, because someone stole her generator. Basically, I was told she’s SOL. I mean how does that work?

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

Vice Chairman Myers: I want to extend my gratitude for our staff and Humboldt County who has been search and rescue. Our resolution did extend to our ancestral territory and our service area. The state is sending more resources. Our staff is doing an incredible job above and beyond. And our community members who are not being compensated at all and they are still pitching in and helping.

Councilmember Provolt: Pass.

Chairman James: Don, please have staff be prepared to give Council an update on State of Emergency and assistance being offered to the membership later today.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Lottie Ammon: This is in regards to the State of Emergency and our elders. Thank you to Frankie and Toby for reaching out to me. I called PG&E for help with the CPAP machine. Each district needs to find how many members have a CPAP machine and PG&E will provide a generator. The generators given out by the Tribe only run 8 hours on 5 gallons of gas. For this Tribal Member I was able to get the battery pack, through the Tri-County Assisted Living, it would be good to have the tribe work with them or have something like this. CPAP are life and death. When Tommy was in here, he was always elders, elders and elders. Now, there is a family that needs a pole replaced, and homeowners insurance will not cover.

Celinda Gonzalez: I feel like we could’ve been more prepared for this. A State of Emergency should have been declared after the first storm, not the later ones. OES could have been more lined up to help people. We all need to be on the same page, we all need to know what’s going on. We should have had a plan in place. I have been saying this since 2016. I was telling the OES person at that time and I believe his name was Shawn/Sean. I am really grateful for the staff who worked all weekend, took time away from their families, to help out our community members. I feel like we need to be a little bit more organized and have a better plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Fisheries Update
CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Yurok Health & Human Services Division

Client Services

YHHS23-019, LIHEAP FY23 Additional Survey

Submitted by Springwind Marshall

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the acceptance of the additional $18,067.00 for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Fiscal Year 23 funds, Project Code #8302, from the Administration of Children & Families, and approve updated budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.

Tribal Court

TC23-007, Office of Violence Against Women

Submitted by Angi Cavaliere

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to retro-approve the application for the Office of Violence against Women Fiscal Year 2023 Legal Assistance for Victims Grant Program Expanding Legal Services Initiative: authorize Chair to sign all appropriate paperwork, and authorize Fiscal to create a new budget when awarded. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division

Fisheries Department

FISH23-025, National Fish & Wildlife Foundation

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the Fisheries Department requests authorization to submit a grant application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for a McGarvey Creek Coho project. Motion carries by consensus.

FISH23-026, US Fish & Wildlife Service Grant

Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize the Fisheries Department to submit grant application to the US Fish & Wildlife Service for funding to support Lower Klamath Planning and Fall Chinook Escapement related projects. Motion carries by consensus.

Office of Tribal Attorney

OTA23-012, Addendum to Jadewood Contract

Submitted by Kori Cordero

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve the attached contract amendment, with OTA edits. Motion carries by consensus.

Council

CA23-069, Council Meeting Minutes-February 2023
Submitted by Secretary Provolt

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve meeting minutes of February 21st Gaming; February 21st Finance; February 22nd Planning and February 23rd Action Meeting with edits. Minutes attached. Motion carries by consensus.**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 10:45am -11:20am

Emergency item discussed regarding Public Health Vaccine Program.
Direction provided.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Wildland Fire Department**

- **FIRE23-003, Work Session with Redwood Nation Park**
  - Submitted by Rod Mendes
  - **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to enter into an agreement with Redwood National Park for Women in Fire Program and waive indirect for 1 (one) year and have Chairman sign all relevant document. Motion carries by consensus.**

- **FIRE23-004, Culture Fire Management Council 2023 Work Plan**
  - Submitted by Rod Mendes
  - **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Crawford to approve the 2023 Cultural Fire Management Council Annual Work Plan. with the following provisions with edits. 1) All Prescribed fire burn plans will be submitted to Yurok Fire for Concurrence regardless of land status prior to submission to Cal Fire. 2) Yurok Fire will submit all Prescribed Fire Burn Plans for trust Lands to the BIA. 3) Yurok Fire will provide the incident Commander for all Training Exchange (TREX) event. Motion carries by consensus.**

**Executive Office**

- **ExDir23-011, Human Resources Director Job Description**
  - Submitted by Don Barnes
  - **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Vice Chairman Myers approve Human Resources Director Job description with edits (provided by Councilmember Provolt). Motion carries by consensus.**

**Health and Human Service Division**

**Education Department**

- **EDU23-010, Language Program FY23-24 Budget**
  - Submitted by Victoria Carlson
  - **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve Yurok Language Program FY23-24 Budget – Planting Seeds Project. Motion carries by consensus.**

- **EDU23-012, Head Start/Early Head Start new FY 23-24 budget**
  - Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Vice Chairman Myers to approve the new 23-24FY application and budget for Head Start/Early Head Start, effective 6/1/23. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-013, Three Career Fairs
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt for Council to review and approve the 3 Career Fairs and direct all Yurok Programs and Departments to participate in the career fairs. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU23-014, Retention Bonuses for Head Start/Early Head Start Staff
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Williams to approve a one-time retention bonus of $750 (plus fringe) for currently employed Head Start/ Early Head Start staff. Head Start/Early Head Start will use their remaining ARP funds to issue these bonuses. (Note, Head Start Staff continue to be some of our lowest paid staff). Motion carries by consensus.

Client Services

YHHS23-013, Increase TANF Case Aide by 21%
Submitted by Madison Green

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Yurok Tribal TANF Program to increase monthly assistance cash-aide by 35% effective 10/1/2022. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-no, Councilmember Ray-no, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Williams-no, Councilmember McCovey-no, Councilmember Natt-yes. Yes-3, No-5, abstaining-0, Not present-0. Motion denied.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Che’shepe James: I want to mention that the properties on Tulley Creek are low income tax credit and we do a comparison of those guidelines.

Amanda Wilson: Requa District, can any of these funds be used for education alone? The funds we have now are quite limited. Maybe that would be a possibility?

Statements for the Record:
Councilmember Provolt: We need to look at housing and other services and see if this increase effects other services.

Councilmember McCovey: All of the information was not presented with the original motion.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: I was on TANF years ago, just my son and I, and it was tough back then. The amount we pay our families is the same amount today as we provided to them did back then and everything now costs so much more.
Councilmember Ray: I think there are other programs and services to increase that won’t have
a negative effect on like Housing and other programs that they qualify for like assistance for
school clothes, paying your light bill, and things like that.

Councilmember Crawford: We have known about this for 5 years, we have been looking at this
for such a long time. We need to do our due diligence on the effect of the increase to 35%.

**Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve Yurok Tribal TANF
Program to increase monthly assistance cash-aide by 21% effective 10/1/2022. Roll call: Vice
Chairman Myers-no, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember
Vanlandingham-no, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes,
Councilmember McCovey-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes. Yes-6, no-2, abstaining-0, not
present-0. Motion carries.**

**Statements for the Record:**
Vice Chairman Myers: Just for the record, we don’t have a report from our consultant. We don’t
have a report saying that it won’t negatively impact other services for our members.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: This amount is too low, we need to raise it higher.

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
Elizabeth Davis: Can we make TANF payments exempt? So that it wouldn’t effect YIHA or
housing? Even if it comes from the Tribe and its federal funding?

**LUNCH:** 12:39pm-1:45pm

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**
- **Planning & Community Development Division**
  - **Transportation Department**
  - T23-001, Cooperative Agreement Save the Redwoods League
    Submitted by Brandi Natt

  **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey to approve a
Cooperative Agreement and Resolution #22-134 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity
between Save the Redwoods League and the Yurok Tribe for the $20,000 and authorize the
Chairman to sign all related documents. The work will be performed by the Yurok Trail Crew.
Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes,
Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Williams-
yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes. Yes-8, no-0, abstaining-0, not
present-0. Motion carries.**

- **Planning Department**
  - P23-016, Approval of Indian Health Services Memorandum of Agreement
    Submitted by Che’shepe James-Robinson
Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve and authorize Chairman to sign Indian Health Service MOA CA22-j25 and any associated minor amendments to project. Indian Health Services to provide water and wastewater assistance to six Tribal Households. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division

Fisheries Department

FISH23-021, Fisheries Funding Opportunities
Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham the Fisheries Department requests approval to apply for various funding opportunities to support high priority restoration projects in FY2023 and FY2024 as detailed in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.

Council

CA22-312, Increase of Burial Assistance
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

To Increase Burial Assistance for Tribal Member to $7,00.00. Item tabled to next finance meeting 3/21/23.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Celinda Gonzales: A lot of Tribal members have used that funding, but the cost of plots have gone up. We also use Pauls Chapel in Arcata a lot. Maybe we could meet with them or have they come to Council meeting.

CA23-028, Waiver of Tribal Member Past Due Water Bill
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Vice Chairman Myers to approve waiver of Tribal Member Past Due Water Bill. Motion carries by consensus. Michael Maranger, CFO recommendation is to write it off the current bill.

CA23-061, Lost Coast Wind Contract Extension
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize staff to negotiate and execute of Lost Coast Wind Contract for an additional nine months and allocate $26,000 from budget____. Item tabled to the next Planning meeting.

CA23-062, Travel to Washington, DC
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Crawford to approve travel to Washington DC for “March on Washington” Event, March 27-31st, 2023 for Councilmember Williams. Travel will be paid for UIHS. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-063, Funding to Upriver School Year Books
Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve on providing funds for River Schools (Weitchpec, Orleans, and Jack Norton) Year Books, in the amount of $700 which will be funded by Vice Chairman Youth Fund - $200, Weitchpec Travel Fund- $200, Pecwan Community Fund- $200 and East District Youth Fund- $100. Check to made out to Tanisha Warden. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-064, Comment Letter for EPA Proposed Rule
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers
Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember William to approve a letter requesting a government to government for EPA’s proposed fund that would establish a national framework to protect tribal reserved rights in State Water Quality Standards. OTA will write the letter. Motion carries by consensus.

Chairman James leaves the Council Meeting to meet with Tribal Members

CA23-072, Donation to Nakieda Nova for travel expenses
Submitted by Councilmember Natt
Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve Community Donation to Nakieda Nova from Pecwan District funds and any other District funds able to donate to the requested travel expenses. Donation to be funded by Pecwan District Community Funds- $250, North District Travel Funds-$250, Vice Chairman Community Funds- $250, TERO- $250, South District Community Fund- $250, Requa District Travel-$250, Orick District Travel Fund $250; Weitchpec Travel Funds- $250 and East District Travel Fund- $200, equals $2,200. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Nakieda Nova: I want to attend this Construction Conference in Nevada. It happens once every 3 years. I want to start my own flagging company and this would be a good place for me to start. I really appreciate any help Council can give me. I’ll come back and tell you about it.

CA23-065, Alcohol Tax Distribution
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
Discussion on the TERO 30% Alcohol Tax distribution and for Council to consider redistributing these funds for other Tribal services i.e. Cultural Resources and Elder Services.

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to set a TERO work session on March 17, 2023 at 12pm. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-066, Power Pole Repair Assistance
Submitted by Councilmember Williams
Discussion/Action to assist Tribal Member with funds to help with power pole repairs from storm damage. Total costs = $1,000. Councilmember Williams is donating $250 from his travel budget. Discussion continued to use Community Funds as follows: Councilmember Williams- $250; Chairman $250, Councilmember Provolt-$200; and Emergency Fund - $300.
CA23-067, Redwood Coast Energy Authority JPA Board of Delegate
Submitted by Vice Chairman Myers

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Vice Chairman Myers as the delegate and Councilmember Provolt to the Redwood Coast Energy Authority Joint Powers Agreement Board. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS23-018, 50% Unemployment Verification Survey
Submitted by Tasha James

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve Chairman to sign 50% Unemployment Verification form for Yurok Tribal TANF Program. Motion carries by consensus.

OTA23-019, Application for 2023 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation
Submitted by Alex Mesher

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to authorize submission of a grant application for the 2023 NAGPRA consultation/Documentation Grant for repatriation work with UC Berkeley with OTA and THPO edits. Motion carries by consensus.

YHHS23-015, Office Lease Agreement Approval
Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve office building lease and Resolution #23-32 Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor Moser Properties of the Noh-sue-no-wow’ Program with OTA edits. One year lease at $715 per month with a $715 deposit. Roll call: Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes. Yes-8, no-0, abstaining-0, not present-0. Motion carries.

Break: 2:57pm -3:05pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 3:10pm – 3:30pm
Fisheries Update
No Action out of this Executive Session

Wildland Fire Department
FIRE23-003, Work Session with Redwood Nation Park (scheduled at 3:30pm)
Submitted by Rod Mendes
Guests: Karin Grantham, NPS

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to enter into an agreement with Redwood National Park for Women in Fire Program and waive indirect for 1 (one) year and have Chairman sign all relevant document. Motion carries by consensus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:05pm – 5:05pm
P23-008 Property
To approve the Planning Department to negotiate property purchase, and to authorize Chairman to sign all necessary purchase documents, including resolution 23-22 granting a limited waiver of sovereign immunity in connection with the purchase agreement, and in favor of the seller, the Estate of Sherry Natt. Item pulled.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

ADJOURN: 5:08pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: March 22, 2023

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

Date 03/29/2023