ROLL CALL: 10:02am

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; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District, Lana McCovey, South District (10:16am)

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Dawn Bawn, General Counsel; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:
Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to add OTA22-062 from Council Action agenda to today's Council Planning agenda. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:
Directive from Chairman James and Vice Chairman Myers to Chief Operations Officer to set up a meeting with Thomas Dunklin regarding fish wars documentary. Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2022.

COUNCIL CHECK-IN:
Councilmember Natt:
• Excited to have been selected to a 2nd Term in office.
• Would like Tribe to consider a Firehouse at McKinnon Hill.

Councilmember Provolt:
• Will be attending the United Nations Summit (COP27) in November on climate change to share Yurok Tribe’s work regarding carbon credits and restoration.
• Encouraged Councilmembers to obtain passports to travel internationally.

Councilmember Vanlandingham – Pass
Councilmember Ray: Pass

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

Councilmember Crawford: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Not present for check in.

Councilmember Williams:
- Upcoming Holidays can be difficult for many people, reach out and check in on elders, families and neighbors.
- Will be taking vacation next week.

Chairman James
- Forestry Department to provide an update regarding the firewood for elders.
- Public event for volunteers and staff to help cut wood for elders is being scheduled.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Ruthie Maloney: Ruthie Maloney from the South District. I wanted to just say it was very nice to see everybody yesterday and I just wanted to just thank the Tribe too. You guys are doing great work and I just once again wanted to come and remind the Tribe that I've been working in the marine arena since I left the tribe back in 2014. So, just a reminder that John Corbett, me, and other tribal members have been working on a Tribal Marine Collaborative. So, I really would like the Yurok Council to please keep in mind the North Coast Native Protectors, which is a tribal nonprofit. And I would, would really like to help the Yurok Tribe develop a marine grant proposal, including funding for a marine department, and establish a federal marine sanctuary for salmon. A recent funding award that Tolowa and Resighini Rancheria received, from Ocean Protection Council was for 3.6 million for the next three years to develop their program for the Tribal Marine Stewards Network. A lot of Resighini ancestral lands is within Yurok ancestral lands. We also have Trinidad Rancheria that has a sign going up at their pier that also has wording, regarding Yurok ancestral territory. So, I really think it’s very important that we as people stand firm on our Marine, uses of our cultural uses of the marine area. So, I just am, requesting if and asking if you would like a presentation (from) myself and John Corbett. And I'm also even hoping to get Alicia McQuillan-Perez, who was also involved back in when we worked in the Office of Tribal Attorney when we did have a grant that we proposed with Resources Legacy Fund. So, I'm just requesting, you know, I would love to work again with the tribe regarding the marine information. Thank you. Wok-hlew’ Thank you.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:
CA22-256 Regional Wellness Center, OTA22-062 Settlement funds, Yurok Tribe and YIHA meeting, and Philanthropy.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Planning session set for October 26th at 10:30am with the Redwood Parks Conservancy to meet new Executive Director and Development Director and review goals that support Yurok Tribe interests. Presentation provided with a handout for Yurok Tribe to list priorities. Directive to Executive Director to work with staff to complete priority list.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jim McQuillen: North Area tribal member and Education Director for the York Tribe. Just want to acknowledge the partnership that has been going on the past few years. I really like the support that the Parks have given. The reemerged Chah-pekw Jump Dance and the support for that ceremony. A great relationship there that has been very helpful. I also want to acknowledge the possibility if we can do that, a partnership with the vocational, heavy equipment training, we can really use that. A lot of our members need that type of employment training. The Promised Neighborhood Grant can also support resources and help pay for instructional time. I also like the idea of a Cultural Resource Center. I think that's a fantastic idea. Our belief is that our baskets and items need to be visited and they're alive and right now they're stuck in a dark room. All those baskets we need a Center to showcase our beautiful items and make sure there's time to visit those items. So, I appreciate the partnership. Wok-hlew'.

Health & Human Services Division
Education Department
EDU22-036, Education Planning Session 1-hour
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

A planning session with Tribal Council in late October to give an update on the Promise neighborhood program and the Boys and Girls Club. One hour provided to Education Director and staff to present. Discussion only.

LUNCH: 12:05pm - 1:00pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:
Jeremiah Swain: I am member of North District. I wanted to come make a comment in regards to housing. In the last couple of weeks, my grandmother, Elder of the Yurok Tribe, has been given a 60-day notice. They waited until she was in the hospital, unable to do anything, then gave her three notices within a week. According to the housing policy, you get three notices and then they can go forward and start evicting you. It's very strange that they would wait until she's in the hospital to do these kinds of things. She's 80 plus years old. She's been in this house for 15 plus years through housing. She's on a fixed income. I've seen some of the listings and problems on why they are kicking her out. We've gone forward to fix most of those. We paid the back rent, tried to help clean the place up. She has friends and elders who are allowed to come over. It just upsetting. But we are scheduling a meeting at the end of the day to see what can be done about this situation. Thank you.
AGENDA ITEMS:

Council
City of Trinidad Staff
CA22-278, Community Coastal Resilience Planning Project
Submitted by Council member Provolt.

Planning session set for October 26, 2022, at 1:00pm with the City of Trinidad regarding the Community Coastal Resilience Planning Project. Presentation and discussion only.
No action.

CA22-254, R&D Presentation RE: Margaret Keating
Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Presentation from R&D facilitations regarding the Margaret Keating School. Follow up presentation set for November 9, 2022.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Jewel Frank: I just wanted to say this Zoom meeting, even though I'm grateful to be a part of this meeting, it's kind of frustrating because my bandwidth is low and it's creating anxiety for me because I can't see who's talking for one thing and it's hard to follow. And so, I'm going to try to listen as best I can. But I just wanted to mention, that as much as I'm grateful for this opportunity to be a part of this meeting, I want to know about the agenda item regarding the CA22-267 Exclusion of Tribal Corporations from Supreme Ordinance. But when I try to follow the Zoom thing, it's like I, I can't see who's talking and, and I won't be able to follow along the discussion on this item. I just wanted to mention that. Thank you.

Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz: I currently live in the South District but graduated from Jack Norton School, so I understand the importance of focusing on our schools. I came away from school with an understanding of, we, first of all, we had great teachers, they're gone now, but, so strengthening our current staff, our current members to become our teachers, as opposed to try and that's changing it from the inside. So, we're not trying to get someone from the outside to understand what they need to teach us, but to get our own teachers, to teach our own kids is important. And focusing on education of our children is more than just one school. So, thinking of it globally, all of our students, regardless of where they live, deserve a quality education. So just keep that in mind. We have such a large population that don't attend Margaret Keating or don't have the honor of going to Jack Norton like I did. So, thank you.

Jim McQuillen: We need to recruit, like Elsie just shared, we need to recruit for teachers, and build for the future. We've been talking in education about honoring the teachers we do have right now because some of them are getting ready to head down the road into something called retirement. Like was mentioned, Mrs. Wilder or Mr. Nova, and maybe Mr. Crawford has taken a break. But we have very few teachers remaining and are trying to use that as a springboard to get young people to consider the career and profession of teaching. There is not many coming down the road. HSU used to graduate over 200 teachers per year. They're, under 100 now. And very, very few are American Indians coming out of HSU. So, we need to do more. You'll see some proposals coming down the roads. There used to be something called Future Teachers of America, like a club-based program where kids could learn cross age tutoring, they
could get their feet wet, explore teaching, and go out and meet with teachers. We need our own people teaching in the schools. Thank you.

Administration Division
Human Resources Department
HR22-004, Personnel Policies Chapters 7-14
Submitted by Rose Sylvia

Planning day set for October 26th to review personnel policy modifications Chapter 7-14. Tabled to a work session.

Council
CA22-250, Philanthropy Development Fund
Submitted by Chairman James

Discussion/action to identify funding, create a job description and organization chart for Philanthropy Development Fund program. Directive to Executive Director to schedule a work session to outline (next steps).

CA22-251, Yurok Tribe Energy Department
Submitted by Chairman James

Development of a Yurok Tribe Energy Department. Directive to Executive Director to schedule a work session with Council and any other appropriate staff to discuss the framing of such department and what that would look like.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Jewel Frank: I know some time ago there was like a solar grant that came out and some tribal members were support to get it, like Larry Alameda Sr. He spoke with Frankie but nobody got back to him. I just wanted to be out loud about this because it is really frustrating to him. He made phone calls, and the messages were full so there was no way for him to leave a simple phone message. There's been a breakdown of communication of who to contact. Thank you for listening.

Elizabeth Davis: I was just going to second what Jewel said because there was an announcement of the availability of solar for elders in this area, but I don't think the application ever opened. And I've had a few inquiries about it and I've had passed it along to Ms. Lay in Planning. But I don't know if they've ever got an application process down yet or not. And the other comment I wanted to make was, I hope with the new utility department that we could do a better job of billing because it seems to be a real issue right now with water billing and internet billing. And we don't have a steady staff that does that job and hoping that we could do a better job in that department. And I wanted to mimic her response that since Covid, it is really hard to get ahold of employees. There was an email that went out asking for everybody's contact number, and I think I got two responses. We need phone numbers, tribal wide, on how to get ahold of staff in other areas. It's much needed and I can feel the frustration from tribal membership when they try to call, but it's even more frustrating as a staff member. When I try to call and either somebody's phone message box is full, or there isn't a current phone number, it’s frustrating. Our phone listing needs to be updated ASAP. Thank you.
CA22-253, Wah-sekw Trespass Issue
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/action on the Wah-sekw trespass issue. Executive Session. Discussion only, no action.

BREAK: 2:32pm-2:45pm

AGENDA ITEMS:
CA22-256, Regional Wellness Center
Submitted by Chairman James

Executive session to discuss Regional Wellness Center location and infrastructure plan.

Presentation from Seafha Ramos, PhD regarding research project conducted for her studies. Discussion only.

BREAK: 4:00pm-4:10pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 4:10pm-6:33pm
CA22-256 Regional Wellness Center, OTA22-062 Settlement funds, Yurok Tribe and YIHA meeting, and Philanthropy.

No action out of Executive Session.

6:30pm - Councilmember Natt leaves meeting for the day.

CA22-259, Chip Sealing Equipment Update
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Requesting an update on the previously approved purchase of CHIP sealing equipment. Item tabled.

CA22-267, Exclusion of Tribal Corporations from Supreme Ordinance
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/action to exclude tribal corporations from the requirements of the Supreme Ordinance. Item tabled.

CA22-268, Notchko Cell Tower
Submitted by Council member Natt

Directive to Information Services Department to make Notchko cell tower a priority due to the extreme need for internet services. Item tabled.

CA22-269, Tribal Transportation Plan Road Inventory
Submitted by Councilmember Natt
Directive to the Transportation Department to add Miller Lane to the tribal transportation inventory and make the road a priority for paving. Item tabled.

CA22-271, Keypad for Wautek Wash House
Submitted by Councilmember Natt

**Directive to Facilities Department to install a keypad at the Wautek Wash House. Item pulled.**

CA22-273, Chicken Turkey Prize Shoot Fundraiser
Submitted by Council member Natt

**Directive to the Health and Human Services Department to plan and coordinate an annual chicken price shoot fundraiser for the Pecwan community. Item tabled.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
Jewel Frank: I just wanted to comment on my District Councilmember. I felt like he was bragging about being a dropout and we were talking about education. I just want to be mindful and how our representation from Weitchpec is coming across. Because, I don't want to encourage our people to drop out of educational opportunities. I became sensitive to that because I have a lot of family struggling with their education. And it's not funny when I hear my leader's making fun of dropping out of school and how he overcame that. I'm trying to participate. We are challenged as far as some of these meetings go; some of us do not have access to internet. I know we had one district meeting that was not on zoom, but I didn't receive the card to be a part of that meeting. I believe it was in Tulley Creek. That's all for me. Have a nice evening and travel safely.

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

**ADJOURN:** 6:39pm

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** December 1, 2022

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

12/02/2022 Date