ROLL CALL: 11:01am

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

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Maya 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 Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to accept the agenda with additions of CA23-196 Wellness Committee and YEDC23-13 Board Member Removal. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

July 10-East District meeting 6pm-8pm, Invite YIHA and Broadband
July 17-Klamath Basin Stakeholders visitors to Klamath

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Williams: I, Councilmember Ray and Councilmember Provolt attended the Promised Neighborhood Event in Crescent City. It was a really great time to celebrate this program with all the stakeholders. Councilmember Ray and I also had a 2x2 with Del Norte County Supervisors. Also, I was able to fly in our new plane. We flew over the ocean, all the way up to the dams, as we flew, I was reflecting on how far as a tribe we have come. It was a great time.

Councilmember Crawford: I want to echo CM Williams’ words about the Condor flight, Mr. Belchik was sharing information about tributaries and fires. What’s on my mind for the East District is the fentanyl crisis. It’s here and it’s not going anywhere until we take action. We need to do something. We had a young man with Yurok ancestry, had to be brought back with NARCAN right in front of the Hoopa Market. He just walked off into the sunset. No assistance. No nothing.
Councilmember Natt: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: I want to thank Councilmember Vanlandingham for accepting the award yesterday on behalf of the YANCH Board, it was appreciated by everyone, especially me.

Councilmember Ray: A few months ago, there was a tsunami test for Del Norte County and Klamath’s siren alarm did not work. Whose responsibility is it to make sure those work? We need training for the community. We need to identify those community members who are vulnerable and would need assistance.

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

Councilmember Provolt: I also want to thank you, Councilmember Vanlandingham, for accepting the CDFI award at such short notice. I also want to thank Housing for being able to help tribal members in the Orick District with a situation due to a backup septic system. YEDC also helped during this time by providing shelter until the septic was fixed. I was at my granddaughter’s flower dance, and it is healing and heartwarming having so many families provide support. It reminds me to focus on our culture past and present as this grounds us. I want to invite the membership to ceremonies.

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass.

Chairman James: I will save my check in for tomorrow.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CA23-188, Update on Funding for Legal Contract Property in the Orick District Area (Provolt)
Personnel (Don Barnes)
Legal (Williams)
Personnel (Crawford)

POLL VOTE RATIFICATION:

Community Development Division
Planning Department
P23-036, Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity
Submitted by Marion Frye

Motion made Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken on June 20, 2023, to approve Resolution #23-063 granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of First American Title Insurance Company, in connection with shelter house purchase, and authorize Chairman to sign, and the Secretary to attest. Motion carries by consensus.

CONSENT ITEMS:

Natural Resources Division
Fisheries Department

June 27, 2023, Council Finance Meeting
Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to authorize the Fisheries Department to enter into an agreement with the National Park Service under the Tribe’s existing annual funding agreement for restoration activities on park building infrastructure. Motion carries by consensus.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to authorize the Fisheries Department to pursue the funding opportunities detailed in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to retro-approve the Transportation Department to apply for the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Tribal Transit Grant for $534,397.69, with indirect of $74,504.89 to be paid by Tribal Transportation Program (TTP) Project 407.0000, with no match required, and authorize Chairman James to sign all related documents. Motion carries by consensus.

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt for Council to approve the transfer of $5,000,000 from the Umpqua Bank Operation Account (xxxxxx5158) to the Morgan Stanley Wellness Center Account. Motion carries by consensus.
Submitted by Rod Mendes

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to increase budget in Project Code #210 for Yurok Fire Department to support operations through 2023 fire season. Motion carries by consensus.

Health & Human Services

Client Services

YHHS23-034, LIHWAY Additional Funding
Submitted by Springwind Marshall

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to approve the acceptance of the additional $24,802.00 for the Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program’s American Rescue Plan Act funds, Project Code #8285, from the Administration of Children and Families, and approve budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.

Tribal Child Welfare and Behavioral Health

YHHS23-036, Acceptance of Funding
Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve application for and acceptance of the California Department of Health Care Crisis Care Mobile Unit Grant to purchase (3) SUV’s. Grant in the amount of $204,300. Motion carries by consensus.

Administration Division

Information Service Department

IT23-001, Microsoft 365 License and Annual Agreement
Submitted by Elaina O’Rourke

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey for approval to purchase Microsoft 365 license for the organization, sign a new Annual Purchase Agreement with zones, and migrate our current Microsoft commercial tenant to a new education tenant. The total cost is $263,203.60. Motion carries by consensus.

Natural Resources Division

Watershed Department

WS23-002, Natural Resources Conservation Service Plan for Western Rivers
Submitted by Richard Nelson

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve the funding agreement between Western Rivers Conservancy and the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) and approve the Chairman to sign any required documents including the Form...
CCC-36 for direct payment to the Yurok Tribe. To have Fiscal Director assign a Project Code as soon as possible. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-194, Tribal Nation Grant Resolution
Submitted by Jodi Hoone

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Crawford to approve Resolution #23-84 authorizing the submission of the Tribal Nation Grant Fund Emergency Response Grant for the Yurok Fentanyl and Xylazine State of Emergency. Motion carries by consensus.

LUNCH: 12:30pm-1:30pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

AGENDA ITEMS:
Council

YEDC23-13, Removal of YEDC Board Member
Submitted by Raymond Bacon

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve to formally remove Michael Smith from the YEDC Board of Directors as approved by YEDC Board on March 27, 2023, YEDC23-04. Motion carries by consensus.

CA23-296, Operational Sub-Committee for Wellness Center
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Discussion/Action to select an operational Sub-Committee for the Yurok Wellness Center. Tabled to tomorrow’s Council Planning Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:34pm-2:45pm

CA23-188, Update on Funding for Legal Contract
Property in the Orick District Area (Provolt)
Personnel (Don Barnes)
Legal (Williams)
Personnel (Crawford)

BREAK: 2:45pm-2:57pm

Action out of Executive Session:

CA23-188, Update on Funding for Legal Contract
Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
To discuss & Identify Funding Source for the Third Year of the Legal Contract with Amy Cordalis (FY23-24).

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve use of Tribal Consistency Funds up to contracted amount for the third year of the legal contact with Amy Cordalis. Motion carries by consensus.
PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT: None provided.

LITIGATION UPDATE: Tabled to Council Action Meeting.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

ADJOURN: 2:59pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: July 27, 2023

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary  8/1/2023