

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
ACTION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2023
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE**

ROLL CALL: 10:03am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman (11:24, attended Fire meeting @ Blue Lake); Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District (10:09); Ryan Ray, Requa District; Wes Crawford, East District (joins mtg 12:06 East District is in the building but attending an Indian Education meeting); Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Lana McCovey, South District

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Earl Jackson, Deputy Executive Director; Jodi Hoone, Grants & Compliance Director; Christina Williams, Melodie Meyer, Kori Cordero, Office of Tribal Attorney; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Georgiana Gensaw, Council Operations Coordinator (recorder).

QUORUM: 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember McCovey to accept the agenda with additions of P23-037, Humboldt County Encroachment Permit, P23-039 Yurok Youth Center Authorizing Resolution, and CA23-197 Cheer Donation. Motion carries by consensus.

NEW EMPLOYEE INTRODUCTION:

Daniel Minton Jr., Facilities Department

CALENDAR:

July 10, East District Meeting
July 17, Enrollment Committee Meeting
July 17, South District Meeting 6-7:30pm
July 19, Education-Margaret Keating Work session
July 21, North District Meeting 6-8pm, TERO Ordinance Review
July 22, Orick District Meeting Location and Time to be determined.
July 28, Yurok Agriculture Corporation meeting
August 25, Yurok Agriculture Corporation meeting
September 22, Yurok Agriculture Corporation meeting
August 28-September 1, Councilmember Williams vacation

46 **COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

47 Councilmember Williams: I held my district meeting recently and there was not a lot of
48 participation. Notice of the meetings needs to be posted on the Tribes website. The zoom link
49 did not come up on my calendar. We will do better next time.

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51 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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53 Councilmember McCovey: Yesterday we met with the Lt. Governor of California and UIHS Board
54 and some local Tribal leaders. That's all for today, thank you.

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56 Councilmember Ray: Myself and Councilmember Williams met with Del Norte County to discuss
57 the boat ramps and their maintenance, also partnering with them regarding land utilization and
58 the potential for an outpatient facility in the County.

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60 Councilmember Crawford: Not present.

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62 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

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64 Councilmember Provolt: I was reading the Council packet last night and recognized that our staff
65 are working very hard with the large amount of work they are doing. Thank you to all our staff
66 for moving our Tribe forward. Thank you to Council Operations staff for all the work on the
67 recent events.

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69 Vice Chairman Myers: We will be hosting the California Truth and Healing Council on July 20-22,
70 2023, here in the north. The Tribe will be hosting the event at the Redwood RV Park location on
71 the 22nd.

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73 Chairman James: Not present.

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75 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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77 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Personnel (Vice Chairman), Services (Provolt), Legal (Williams), Personnel
78 (Ray), Personnel (McCovey), OTA23-043, Earthjustice Petition to Ban Tire Chemical Profile

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80 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

81 **Natural Resources Division**

82 *Environmental Department*

83 ENVR23-017, Solid Waste Infrastructure Grant

84 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

85 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham for Council to**
86 **retroactively approve a grant submission to the Environmental Protection Agency Solid**
87 **Waste Infrastructure for Recycling Program in the amount of \$1,499,602.06 with no match**
88 **required and full indirect allowable. Motion carries by consensus.**

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90 **Council**

91 CA23-189, May 23-25 & June 7-8, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes
92 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

93 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
94 **Council meeting minutes of May 23 (Gaming); May 23 (Finance); May 24 (Planning); May 25**
95 **(Action), June 7 (Planning) and June 8 (Action). Minutes Attached. Motion carries by**
96 **consensus.**

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98 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

99 **Health & Human Services Division**

100 *Education Department*

101 EDU23-025, Contract between Yurok Tribe and NCIDC

102 Submitted by Josh Norris

103 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Natt to approve the contract**
104 **between the Yurok Tribe and the Northern California Indian Development Council for**
105 **\$1,641,250 over four years. NCIDC has signed an MOU committing to a non-federal match of**
106 **\$1,575,000 over the four-year grant period. Motion carries by consensus.**

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108 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

109 Lori Hodge:

- 110 • East District member, I really am excited about this grant and what it can do for the kids,
111 Klamath Trinity is down to 82% for attendance and that affects funding and that's
112 because of truancy.
- 113 • We just had a meeting here and Jim McQuillen was the only one from the Yurok Tribe
114 and other Tribes' Chairmans and Councilmembers was there. We discussed several
115 issues that are harming our children.
- 116 • We need the Tribes to come work with the School District to help bring more services
117 for our students and their families.

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119 EDU23-026, Contract between Yurok Tribe and Gateway Education

120 Submitted by Josh Norris

121 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to approve action item**
122 **EDU23-026 authorizing Chairman to sign the contract between the Yurok Tribe and Gateway**
123 **Education for \$156,353 from 5/1/23-5/1/24. Motion carries by consensus.**

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125 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

126 Amanda Wilson:

- 127 • Requa district, I am asking what the maintenance plan is for the Disc Golf courses?
- 128 • As for our schools, like our Klamath Head Start, I am stating that if I had access to a lawn
129 mower and weed eater, I would volunteer to keep them maintained. The grass is long,
130 and the ticks are bad.

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132 **BREAK: 11:06am-11:20am**

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134 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

135 **Natural Resources Division**

136 *Environmental Department*
137 ENVR23-016, Cultural Burn Property
138 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a burn boundary line adjustment for the previously approved “Fryer Property” cultural burn unit into two separate adjacent parcels, both owned by the Yurok Tribe, contingent upon discussion with Carbon Offset Manager. Motion carries by consensus.

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144 11:24am Chairman James joins the meeting.

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146 *Fisheries Department*
147 FISH23-057, US Forest Service Grant Agreement
148 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Ray to authorize the Fisheries Department to enter into an agreement with the US Forest Service for a LiDAR project on Tribal Lands, contingent on OTA approval. Motion carries by consensus.

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153 FISH23-062, Yurok Tribal Member Ph.D. Fisheries Research
154 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to authorize Fisheries Department employee and Tribal Member Brook Thompson to partner with the Fisheries Department on her US Santa Cruz Ph.D. Research Project. Motion carries by consensus.

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159 *Watershed Department*
160 WS23-003, Approve NRCS Land Conservation Plan for Er Nerr
161 Submitted by Richard Nelson

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember McCovey to approve the project budget, establish a budget code, and for the Chairman to sign the CCC-36 assignment of payment form for work implemented on Er Nerr lands by the Watershed Department, contingent upon OTA review. Motion carries by consensus.

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167 **Community Development Division**

168 *Planning Department*
169 P23-035, Solar Installation Contract
170 Submitted by Gino O’Rourke

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve the Chairman to sign the contract with GRID Alternatives to install PV (solar panel) systems on the Weitchpec Tribal Office (WTO) & the Tulley Creek (TC) Police Station, and to sign all other necessary documents, such as the Interconnection Agreement, upon approval by the Office of the Tribal Attorney. Motion carries by consensus.

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177 P23-038, Purchase a Dump Truck
178 Submitted by Gino O’Rourke

179 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve the Planning**
180 **Department to purchase a dump truck not to exceed \$210,000. Motion carries by consensus.**

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182 **Yurok Indian Housing Authority**
183 YIHA23-014, Land Use Agreement
184 Submitted by Nicole Sager

185 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to approve the Land**
186 **Use Agreement between the Yurok Tribe and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority to ensure**
187 **properties are in compliance with Section 237 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code**
188 **for property tax exemption when used for low-income purposes. Motion carries by**
189 **consensus.**

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191 YIHA23-015, Personnel Policies Updated
192 Submitted by Nicole Sager

193 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to approve the updated**
194 **personnel polices as approved by the Board of Commissioners on June 13th for consistency**
195 **with Tribal Personnel Polices and updates recommended by the YIHA Auditor. Motion carries**
196 **by consensus.**

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198 12:06pm Councilmember Crawford joins the meeting.

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200 YIHA23-016, Monthly Report
201 Submitted by Nicole Sager

202 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve the YIHA**
203 **monthly report for July 2023. Motion carries by consensus.**

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205 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

206 Lloyd Charles (*with the assistance of Joe Lindley, Social Work Tribal Court*):

- 207 • Requa District elder, about to be evicted and be made homeless. He has already
208 approached YIHA and YHHS. No results. Now coming to Tribal Council. Larry Steele has a
209 trailer he is willing to sell for \$7,500, he said he's willing to lower the price, but he didn't
210 tell me how much lower.

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212 Nicole Provolt:

- 213 • Orick District member, I am very saddened to hear of the passing of aawok Dawn Baum.
214 • I send my condolences to everyone that worked with her, I know the heartache of losing
215 someone close to you to breast cancer. I lost my best friend two years ago. It's very
216 painful and I am so sorry for everyone who is hurting.

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218 **LUNCH: 12:34pm-1:30pm**

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220 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

221 Paul Mattz Van Mechelen:

- 222 • Requa District, I am here to check the status of a letter that we have requested from the
223 Tribe so we can open our store.

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- We had the inspector who came yesterday, and we have the health inspector coming in tomorrow. We did everything that Josh, from Trinity Valley told us to do.
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- Del Norte County needs a letter from the Tribe stating our store is within the jurisdiction of the Tribe.
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229 **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS:**

230 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Vice Chairman Myers to suspend the rules**
231 **and add T23-013 Redwood National Park Annual Funding Agreement, CA23-198 All-Stars**
232 **donation, and CA23-199 Assemblymember Ramos donation. Motion carries by consensus.**

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234 **Council**

235 CA23-182, Tribal Leaders Clean Energy Summit
236 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

237 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve travel to**
238 **the Tribal Leaders Clean Energy Summit in Pala, CA August 7-8, 2023, for Councilmember**
239 **Williams and any other interested Councilmembers. Motion carries by consensus.**

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241 CA23-187, California Department of Child Support Services
242 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

243 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize**
244 **Councilmember Williams to participate in the CA Department of Child Support Services**
245 **California Fatherhood Council “Empowering Success if Men Through Strategies for**
246 **Overcoming System Barriers and Obstacles” on behalf of the Yurok Tribe. *Formal governing**
247 **documents not finalized. Motion carries by consensus.**

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249 CA23-193, Approve a Stipend for Tribal Committees
250 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

251 **Discussion/action to approve a stipend of \$_____ for Natural Resources Committee and for**
252 **all Tribal Committees. Directive for Tim Hayden to bring back more information such as a**
253 **budget, schedule of meetings, etc.**

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255 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

256 Nicole Provolt:

- I think that it is great you guys are talking about this. I sat on the YHHS Advisory for a year and then I stepped down to allow other tribal members to participate.
- Maybe if Councilmembers cannot find someone to sit on that Board in your district, then you could find someone outside your district.
- I feel like tribal members want to support the Tribe and participate by being on their boards and committees. I don't think a stipend would make a difference in people's decision making about participating on our Tribal committees and boards.

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265 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

266 P23-037, Approval of Encroachment Permit and Resolution #23-080
267 Submitted by Cynthia Bones

268 **Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve**
269 **Encroachment Permit 23011 and Resolution #23-080 granting a Limited Waiver of Sovereign**
270 **Immunity in favor of Humboldt County for the Geotech survey on Tulley Creek Road for the**
271 **Yurok upriver interconnect project and authorize Chairman to sign permit and Resolution**
272 **#23-80 and Secretary to attest resolution. Contingent upon OTA edits. Roll call; Vice Chairman**
273 **Myers-yes, Councilmember Crawford-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**
274 **Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember**
275 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, No-0, Abstaining-0, Not present-0. Motion**
276 **carries.**

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278 P23-039, Yurok Youth Center Authorizing Resolution
279 Submitted by Cynthia Bones

280 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve Chairman**
281 **to sign and Secretary to attest the attached Resolution #23-085 to authorize and accept**
282 **funding from the California Department of Health Care Services to construct the Yurok Youth**
283 **Center in Weitchpec. Funding in the amount \$7,975,438.00. Motion carries by consensus.**

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285 T23-013, Redwood National Park Annual funding agreement
286 Submitted by Patricia Ulmer

287 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve Fiscal**
288 **year 2023 Annual Funding Agreement Between the National Park Service and the Yurok Tribe**
289 **Agreement Number G8480-23-007 in the amount of \$44,667.00 with all work will be**
290 **performed by the Yurok Tribe’s Trail Crew, and authorize Chairman to sign any documents,**
291 **with OTA edits. Motion carries by consensus.**

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293 CA23-198, All Stars Youth Donation
294 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

295 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Crawford to approve a youth**
296 **donation in the amount of \$250 from Community donation, \$750 North District youth fund,**
297 **\$250-East District youth fund, \$250-Vice Chairman youth fund, \$250 Chairman Youth fund,**
298 **and \$250 Requa Youth fund for a Total of \$2,000. Motion carries by consensus.**

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300 CA23-197, Cheer Youth Donation
301 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

302 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve a youth donation**
303 **in the amount of \$200 Requa Youth Fund, \$50 Community Donation fund, and \$200 Orick**
304 **District Youth fund. For a total of \$450. Motion carries by consensus.**

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306 CA23-199, Ramos Donation
307 Submitted by Chairman James

308 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve a**
309 **political donation in the amount of \$2,000 to support Assemblyman Ramos’ 2024 Campaign.**
310 **Funding comes from line item #6390. Motion carries by consensus.**

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312 YHHS23-037, Humboldt County Superior Court
313 Submitted by Alita Redner

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to approve MOU with Humboldt County Superior Court and Hoopa Valley Court Sub-Reciency Contracts to provide Family Wellness Court Administration and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.

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319 **BREAK: 2:19pm-2:30pm**

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321 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:30pm -4:00pm**
322 OTA23-043, Earthjustice Petition to Ban Tire Chemical Profile
323 Personnel (Vice Chairman)
324 Services (Provolt)
325 Legal (Williams)
326 Personnel (Ray)
327 Personnel (McCovey)

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329 Action out of Executive Session:

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331 **Office of Tribal Attorney**
332 OTA23-043, Earthjustice Petition to Ban Tire Chemical Profile
333 Submitted by Melodie Meyer

Motion made by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt to approve Yurok Tribe joining petition to ban tire chemical profile known as "6PPD" and to authorize Office of Tribal Attorney to draft and Chairman James to sign all necessary documents for the petition. Motion carries by consensus.

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339 **CLOSING PRAYER PROVIDED BY:** Councilmember Ray.

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341 **ADJOURN:** 4:14pm

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343 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** July 27, 2023

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347 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

8/1/2023
Date