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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
PLANNING MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7, 2021**  
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>

**ROLL CALL:** 10:00am

**PRESENT:** Joe James, Frankie Myers, Sherri Provolt, Mindy Natt, Lori Hodge, Toby Vanlandingham, Lana McCovey, Phillip Williams

**ABSENT:** Ryan Ray (excused from today's meeting)

**STAFF:** Don Barnes, Earl Jackson, Taralyn Ipina, Angel Escobar (recorder), Dawn Baum

**QUORUM:** 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present

**OPENING PRAYER:** Provided by Chairman James.

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

**Motion made by Councilmember Natt /Councilmember Williams to accept the agenda with addition of W21-003. Motion carries by consensus.**

**CALENDAR:**

April 28<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm North District Meeting

Natural Resource Committee Meeting: Rescheduled to Monday April 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm-7:00pm

April 25<sup>th</sup> Pecwan District Meeting 1pm-3pm

North District Meeting May 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES:**

Angie introduced the new staff members for Tribal Court; Rochelle Brown and Kendal Allen-Guyer. Rochelle will be working in tribal courts as the new elder Social Worker and Family Law Guardianship Worker. Kendal Allen-Guyer is the new Project Manager for the MMAW program.

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Pass (was having internet problems)

Councilmember Williams: North District members shared suggestions are for the American Rescue Plan funds. North District members would like to see more job opportunities and trainings for tribal members. Also, our elders spoke up about how under appreciated the staff are and that they deserve a raise and more appreciation for all the work they do.

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44 Councilmember Hodge: I would like to give a friendly reminder of the upcoming East District  
45 meeting on 4/12 and also to get the word out about YEDC Board vacancies. They are still  
46 accepting applications.

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48 Councilmember Ray: Not present.

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50 Councilmember Natt: Pass

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52 Councilmember Provolt: An Orick District Meeting was held on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Thank  
53 you to all members who took time to attend this meeting and provide comment. A special  
54 Thank you to Don Barnes for attending the meeting. Don talked about his education and work  
55 experience, along with sharing his family ties. Don answered several questions from our  
56 membership. A special Thank you to Jessica Engle and Forrest James for providing a  
57 presentation on Broadband project(s). Orick District is excited that this infrastructure will have  
58 vast improvements not only to residents, but to the local economy. Other items discussed  
59 included 1) the proposed map of the Orick District -South Boundary line. Orick District members  
60 are not in favor of this recommendation and do not feel this change is in best interest of the  
61 small community. If this referendum is to proceed, members asked for an opinion from the  
62 Cultural Committee and suggested the Yurok Tribe reach out to Wiyot Tribe for their input. 2)  
63 Members felt the breakdown of the CARES funding and expenditures has not yet been reported  
64 out to membership as requested; as well as the financial reporting from the Corporations are  
65 not being reported out as outline in their charters. 3) Members are concerned that they are  
66 not aware of the projects forthcoming to bid on; and relayed the request to TERO ordinance be  
67 followed, including projects with YIHA and the Corporations. There remains concerns that tribal  
68 members are being charged TERO fees. 4) Membership inquired about Carbon Credit dollars,  
69 and stated these funds are not Council discretionary funds, but are tribal dollars, and should be  
70 discussed with membership. 5) Members also expressed the need for long term elder care. 6)  
71 As more people begin traveling this spring, there is a need for the Shoreline Deli to extend  
72 hours. Current hours are 7am-7pm. I have observed many people stopping to get gas especially  
73 since it is still daylight, but the business is closed. Lastly, we also took time to recognize the  
74 Elders Food Program and thank the staff for this work.

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76 Vice Chair Myers: Pass

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78 Chairman James: Brief update on the calls received about how scarce our water is and the plans  
79 of water being released by the Bureau of Reclamation. Membership directed to speak with  
80 their District Representatives in regard to the American Rescue Plan. Chairman James was able  
81 to get on the calls with the BIA and the Treasury this last week. Chairman and Vice Chair will be  
82 doing a field tour of the Trinity Restoration with Senator Hoffman.

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84 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

85 Kelly Lindgren: Hi my name is Kelly Lindgren from South District, when is council going to  
86 discuss the revising of the Orick and south district boundaries? And when will membership get  
87 to weigh in on this? Thank you.

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89 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

90 Business Opportunity

91 Dam Negotiations

92 Personal Issue

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94 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

95 **Council**

96 CA21-063, Honoring of Dave Hillemeier

97 Submitted By: Taralyn Ipinia, Council Operations Director

98 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to ratify Resolution #21-**  
99 **24, Honoring Dave Hillemeier for his many years of dedicated service to the Yurok Tribe and**  
100 **respected employee of the Yurok Tribe for over 27 years, working passionately to advance**  
101 **the goals of the Yurok People. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**  
102 **Councilmember Ray-np, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes,**  
103 **Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7,**  
104 **no-0, abs-0, np-1. Motion carries.**

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106 **BREAK: 11:03am-11:30am**

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108 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

109 **Education**

110 EDU21-009, Promise Neighborhood Grant update

111 Submitted By: Jim McQuillen

112 **Presentation only to provide Council with an update on the progress of the Promise**  
113 **Neighborhood Grant application. Discussion only, no action.**

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115 **Executive Office**

116 ExDir21-002, Last chance Grade Solutions

117 Submitted By: Don Barnes

118 **Directive Request Council to consider all Caltrans alternative proposals (X, L, F, A1, A2, G1,**  
119 **G2) for Last Chance Grade solutions presented during Caltrans Quarterly Project Status**  
120 **Update Meeting, and to direct Executive Office to communicate Council support or**  
121 **opposition to Caltrans continuing studies for proposals X & F.**

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123 ExDir21-003, Follow up from CA21-055

124 Submitted By: Don Barnes

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**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/ Councilmember Hodge to provide Council with an update on the following action items: Health Care Policy Analyst Job Description (CA20-27), Livestreaming Council Meetings (CA20-213), Status of Investigation (CA20-190) Motion carries by consensus.**

**Health & Human Services**

YHHS21-011, Rural Communities Opioid Response Program (RCORP) - Psychostimulant Grant via the Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA)  
Submitted By: Alita Redner

**Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to approve YHHS and Planning Department’s submission of RCORP Psycho-stimulant grant application and approve Resolution #21-40 w/edits. Motion carries by consensus.**

YHHS21-020, Yurok Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Presentation  
Submitted By: Annelia Hillman

**Presentation to Council about the project and to invite Council to participate in Yurok Youth Opioid Summit July 27-29, 2021. Discussion only, No Action.**

**Watershed**

WS21-003, Contract #143-03 and Waiver of Sovereign Immunity  
Submitted by Richard Nelson

**Motion to approve the Chairman to sign the Contract, Resolution #21-39 Sovereign Immunity Wavier, and all associated documents for execution of the contract, once they are approved by legal, fiscal, grants and compliance, Insurance Provider and other Individuals that may need to approve, as well as waive the indirect associated to the project. Item was tabled to April 9, 2021.**

**LUNCH: 1:15pm-2:15pm**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

Larissa Sanderson: Spoke on behalf of her brother Richard Sanderson JR and his upcoming parole hearing. She spoke about his personal growth since being incarcerated and his plans for his rehabilitation after he is released. He was denied entry into the transitional housing program as ineligible after being approved. She asked that his application for entry be reconsidered and get some help with his situation.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Information Services**

IT21-010, EnerTribe Yurok Connect Planning Session

**Chairman James Pulled item as already discussed at last council session.**

167 IT21-040, Information Services Director Update

168 **General update from IT Director Jessica Engle. Discussion only, No Action**

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170 **Environmental**

171 YTEP21-009, Catch Together Funding Planning Session

172 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

173 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/ Vice Chair Myers to select Option B for expenditure**  
174 **of funds from the Catch Together Grant of \$10,800. Motion carries by consensus.**

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176 YTEP21-010, Solid Waste Issues Planning Session

177 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

178 **Council work session to discuss possible solutions for the solid waste issues experienced by**  
179 **tribal members living on the Yurok Indian Reservation. Set for April 7, 2021. Discussion Only,**  
180 **No Action.**

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182 **BREAK: 4:45- 5:00pm**

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184 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

185 Elizabeth Davis: Comment about the YTEP presentation and wanted to thank the team for all  
186 the hard work they do down river. Also wanted to know when and where she can provide input  
187 regarding the tribe and taking applications for cannabis.

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189 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

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191 **Office of Tribal Attorney**

192 OTA21-036, Resighini Settlement Offer

193 **Review and possible action on settlement offer from Resighini Rancheria with outside**  
194 **counsel from Berkey Williams and Amy Cordalis. Item tabled.**

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196 **Public Utilities**

197 YPUD21-004, Public Water System Update

198 Submitted by Mike Searcy

199 **Per Council request, present an update on the Public Water Systems, including planned**  
200 **upgrades to each system. Discussion Only, No Action**

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202 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Williams to work past 6pm.**  
203 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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205 **Council**

206 CA21-062, Discretionary Youth Fund

207 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

208 **Directive to Council Operations to schedule date to discuss discretionary youth funds.**

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CA21-064, Redwood Log Donation  
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

**Discussion/action on redwood logs donation. Discussion Only, No Action**

CA21-065, North District Emergency Operations Center  
Submitted by Councilmember Williams

**Directive to Executive Director to follow up on opportunity to purchase property for North District Emergency Operations Center.**

**TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** 6:10pm-7:31pm


No action out of Executive Session

**CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Williams.

**ADJOURN:** 7:35pm

**MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

**May 20, 2021**

  
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**Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

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**Date**