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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021
<https://www.gotomeet.me/yuroktribe>**

ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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

ABSENT: None

STAFF: Don Barnes, Earl Jackson, Taralyn Ipiña, Georgiana Gensaw (recorder), Dawn Baum

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion made by Vice Chair Myers/Councilmember Natt to accept the agenda with the addition of YPUD21-003 Drought. Motion carries by consensus.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

Fisheries

Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

Barry McCovey Jr. presents

Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to schedule a virtual meeting for May 19, 5:30-7:30pm and June 5, 2021 to receive input from the Tribal membership regarding the structure of the 2021 Fall Fishery Season. Motion carries by consensus.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES: None

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Provolt: I attended the Federal Home Loan Bank Tribal Natives Summit representing our CDFI program and the challenges and barriers we have and continue to experience. The Yurok Tribe CDFI program received a small grant to help tribal business with mortgage if they were affected by pandemic. There will be an application coming out soon.

Councilmember Natt: Pass

Councilmember Ray: We have a tribal member elder, Richard Mendes, who has redwood trees that are leaning over his house. I know YIHA recently fixed up his home and his house is in

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44 jeopardy now. I have another elder, who would like to sell his food product. I've tried his
45 products, he says he has been working on this for about 20 years. We might need a legal
46 opinion regarding this request.

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48 Councilmember Hodge: I went upriver with the Lummi people yesterday. We have truly found
49 friends with the Lummi people and our connection with salmon.

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51 Councilmember Williams: I attended the Natural Resources meeting on Monday. Geneva
52 Thompson did a presentations on the River Ordinance. The Natural Resources committee said
53 they would like to see it go to Culture Committee.

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55 Councilmember McCovey: I attended the UIHS Board meeting yesterday. Bear River is changing
56 their plans to build clinic space for UIHS on their lands. They are using it for their Social Services.
57 Instead of services in Fortuna, they are happy going to Eureka. UIHS will be expanding services
58 in Eureka and looking at options/sites. UIHS is also in the process of purchasing a medical van
59 that will help in reaching outlying areas.

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61 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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63 Vice Chair Myers: I want to announce that our Construction Corporation has completed our 8(a)
64 application and we are now working towards that goal. I want the membership to know that
65 your Council is working very hard on regarding river and water issues. We are working on the
66 cold water refuge that comes into play when the summer gets hot and the water gets low. We
67 count on the water to push disease out of our river and save the fish.

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69 Chairman James: We have been very busy. We went to Sacramento last week and talked to
70 several state agencies. We also met with Woods and Ramos. We talked about the Condor
71 coming home, about the work we are doing in Cap and Trade, and all restoration the work we
72 have been doing since 2009. We submitted a revised budget to Governor Newsman for "May
73 revision budget." We hosted Lummi, it was a good day.

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75 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT**

76 Rose Sylvia: I work at my mom's house; I have been there all my life and so I know some of the
77 things some of the history. Months ago, a car was stopped in the middle of the road. And I was
78 told by a young man, he said he bought the land, and he was putting in a gate and cameras. I
79 assume he is going to grow marijuana. I've been back up there and now there is brushing
80 activity. I emailed YTEP and THPO that our cemeteries need to be protected. I wonder if you
81 have fee land and if you are in Reservation boundaries. Is the Tribe prepared to have people
82 move in and brush? And are we ready to cease and desist? I would assume that with the
83 cemetery.

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85 **INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE:** None provided.

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87 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:**
88 Personnel and Land situation (Provolt), Potential land purchase and Aawok Ada Charles water
89 litigation status (Ray), Litigation update (OTA), YPUD21-003 Drought discussion/direction
90 needed (Mike Searcy, YPUD).

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92 **RATIFY POLL VOTES/AGENDA ITEMS:**

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94 **Education**

95 EDU21-004, Budget Revision RE: Head Start
96 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

97 **Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken**
98 **on April 22, 2021 and approve budget increase modification to Project #122-7 Head Start.**
99 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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101 EDU21-011, Budget Revision RE: College & Career Program
102 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

103 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on**
104 **April 22, 2021 and approve this budget revision for College and Career Program Project**
105 **#7115. Motion carries by consensus.**

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107 EDU21-002, Budget Modification RE: Head Start 122-7
108 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

109 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to ratify a poll vote taken on**
110 **April 22, 2021 and approve this budget modification for HS/EHS's current year grant;**
111 **modifying amounts to match current spending and forecasted spending to the end of the**
112 **fiscal year, which ends 5/30/2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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114 EDU21-016, Native Teacher Development grant
115 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

116 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on**
117 **April 22, 2021 and approve to submit the professional development grant to the US**
118 **Department of Education to support and develop American Indian teachers in our region.**
119 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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121 **Environmental**
122 YTEP21-012, BIA Climate Resiliency Adaptation Grant
123 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

124 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to ratify a poll vote taken on April**
125 **22, 2021 to approve YTEP to apply to the BIA Climate Resiliency Adaptation Grant, for a total**
126 **of \$149,903 and to sign the corresponding Resolution No. 21-45 in support of the application.**
127 **No match is required and full indirect is allowable for the grant. Motion carries by consensus.**

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129 **Fisheries**
130 FISH21-027, Fisheries Recovery Act funding
131 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

132 **Motion made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to ratify a poll vote taken on**
133 **April 22, 2021 approve comments pertaining to the allocation and distribution of funds for**
134 **fisheries recovery act funding and authorize the submittal of comment letter from the**
135 **Chairman via email, to the appropriate NMFS contact (Heather Sagar) by close of business on**
136 **April 23, 2021 (see attached memo and conceptual comments paper for more information).**
137 **Motion carries by consensus.**

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139 **Planning**
140 Rod Mendes, Blaine McKinnon, and Henry Solares presents
141 P21-024, CAL Fire Rural Fire Capacity grant
142 Submitted by Henry Solares

143 **Moton made by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken on**
144 **April 30, 2021 approval to submit a grant application to the Rural Fire Capacity Grant program**
145 **and authorize Chairperson to sign all documents necessary to submit the grant application.**
146 **(Up front funding provided by the Tribe: \$20,794.97 Grantor to reimburse \$8,338.00. Total**
147 **cost to the Tribe \$12,456.97 (\$8,338.00 match/\$4,118.97 indirect or any other available**
148 **funding. Motion carries by consensus.**

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150 **Wildlife**
151 Tiana Williams-Claussen presents
152 WILD21-011, Humboldt Marten MOA
153 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

154 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to ratify a poll vote taken**
155 **on April 22, 2021 to approve the submission of an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs**
156 **Tribal Resilience Program Category 4 opportunity to secure funding for riparian restoration**
157 **planning in lower Blue Creek and all necessary Chairman signatures.**

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159 **Council**
160 CA21-072, Lummi Nation presentation
161 Submitted by Tribal Council

162 **Item pulled.**

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164 11:00 Chairman James exits meeting due to a personal matter.

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166 **Fisheries**
167 Barry McCovey Jr. and Jyle De Julio presents
168 FISH21-020, Trinity River Planning Session
169 Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

170 **Action/Discussion RE: Trinity River Planning Session set for May 5, 2021 1pm-3pm, discussion**
171 **only, no action.**

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173 **LUNCH:** 12:56pm-1:32pm
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175 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**

176 Ruby McCovey: I recently got my children removed. I filed a complaint because ICWA was not
177 present. I talked to my social worker and she said she didn't know if anyone was qualified and
178 that she used to be a school teacher but she took this job because she was out of work and
179 needed a job. I need help and I want the Yurok Tribe to help me. I'm a good mom, I've done
180 nothing to have my kids removed.

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182 Phillip Coleman: I read in the ICWA contract papers and it says we could have staff help by
183 monitoring us.

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185 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

186 **Education**

187 Victoria Carlson, Tachini Pete presents

188 EDU21-015, Administration for Native Americans presentation *(45 minutes requested)*

189 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

190 **Yurok Language Program to request 45 minutes on May 5, 2021 at Planning Meeting. Guest**
191 **Tachini Pete, T/TA Director for the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) gave a**
192 **presentation. Discussion only, no action.**

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194 **Health & Human Services**

195 YHHS21-012, Wellness Coalition Harm Reduction presentation *(20 minutes requested)*

196 Submitted by Annelia Hillman

197 **Education presentation about harm reduction and how are we collaborating to address issue**
198 **within Yurok communities. Presentation provided Planning Meeting on May 5, 2021.**
199 **Discussion only, no action.**

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201 **Housing Authority**

202 Nicole Sager presents

203 YIHA21-012, Emergency Rental Assistance Policy Manual

204 Submitted by Nicole Sager

205 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge to approve the Yurok**
206 **Indian Housing Authority's Emergency Rental Assistance Policy Manual as approved by the**
207 **Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2021 and reviewed by OTA. Motion carries by**
208 **consensus.**

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210 YIHA21-013, Monthly Report
211 Submitted by Nicole Sager

212 **Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to approval of the monthly**
213 **report submitted by Nicole Sager, Executive Director of the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as**
214 **reviewed and approved by the Board of Commissioners on April 13, 2021. Motion carries by**
215 **consensus.**

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217 **Council**
218 CA21-068, Willow Creek update
219 Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

220 **Staff to provide update on Willow Creek property development (Umpqua Bank). Discussion**
221 **only, no action.**

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223 CA21-073, Annual Meeting & Salmon Festival
224 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña

225 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Ray to approve to set the 2021**
226 **Yurok Tribe Annual Membership for October 2, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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228 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Ray to rescind CA21-073 Roll call;**
229 **Vice Chair-Chairing, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember**
230 **Vanlandingham-no, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember**
231 **Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-6, no-1, abs-0, np-0. Motion carries.**

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233 CA21-073B, Annual Meeting & Salmon Festival
234 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña

235 **Motion made by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Williams to approve to set the**
236 **2021 Yurok Tribe Annual Membership for October 9, 2021. Motion carries by consensus.**

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238 CA21-074, Credit Card for catastrophic events
239 Submitted by Taralyn Ipiña

240 **Directive to Steve to purchase \$6,000 in \$300 increments of tribal member emergency**
241 **services credit card for catastrophic events.**

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243 **BREAK 4:45-5:00**
244 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:00-6:08 YPUD21-005, Emergency Drought Response Planning**
245 **YPUD21-005, Emergency Drought Response Planning**
246 Submitted by Mike Searcy

247 **Request directives for the required Emergency Drought Response from Council on various**
248 **initiatives. See attached memo. Discussion only, no action.**

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250 No action of out of Executive Session.

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

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

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257 **ADJOURN:** 6:11pm

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259 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

May 20, 2021

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Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

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Date