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 May 5, 2021 Council Planning meeting
jeopardy now. I have another elder, who would like to sell his food product. I’ve tried his products, he says he has been working on this for about 20 years. We might need a legal opinion regarding this request.

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

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

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

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

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

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

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

INFORMATION SERVICES DIRECTOR UPDATE: None provided.

May 5, 2021 Council Planning meeting
EXECUTIVE SESSION:
Personnel and Land situation (Provolt), Potential land purchase and Aawok Ada Charles water litigation status (Ray), Litigation update (OTA), YPUD21-003 Drought discussion/direction needed (Mike Searcy, YPUD).

RATIFY POLL VOTES/AGENDA ITEMS:

Education
EDU21-004, Budget Revision RE: Head Start
Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on April 22, 2021 and approve budget increase modification to Project #122-7 Head Start. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU21-011, Budget Revision RE: College & Career Program
Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on April 22, 2021 and approve this budget revision for College and Career Program Project #7115. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU21-002, Budget Modification RE: Head Start 122-7
Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to ratify a poll vote taken on April 22, 2021 and approve this budget modification for HS/EHS’s current year grant; modifying amounts to match current spending and forecasted spending to the end of the fiscal year, which ends 5/30/2021. Motion carries by consensus.

EDU21-016, Native Teacher Development grant
Submitted by Jim McQuillen
Motion made by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote taken on April 22, 2021 and approve to submit the professional development grant to the US Department of Education to support and develop American Indian teachers in our region. Motion carries by consensus.

Environmental
YTEP21-012, BIA Climate Resiliency Adaptation Grant
Submitted by Louisa McCovey
Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to ratify a poll vote taken on April 22, 2021 to approve YTEP to apply to the BIA Climate Resiliency Adaptation Grant, for a total of $149,903 and to sign the corresponding Resolution No. 21-45 in support of the application. No match is required and full indirect is allowable for the grant. Motion carries by consensus.
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Fisheries
FISH21-027, Fisheries Recovery Act funding
Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

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

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

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

Wildlife
Tiana Williams-Claussen presents
WILD21-011, Humboldt Marten MOA
Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

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

Council
CA21-072, Lummi Nation presentation
Submitted by Tribal Council

Item pulled.

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

Fisheries
Barry McCovey Jr. and Jyle De Julio presents
FISH21-020, Trinity River Planning Session
Submitted by Dave Hillemeier
Action/Discussion RE: Trinity River Planning Session set for May 5, 2021 1pm-3pm, discussion only, no action.

LUNCH: 12:56pm-1:32pm

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

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

AGENDA ITEMS:

Education
Victoria Carlson, Tachini Pete presents
EDU21-015, Administration for Native Americans presentation (45 minutes requested)
Submitted by Jim McQuillen

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

Health & Human Services

YHHS21-012, Wellness Coalition Harm Reduction presentation (20 minutes requested)
Submitted by Annelia Hillman

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

Housing Authority

Nicole Sager presents
YIHA21-012, Emergency Rental Assistance Policy Manual
Submitted by Nicole Sager

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

YIHA21-013, Monthly Report
Submitted by Nicole Sager

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

Council
CA21-068, Willow Creek update
Submitted by Councilmember Hodge

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BREAK 4:45-5:00

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 5:00-6:08 YPUD21-005, Emergency Drought Response Planning
Submitted by Mike Searcy

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

No action of out of Executive Session.
TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chairman Myers.

ADJOURN: 6:11pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: May 20, 2021

Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

Date 05/24/21