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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
FINANCE/PLANNING MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 23, 2024
EUREKA TANF OFFICE
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

ROLL CALL: 11:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Wes Crawford, East District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District; Phillip Williams, North District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District

ABSENT: Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman (travel); Lana McCovey, South District (ill)

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Council Operations Director; Maggie Mais, Office of Tribal Attorney; Megan Siaosi, Self-Governance Director; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

QUORUM: 7 present, 2 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James.

REVIEW/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL TO AGENDA:

Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the agenda with no additions. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

February 9, Weitchpec District meeting 3pm Weitchpec Tribal Office
February 16, North District meeting 6-8pm, Fisheries
February 3, Orick District Meeting 11am-2pm, Rosie Clayburn, Fisheries
February 8, East District Meeting 6-8pm, Fisheries
February 6, Requa District Meeting 5:30-7pm, Fisheries

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Natt: Pass.

Councilmember Provolt: I will be hosting an Orick District Meeting February 3, 11am until we are finished talking. It will be held at the Redwood National Parks Building, right in the middle of the town. Please join us. Rosie Clayburn will be there to provide updates on projects in the Orick area and Fisheries staff is planning to attend. Lunch will be provided.

Councilmember Ray: I had my district meeting. My community wants to have the gym open. One of things we need to have ready are land lines ready for the gym, one at the front desk and

44 some phones for the offices. I'd like to have a soft opening for February 16, but I'd really like it
45 to be ready for my District meeting on the 9th. Let's mark off the 9th and the 16th. Let's get
46 phones/land lines set up over there.

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48 **Councilmember Crawford:** I went and checked out the golf course and I want to thank Mike
49 Searce, he's doing a great job. It looks great and it's exciting. I guess we need to find more
50 money for the roof or something. I want to say a shout out for the ladies in Willow Creek, who
51 don't have all the amenities, like say the Weitchpec office, but make things happen. An elder
52 came in who needed firewood, and these ladies made it happen.

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54 **Councilmember Williams:** We have lost a few elders lately. We lost Rosa Davis; she's been an
55 icon in my life. She's worked for UIHS for the last 50 years, helping bring babies home. My
56 family has suffered a loss this last month. It seems like every month we lose someone we love. I
57 want to thank Fisheries and YTEP for providing a last boat ride. Thank you for helping to provide
58 this service for our membership. I want to thank YIHA and all that they do. We had a lady who
59 needed to have their chimney cleaned out and YIHA was able to help. I had an elder who found
60 a \$200 elder check and thanked our Finance Director who was able to get a new check cut fast.
61 One thing that was brought up was dumping vouchers for elders on and off the reservation. We
62 also discussed this Offshore Wind Project and want to look at the pros and cons.

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64 **Councilmember McCovey:** Not present.

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66 **Councilmember Vanlandingham:** Pass.

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68 **Vice Chair Myers:** Not present.

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70 **Chairman James:** We had our Council retreat last week; I really enjoyed it. One of the things I
71 really like about it was hearing Council's priorities, and one of those things was the need for a
72 tribal cemetery. I met with my executive team this past Monday to make sure they know what
73 the Council sees as their priorities. Also, Elders gathering to get their input, to get their say, we
74 want to have this to be an annual meeting. We will hold this elders meeting in March or April.

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76 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**
77 James Dunlap: Sitting here I hear a lot of good things; I see a lot of miscommunications coming
78 out over the disaster relief funding. There is a real issue when you are calling fish a resource.
79 What is our timber revenue? Does this go out to tribal members as a resource?

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81 Lorid Hodge: I see Measure A is on the agenda for Council to consider, I would like Council to
82 really think about this one.

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84 Jewel Frank: I didn't see Toby at a recent funeral. I am Yurok, I am always going to be Yurok.

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86 Mason Van Mechelen: I want you to consider Yurok Fisher Guides when you are considering
87 this fisheries disaster relief funding. Family businesses are the same thing, that also depend on
88 the salmon and the river.
89 Tribal Law Enforcement is a huge problem, these last couple of years we have not seen hardly
90 any law enforcement on the river. We are not protecting the species of the river, last year there
91 was no involvement. My frustration is turning to sadness. How many fish and sturgeon are
92 being caught and killed for no reason.
93 A boat for funerals, at one point there was funding for funerals, I think there needs to be a boat
94 just for funerals. Sometimes it's hard-to-find boats when it's wet and cold. Elders wood, we try
95 to do good. We had like a 100 people, and we did our Requa district, but there's more than just
96 our district.
97 I have an elder who needs a new trailer. Apparently, there are no funds for a new trailer. He has
98 knee surgery tomorrow, he had back surgery, and he prefers to stay with family over living at
99 Ravenwood. If someone could reach out and help us, help him.

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101 **REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:**

102 **Finance**

103 FIN24-01, Work Session RE: Tribal Opioid Settlement Funding
104 Submitted by Michael Maranger, CFO

105 **Council consensus to set for January 27, 2024, at 10am for the Fiscal Department requests a**
106 **working session with Tribal Council, Public Health, and Health and Human Services to**
107 **formulate a spending plan for the tribal opioid settlement funding.**

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109 **Natural Resources**

110 *Fisheries Department*

111 FISH24-005, Planning Session RE: Disaster Relief
112 Submitted by Barry McCovey Junior

113 **Council consensus to set January 24, 2024, at 1pm for the Fisheries Department request for a**
114 **planning session with Tribal council to discuss the 2021 and 2022 disaster relief funding.**

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116 **INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):**

117 James Cisneros, TANF Manager

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119 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Legal issue (Councilmember Williams) withdrawn.

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121 **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

122 **Health & Human Services Division**

123 *Tribal Court*

124 TC24-004, International Rescue Committee
125 Submitted by Jessica Carter

126 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to review and approve**
127 **subaward Agreement with International Rescue Committee for funding to assist with victims**
128 **of human trafficking and authorize Chairman James to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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130 **Natural Resources Division**

131 *Environmental Department*
132 ENVR24-002, Tribal Capacity Building Pilot Program
133 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

134 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham approval for the**
135 **submission of a grant application to the California Strategic Growth Council in the amount of**
136 **\$250,000 with no match required and full direct charges allowable. The funding will be used**
137 **to build staff capacity to advance the Tribe’s climate-related work within the Environmental**
138 **Department. Motion carries by consensus.**

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140 **Health & Human Services Division**

141 *Child Welfare & Behavioral Health*
142 YHHS23-48, Humboldt County Purchase Order

143 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept the**
144 **Humboldt County Purchase Order for the Expertise and Consultation for ICWA Program**
145 **Implementation with Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services and assign**
146 **a project number for fiscal year '23-24. Motion carries by consensus.**

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148 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

149 **Natural Resources Division**
150 *Environmental Department*
151 ENVR24-001, Anaerobic Digester Purchase

152 **Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Ray to request Council**
153 **approval for the purchase of an anaerobic digester unit utilizing existing USEPA grant funding**
154 **totaling \$138,500, Project Code #3068. Motion carries by consensus.**

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156 *Fisheries Department*
157 FISH24-004, Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funds

158 **Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to authorize the**
159 **Fisheries Department to accept Pacific Coast Salmon Recovery Funding from the Klamath**
160 **River Inter-Tribal Fish and Water Commission in the amount of \$601,600. Full Indirect is**
161 **allowable and there are no cost match requirements. Motion carries by consensus.**

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163 *Wildlife Program*
164 WILD24-01, Climate Resilience Regional Challenge

165 **Motion made by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Williams to approve a \$50 Million**
166 **grant request to a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Inflation Reduction Act**
167 **Fund, the Climate Resilience Regional Challenge, to support establishment a Traditional Land**

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Stewardship Department, further development of a Marine Department, and land acquisition. Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Mason Van Mechelen: In regards of one of the places in Klamath, will there be a person of that village to protect that hill for hunting deer, etc. are we going to be able to protect that?

James Dunlap: One of the things I think about is the condor program. I know at one point we were looking at the fish plant there in Orick, but I don't know what happened with that idea. Also, what about the dance grounds being eroded. I would like to see the dance grounds being preserved. I had made a presentation with former Councilmember Lyle McKinnon, so that timber products are not causing more pollution. Now, if someone can go get what is left behind from the logging operation, also known as slash or burn piles.

PRESENTATIONS:

Morgan Stanley Financial Reports
Presented by Jason Barr, Vice President Morgan Stanley
Discussion and review of status and market updates on Morgan Stanley Accounts for the period ending December 31, 2024.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Elizabeth Davis: Where do our carbon credits fund show up on these presentations? And where do we see that money?

LUNCH: 1:25pm-2:15pm

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

PRESENTATIONS:

Yurok Tribe Financials
Presented by Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer
Financials, budgets, and balance sheet provided to Council ending December 31, 2024.

AGENDA ITEMS:

Health & Human Services Division

Education Department

EDU23-011, Yurok Language Program Updates and Planning
Submitted by Victoria Carlson

The Yurok Language Program would like to request a 1-hour work session to discuss Yurok language updates, and planning for funding. Set for January 23, 2024. Discussion only, no action.

211 *Child Welfare & Behavioral Health*
212 YHHS23-052, Cal Poly Humboldt CalSWEC Project FY'23-24
213 Submitted by Jessica Canez

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Vanlandingham to accept funding for 2023-2024 from Cal Poly Humboldt Sponsored Programs Foundation to support the CalSWEC social work field placements and request to assign a project number. Motion carries by consensus.

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219 **Council**
220 CA23-234, Status of Policies/Council Ethics Ordinance
221 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt
222 Request staff to provide an update to Council on the status of the Personnel Policies and
223 Council Ethics Ordinance.

Personnel Policies tabled to Working Sessions. The Council Ethics Ordinance will return to the Council in March 2024.

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227 CA23-273, District Committee & Board Members
228 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina, Chief Operating Officer

Tabled to Thursday, Council Action

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231 CA24-009, California Tribal College Appointment
232 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Motion made by Councilmember Williams/Councilmember Provolt to approve Councilmember Crawford as the Delegate and Councilmember Provolt as alternate to the California Tribal College and submit a Certificate of Appointment. Motion carries by consensus.

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

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240 **PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:** Pulled for today.

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242 **LITIGATION UPDATE:** None provided.

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

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246 **ADJOURN:** 3:28pm

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248 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:**

March 6, 2024

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251 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

Date