

**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL
FINANCE/PLANNING/ACTION MEETING
FRIDAY, JANUARY 7, 2022
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ROLL CALL: 10:00am

PRESENT: Joe James, Chairman; Frankie Myers, Vice Chairman; Sherri Provolt, Orick District; Mindy Natt, Pecwan District; Ryan Ray, Requa District; Lori Hodge, East District; Lana McCovey, South District; Phillip Williams, North District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.

ABSENT: Lana McCovey, South District (excused).

STAFF: Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipina, Council Operations Director; Dawn Baum, Acting General Counsel; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder)

QUORUM: 8 present, 1 absent, quorum present.

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Ray.

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Hodge to accept the agenda with additions of CA22-003 Elders Assistance, CA22-007 Chief Financial Officer Position, and CA22-008 Political Donation. Motion carries by consensus.

CALENDAR:

January-CDFI Work Session (to be scheduled).

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Provolt: Skue-yen' 'ue koy, this pandemic is not over. The numbers of people infected are getting worse if you look at the day by day numbers. We should work with our Public Health Officer and see what we can do for our employees. I know schools are being affected by this and even shutting back down. We need to be looking for our staff and protecting our families.

Councilmember Natt: Pass.

Councilmember Ray: I've been contacted by a few employees who are on quarantine right now and there is no leave for them. Especially for employees who don't accrue (sick) time, they are just out of that time (pay). If we could look and see what we can do, especially for those who don't have the time. If we could take a look at the policy sometime soon that would be good.

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45 Councilmember Hodge: I want to give a shout out to our staff for responding to this latest
46 storm that devastated my area. Thank you, Don Barnes, for leading the team. If anyone is still
47 struggling, please contact Elizabeth at the Weitchpec Office. Please call and let them know you
48 want to speak to someone because you are struggling. Our team is out there helping people.
49 Thank you very much.

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51 Councilmember Williams: At my district meeting, they mentioned to have the links to meetings
52 on the website. The website is a little hard to navigate. The elders asked to have their elder
53 checks approved at the beginning of the month, this time it was cutting to close to Christmas.
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55 Councilmember McCovey: Not present.

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57 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

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59 Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

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61 Chairman James: Happy New Year to Council, our staff, and Tribal Membership. Beyond Happy
62 New Year, the Tribe has worked to move the needle forward. We are continuing to work to
63 create these anchors for our people for 5 and 10 years down the road. It's exciting that our
64 government is growing, our corporations are growing, and the Housing Authority is growing. It's
65 exciting, we had a very good meeting with our Corporations yesterday and we hope to be able
66 to share that with our membership very soon. These are the fruits that will service our tribal
67 members, it will be exciting to share that. I want to say thank you to the Council, to our staff.
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69 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:** None provided.

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71 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** P21-085, Closing Documents, P21-086, French Camp, CA21-239, Fire
72 Building, Tribal Council Payroll (Vice Chairman Myers), Land Access (Councilmember Ray).
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74 **CONSENT ITEMS:** None provided.

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76 **PRESENTATIONS:**
77 Morgan Stanley Financials reported by Jason Barr, Morgan Stanley Financial Advisor
78 Accounts and allocations ending November 30, 2021.
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80 Yurok Tribe Financial Reports reported by Jill Mix, Controller
81 Financials ending November 30, 2021.
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83 **POLL VOTES:**
84 **Watershed**
85 WS21-009, Approval - #21-128 Resolution
86 Submitted by Richard Nelson

87 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to ratify a poll vote conducted on**
88 **December 30, 2021 to approve Resolution #21-128 with edits providing a Limited Waiver of**
89 **Sovereign Immunity in favor of CMH Homes, Inc., and to have the Chairman sign all**
90 **corresponding sales agreements necessary for purchase as reviewed and approved by Yurok**
91 **legal. Motion carries by consensus.**

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93 **Planning**
94 P21-085, Closing Documents
95 Michael Gerace presents for agenda item

96 **Motion by Vice Chair Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to ratify a poll vote conducted**
97 **on December 30, 2021 to approve Resolution #21-128 and closing documents associated**
98 **agreement for title services for purchase of land, and authorize Chairman to sign and**
99 **Secretary to attest. Motion carries by consensus.**

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101 **AGENDA ITEMS:**
102 **Human Resources**
103 HR21-023, Yurok Tribe Organization Charts
104 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

105 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve Yurok Tribe**
106 **organizational charts with edits: Executive Branch, Community Development Division,**
107 **Executive Office, Administrative Division, Natural Resources Division, Public Safety Division**
108 **and Ner-gery ‘Oohl’ Division. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**
109 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes,**
110 **Councilmember Provolt-no, Councilmember Natt-no, Councilmember Williams-yes,**
111 **Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-5, No-2, Abs-0, Not present-1. Motion carries.**

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113 HR21-024, Chief Operations Officer Job Description
114 Submitted by Rose Sylvia

115 **Discuss the job description for Chief Operations Officer. Item tabled.**

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117 **LUNCH: 12:00pm - 1:00pm**
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119 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.**

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121 **AGENDA ITEMS:**
122 **Health and Human Services**
123 YHHS21-047, Suicide Prevention Clinical Supervision
124 Submitted by Shoshoni Gensaw-Hostler

125 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Vice Chairman Myers to approve Chairman’s signature on**
126 **sole source contract for specialized Substance and Mental Health Administration Clinical**
127 **Supervision by Shane Calhoun to Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Shoshoni Gensaw-**
128 **Hostler. Motion carries by consensus.**

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130 YHHS21-048, Title IV E & Subpart II FY22 Budget
131 Submitted by Alita Redner

132 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve budget and**
133 **Project # for Title IV B Subpart II funding. Motion carries by consensus.**

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135 YHHS21-072, Child Abuse Prevention Supplemental Grant
136 Submitted by Valerie Ryles

137 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve the request**
138 **for the Chairman to sign the Letter of Intent and obtain a specific Project Code for the ARPA-**
139 **CBCAP Supplemental Grant. Motion carries by consensus.**

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141 YHHS21-073, Title IV E
142 Submitted by Valerie Ryles

143 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve the attached**
144 **budget modification (YR4) – Project #8284 – Title IV-E Program. Motion carries by consensus.**

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146 **Tribal Court**

147 TC21-024, Dr. Blythe George contract
148 Submitted by Angi Cavaliere

149 **Motion by Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve the contract with Dr. Blythe**
150 **George for data collection and analysis in conjunction with the To’Kee Skuy’ Soo Ney-wo-**
151 **chek’ MMIW Program and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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153 TC21-027, Nan Benally contract
154 Submitted by Angi Cavaliere and Kendall Allen-Guyer

155 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve the contract**
156 **with Nan Benally as research assistant to the data analysts for the To’Kee Skuy’ Soo Ney-wo-**
157 **chek program and authorize Chairman to sign. Motion carries by consensus.**

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159 **Environmental**

160 YTEP21-062, Native American Agriculture Grant Fund
161 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

162 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt to approve Resolution #21-107**
163 **with edits, including Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of Native American**
164 **Agriculture Fund, accept infrastructure grant for YTEP, and authorize Chairman to sign and**
165 **Secretary to attest. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes,**
166 **Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes,**
167 **Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes,**
168 **Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7, No-0, Abs-0, Not present-1. Motion carries.**

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170 YTEP21-063, NIFA Community Food Project Grant

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171 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

172 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Provolt to allow the YTEP Food Sovereignty**
173 **Division to apply the NIFA Community Food Project Grant for a total \$399,999 over four**
174 **years, with full indirect allowable and 1:1 match requirement met by YTEP through a**
175 **combination of State and private foundation funding already awarded. Motion carries by**
176 **consensus.**

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178 **Fisheries**

179 FISH21-091, Budget Modifications 7054 and 7092

180 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

181 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Hodge to authorize the Fisheries Department**
182 **to modify project codes 7054 and 7092 as described in the attached memo and budget**
183 **modification spreadsheets. Motion carries by consensus.**

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185 **Watershed**

186 WS21-010, Wester Rivers Conservancy

187 Submitted by Richard Nelson

188 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Ray to approve contract with Western**
189 **Rivers for permitting on the NCRP Upgrading Critical Infrastructure in the Blue Creek Salmon**
190 **Sanctuary. Motion carries by consensus.**

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192 **Wildlife**

193 WILD21-027, Barred Owl Removal

194 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

195 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Williams to approve submission of**
196 **application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species Removal opportunity to support**
197 **removal of invasive barred owl, any necessary Chairman signatures, and, if needed, match of**
198 **indirect cost support, currently calculated at \$25,992. Motion carries by consensus.**

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200 WILD21-028, Barred Owl Monitoring

201 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

202 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve submission of**
203 **application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species Removal opportunity to support**
204 **monitoring of invasive barred owl, any necessary Chairman signatures, and if needed, match**
205 **of indirect cost support, currently calculated at \$25,992. Motion carries by consensus.**

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207 WILD21-029, Feral Cattle Removal

208 Submitted by Tiana Williams-Claussen

209 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve submission**
210 **of application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Invasive Species Removal opportunity to**
211 **support removal and management of feral cattle, any necessary Chairman signatures, and, if**

212 needed, match of indirect cost support, currently calculated at \$25,992. Motion carries by
213 consensus.

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215 **Council**

216 CA21-235, Carbon Credit Sales Transfer
217 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

218 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Provolt to approve funds received from**
219 **recent carbon credit sales, less approved amount allocated for Forestry Management, to be**
220 **deposited into Morgan Stanley CWSRF Repayment Fund (xxx712) in the amount of**
221 **\$750,000.00. Motion carries by consensus.**

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223 CA21-236, CARES Funding
224 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

225 **To review and discuss any unspent CARES funding. Directive to Executive Director to report**
226 **back to Council.**

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228 CA21-237, Prey-go-neesh Certificate of Good Standing
229 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

230 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember Hodge to retroactively approve**
231 **Certificate of Good Standing dated 12/17/21 for Prey-go-neesh Construction Corporation to**
232 **update the SAM registration per request of Pamela Ames, CEO. Motion carries by consensus.**

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234 **BREAK: 2:03pm - 2:10pm**

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236 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 2:10p - 3:31pm**
237 P21-085, Closing Documents, P21-086, French Camp, and CA21-239, Fire Building

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239 **Action out of Executive Session:**
240 CA21-238, Fire Building
241 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

242 **Action/Discussion on new Fire building. Directive to Executive Director and report back to**
243 **Council.**

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245 CA21-239, North District Building Renovation
246 Submitted by Councilmember Williams

247 **Action/Discussion regarding the new North District building to be renovated for a childcare**
248 **facility. Directive to Executive Director will report back to Council.**

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250 CA21-240, Use of Corporate Seal
251 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

252 **To discuss process of use of Yurok Tribe's Corporate Seal. Directive to Office of Tribal**
253 **Attorney to report back to Council and to include THPO.**

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Planning

P21-086, French Camp
Submitted by Michael Gerace

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Provolt to approve vacant land property Purchase Agreement and associated Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity in favor of seller via Resolution #22-02 with edits, and authorize Chairman to sign and Secretary to attest. Roll call; Vice Chairman Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Williams-yes, Councilmember McCovey-np. Yes-7, No-0, Abs-0, Not present-1. Motion carries.

CA22-003, Elder Assistance
Submitted by Councilmember Vanlandingham

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to approve \$500 donation to Tribal Member elder for installation of ADA medical equipment. Funding to come from budget 50 GL 6170 Unit 45 (Weitchpec District). Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-007, CFO Position
Submitted by Tribal Council

Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to modify Finance Director job description to reflect changes as discussed at the December 13, 2021 Council Retreat. Modify position title to Chief Financial Officer and adjust salary to grade 14. Motion carries by consensus.

CA22-008, Political Donation
Submitted by Chairman James

Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Williams to authorize political contributions of \$10,000 from budget 50 GL 6390 (\$5,000) and GL 6397 (\$5,000). Motion carries by consensus.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Councilmember Williams.

ADJOURN: 3:40pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:

February 15, 2022



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

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Date