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**YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL  
ACTION MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2022  
KLAMATH TRIBAL OFFICE  
<https://zoom.us/j/92549693537>**

**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; Phillip Williams, North District; Lana McCovey, South District; Toby Vanlandingham, Weitchpec District.

**ABSENT:** None.

**STAFF:** Don Barnes, Executive Director; Taralyn Ipiña, Chief Operations Officer; Michael Maranger, Chief Financial Officer; Dawn Baum, General Counsel; Georgiana Gensaw (recorder).

**QUORUM:** 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present.

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

**REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:**

**Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve agenda with additions of P22-030 and CA22-214. Motion carries by consensus.**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEE(S):** None provided.

**COUNCIL CHECK IN:**

Vice Chair Myers: Pass.

Councilmember Hodge: Good morning membership. First I just wanted to announce again, the purchase of the Willow Creek golf course by the Yurok Tribe Construction Corporation. It's a very exciting project. It will provide fair market housing for the first time in the East District for our tribal members. It's going to it's totally community revitalization and will provide a very fun family-oriented destination for our tribal members everywhere. It's just it's a very exciting project. I feel with the combination of YEDC and YAC, it's like the perfect storm coming together to really do good things with this property. Also I'm liaison for the Per Geesh Construction Corporation to the council and I just wanted to announce that they are really moving forward. They're getting contracts all over the United States and our CEO, Pamela Ames is working very hard to get more and more contracts, but is baby steps at first. I wanted to remind everyone about the Homeowner's Assistance Fund that's for COVID relief. Even if you don't think you qualify, you should try it as the requirements are minimal. Go to the website, check the income parameters because it is higher than other parameters. So it's worth checking out and get your

46 application in. Council just got back from our retreat. We had a two day retreat and discussed  
47 many things. And I just want to say, I thank this council for the hard work that we do and how  
48 we're able to sit at a table and roll up our sleeves and get the work done. We made a lot of  
49 progress and implement ideas. So I just wanted to say that and thank the council. I thought it  
50 was a very profitable, pleasant retreat. Thank you.

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52 Councilmember Williams: I'm in a group in Del Norte County and they asked if somebody  
53 would step forward to run for school board. And I felt like the work I do here at the council level  
54 transfers over to the Del Norte County School Board. And I felt like I have a good reputation for  
55 doing good things for our community. So I felt like I should step up. I've already done work and  
56 at school over the past years and because I'm member of this community, I know that I have an  
57 insight that other candidates don't have, and that is the needs of our community. I want to ask  
58 everybody in the fifth district, Klamath and Northern Crescent City to register to vote. A lot of  
59 times I've heard members don't feel their vote counts, but I know at the local level, your vote  
60 does count and we need your vote. Also before I went on vacation, I took a trip to Washington  
61 DC with a Veteran's Leadership group about climate change. And I got to attend a press  
62 conference regarding the inflation reduction act signed by President Biden. It was a little scary.  
63 For a couple days, I was going around the speech in my mind and I didn't know what I was going  
64 to say, but when I got on the stage, I explained all the things that happened to us - the gold  
65 mining, the gold rush, got to explain about, our trees being cut down in our landscape and how  
66 much that affects climate change. I also got to speak about the dam systems that had put in  
67 place that our communities are still suffering. And so I just let it go. I let it my words fly. We're  
68 still here fighting. And so it turned out to be a great time and opportunity. I also got to attend  
69 the Department of Energy press conference regarding the Inflation Reduction Act. President  
70 Biden has mentioned tribes many times in the State of Union and for all this new funding  
71 coming down. He has highlighted that tribes are disadvantaged communities. And so there's  
72 an initiative in there that 40% of that funding will come down to rural communities. And so  
73 we're pushing for that. I'm a part of a leadership group where we're working on policies for the  
74 inflation reduction act and the group asked for me to bring forward a problem on our  
75 reservation. And so what I brought forward the need for our Wau-tek community to be  
76 electrified through this funding. Also to look into funding the next three phases for the up-river  
77 water systems. So I'm really excited to be working on that. It's been a good thing being part of  
78 this Veteran's Leadership Program. Thank you, Council.

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80 Councilmember McCovey: So, this last week, I did have the monthly meeting with United  
81 Indian Health Services. United Indian Health Services is looking to expand services particularly  
82 into the physical therapy treatment. They are currently looking at the Vector Rehabilitation  
83 Center and they're negotiations with them to take that over. Thank you.

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85 Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass.

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87 Councilmember Ray: I want to share that the NCIDC scholarships have been allocated for the  
88 first round. We have reached our capacity and closing them down the first round. We received  
89 over 60 scholarships. There will be a second round and I will inform membership when that  
90 opens up. For the current ICDBG grant, are we going to ask for an extension? So it sounds like  
91 we have four months to start spending these funds down. That way our next grant application

92 will receive the maximum points allowed if we can start spending these funds down. If we can  
93 get an update on where we are with contract for construction, that'd be great. I will be  
94 traveling with Chairman and Council to Washington DC Monday to push our Lands Bill,  
95 something that tribe's been working on for the last couple decades. This bill will expand the  
96 Yurok reservation and many other things. So, I'm looking forward to that. It's exciting. And it's  
97 been introduced a couple of times now. Hopefully we can give this last push and get the bill  
98 passed through this Congress. I also want remind everybody to vote for Councilmember  
99 Williams on for Del Norte County School board this next election. Wish him good luck.

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101 Councilmember Natt: I just wanted to keep it on the radar of the Executive Director that we  
102 need to figure out the washers and dryers at the Wau-tek and then make sure that we purchase  
103 the HVAC system. Tribal members were asking when they start doing the demolition of the  
104 buildings at the Head Start, and is there any possibility to have tribal members like get some of  
105 the used building materials, like the windows, cabinets, or whatever. They're just going to  
106 demo the building so why not give it to tribal members? So I just wanted to bring that to our  
107 attention. Also, I need to figure out when our next Cultural Committee meeting. We just  
108 appointed Margot Robins so we need to figure out and get her installed. Also the Culture  
109 Committee meetings are not on the calendar. It used to be. That's it for right now. Thank you.

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111 Councilmember Provolt: Good morning, skue-yen' 'ue-koy. I wanted to thank Council Member  
112 Ray for setting up a meeting with Superintendent Harris and the Principal at Margaret Keating  
113 School. Supervisor Masten, staff and parents attended, and I'm hoping that we can continue to  
114 meet quarterly or regularly with this team so that we can look at how to improve the school  
115 climate and work on shared learning objectives. I have an Orick District meeting on September  
116 17th at Stone Lagoon Visitor Center. It starts at 11 o'clock. Folks are welcome to attend. We  
117 will be talking about the upcoming opportunity for another Community Block Grant and we will  
118 get updates on Shoreline project. Lastly there are some openings on the Trinidad Coastal Land  
119 Trust Board if anybody is interested in joining me on that for protection of our aboriginal  
120 territories. I think that's all right for right now, thank you.

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122 Chairman James: Tribal membership and Council, I was in Sacramento yesterday. It was all  
123 tribes meeting specifically regarding the no campaign on 27. That's pretty straightforward.  
124 Corporation from outside California are campaigning but Prop 27 is also not tribally driven.  
125 There is a handful of tribes that support Prop 26, but also it's a very eye opening. There is no  
126 funding specifically for revenue share tribes. There is a pledge, but that's it. So it's interesting.  
127 And there is a coalition growing to oppose 26 and I'll be on that call to get more information.  
128 The data shows 26 and 27 through the presentation that looks like neither of them will pass.  
129 There was also strong discussion. And that was discussion by a lot of tribes down in southern  
130 California regarding horse tracks. I wanted to highlight also, Mr. Barnes, if you could put it on  
131 the radar that with winter coming around the corner, we need to plan for delivering firewood  
132 for elders. Maybe we can put that as some type of firewood cutting and delivering event like  
133 we did last year before the winter gets here, that would be great. Councilmembers and I will be  
134 going back to Washington DC on Monday coming back late Thursday to providing testimony on  
135 our Lands Bill. I got invite to the White House on the 13<sup>th</sup> to hear President Biden. Since we're  
136 talking about Lands Bill I did have a discussion with Chairman Garth Sundberg from Trinidad  
137 Rancheria about our land bill. It was a good discussion and at the end of the day, they do not

138 oppose our bill the way it is written. I also had a meeting with Chairman Murphy from Resighini  
139 and it was the same mindset Council. It was open. And again, we came in to that meeting from  
140 a village mindset from a ceremonial mindset. I made very specifically, I'm not going to  
141 guarantee something that I can't deliver on. That's what this council has to decide. I talked  
142 about how can we partner with MMIW and environmental cleanup, this and all that. We did  
143 talk about a pending case and that it is still moving forward. I did bring up the right of way  
144 issues. We did send our documents regarding deeded easement to them. That's first time that  
145 they had seen it. But it was a respectful call at the end of the day with her and also Chairman  
146 Sundberg. That's all I have for check.

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

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150 **EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Litigation (OTA), Update on Fisheries and River conditions (Vice Chairman  
151 Myers, Water System (Vanlandingham)

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153 **CONSENT ITEMS:**

154 **Natural Resources Division**

155 *Environmental Department*

156 YTED22-042, America the Beautiful Challenge Grant

157 Submitted by Louisa McCovey

158 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to retroactively approve the**  
159 **Environmental Department's grant submission for the America the Beautiful Challenge**  
160 **totaling \$4,999,942 over 4 years with full indirect allowable and the 3% match requirement is**  
161 **being covered by Native Americans in Philanthropy. Motion carries by consensus.**

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163 *Fisheries Department*

164 FISH22-057, Personnel Request

165 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

166 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Williams to approve an employee**  
167 **promotion as described in the attached memo and backup documentation. This is grant**  
168 **funded position. Motion carries by consensus.**

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170 **AGENDA ITEMS:**

171 **Administrative Division**

172 *Tribal Employee Rights Office*

173 TERO22-003, Business License Approval

174 Submitted by Manuel Sanchez

175 **Motion by Councilmember Williams/Vice Chairman Myers to approve to have the Council**  
176 **Secretary review and approve the business license request for RAM Consulting, a Tribal**  
177 **Member owned consulting firm. Motion carries by consensus.**

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179 **Executive Office**

180 *Prosecutor Office*

181 PRO22-005, One Time Funding Disbursement

182 Submitted by Rosemary Deck

183 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/ Councilmember Williams to approve receiving one time**  
184 **funding this disbursement from the BIA to help fund the Office of the Tribal Prosecutor for**  
185 **the fiscal year 2022 and 2023 and approve fiscal year 2022 and 2020. Budget pending creation**  
186 **of a project code. Motion carries by consensus.**

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188 **Planning & Community Development Division**

189 *Facilities Department*  
190 FAC22-004, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street Renovation  
191 Submitted by Dean Baker

192 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve Chairman to sign Baron**  
193 **Electric contact. Motion carries by consensus.**

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195 **Health & Human Services Division**

196 *Education Department*  
197 EDU22-008, Contract with Two Feathers  
198 Submitted by Jim McQuillen

199 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey to approve this contract for**  
200 **services with Two Feathers Family Services and to extend contract to June 2023. Motion**  
201 **carries by consensus.**

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203 CA22-210, Tribal Management of Margaret Keating Elementary  
204 Submitted by Councilmember Ray

205 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember Hodge to have staff look into the process of**  
206 **taking our reservation schools under tribal management. Motion carries by consensus.**

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208 ***Client Services/Ner-gery O'Ohl/Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition***  
209 YHHS22-050, 2022 Yurok Tribe Wellness Coalition Tribal Action Plan  
210 Submitted by Holly Reed

211 **Motion by Vice Chairman Myers/Councilmember McCovey to approve and adopt the Yurok**  
212 **Tribe Wellness Coalition's 2022 Tribal Action Plan to address wellness issues in the Yurok**  
213 **Tribal Community. Motion carries by consensus.**

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215 YHHS22-072, Low Income Home Energy Assistance  
216 Submitted by Spring Wind Marshall

217 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Hodge to approve the acceptance of the**  
218 **additional \$550 for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program fiscal year 2022 funds,**  
219 **Project Code #8290 from the Administration of Children & Families and approve updated**  
220 **budget modification. Motion carries by consensus.**

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222 P22-030, Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Grants Admission  
223 Submitted by Gino O'Rourke

224 **Motion by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Natt to approve the submission**  
225 **of the Tribal Solar Accelerator Fund Gap funding grant in the amount of \$50,000 to pay for**  
226 **the Tulley Creek Fire and Fitness Centers roof retrofits as needed to support the solar panel**

227 system and for the Chairman to sign a letter of support on behalf of Council approving the  
228 project. Motion carries by consensus.

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230 LUNCH: 11:43am-12:45pm

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232 TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

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234 AGENDA ITEMS:

235 **Natural Resources Division**

236 *Fisheries Department*

237 FISH22-058, Riverbend Sciences

238 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

239 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Provolt approval to amend our contract**  
240 **with Riverbend Sciences to equal \$122,953. Motion carries by consensus.**

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242 FISH22-059, State Coastal Conservancy  
243 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

244 **Motion by Councilmember Provolt/Councilmember McCovey approval to amend our contract**  
245 **with the California State Coastal Conservancy, which would increase the total contract**  
246 **amount to \$4,411,709. This is contingent on OTA approval. Motion carries by consensus.**

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248 FISH22-060, Budget Modification #7054  
249 Submitted by Barry McCovey, Jr.

250 **Motion by Councilmember McCovey/Councilmember Hodge approval to modify Budget 7054**  
251 **as described in attached documentation. Motion carries by consensus.**

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253 **Watershed**

254 WS22-003, Redwood National State Park G61 Road Removal

255 Submitted by Richard Nelson

256 **Motion by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Williams to approve attached budget**  
257 **modification for the G61 Road Removal Project 6682. Motion carries by consensus.**

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259 CA22-211, Paving Boring Road  
260 Submitted by Councilmember Natt

261 **Motion by Councilmember Natt/Councilmember Vanlandingham to approve paving of**  
262 **Beargrass 40 Road to the Boring housing site, and to approve Beargrass 40 Road to become a**  
263 **priority to be put on the transportation list. Motion carries by consensus.**

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265 **Council**

266 CA22-208, August Council Meeting Minutes

267 Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

268 **Motion by Council member Hodge/ Councilmember McCovey to approve meeting minutes of**  
269 **August 10th planning action, August 23rd gaming, August 23rd finance, August 24th planning,**  
270 **August 25th action. With edits. Minutes attached. Motion carries by consensus.**

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272 CA22-214, Annual Membership Meeting Agenda  
273 Submitted by Taralyn Ipina

274 **Motion by Councilmember Hodge/Councilmember Natt to approve the 2022 Annual**  
275 **Membership Meeting agenda with corrections. Motion carries by consensus.**

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277 **TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:**  
278 Elizabeth Davis: Where is the Annual Meeting being held? The main office in Klamath?  
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280 **EXECUTIVE SESSION: 1:28pm-3:08pm**  
281 Litigation, Gaming (OTA)  
282 Update on Fisheries and River conditions (Vice Chairman Myers)  
283 Water system (Vanlandingham)

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285 No action out of Executive Session.

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

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289 **CLOSING PRAYER:** Provided by Councilmember Ray.

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291 **ADJOURN:** 3:11pm

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293 **MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON:** **September 21, 2022**

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297 **Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary**

09/29/22

**Date**

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