

**YUOK TRIBAL COUNCIL
PLANNING MEETING
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020
ONLINE**

ROLL CALL: 10:00am

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

ABSENT: None

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

QUORUM: 9 present, 0 absent, quorum present

OPENING PRAYER: Provided by Chairman James

REVIEW AGENDA/ADDITIONS/APPROVAL:

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/ Councilmember Natt to approve the agenda with additions: FISH 20-082, CA 20-222. Motion carries by consensus.

COUNCIL CHECK IN:

Councilmember Aubrey: Pass

Councilmember Hodge: I want to thank all of our staff that attended our Annual Membership Meeting this past weekend and thank you to all the Tribal Members that joined us.

Councilmember Ray: Pass

Councilmember McCovey: Pass

Councilmember Vanlandingham: Pass

Councilmember Provolt: I think there is a need to do debriefing from the Annual Meeting. We could get feedback from our members and staff. I would also like to get an updated on the status of air filters so we can provide them to elders.

Vice Chairman Myers: Pass

Councilmember Natt: I want to thank all of our members and staff who attended the Annual meeting. I thought it was a good meeting with good presentations.

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Chairman James: I will keep it brief, I just want to acknowledge our staff and how well the Annual meeting went. I have also had meetings recently with Green Diamond on shared land interests and will be meeting with the Karuk Tribe regarding dam removal. We will also be working to get the firewood program going, however, we are short staffed due to all the fires and activities occurring.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Mason Van Mechelen: I have concerns. I applied for the COVID relief funds for a guide business that I have. I have provided numerous photos proving I have a guide business. I have even sent messages, proof from my clients. But I have been denied. I think there was misunderstanding from the Board on how my business operates. Can I talk about this to you all? I have talked to the program staff numerous times; I am wondering why I've been denied. I have lots of proof. In the ordinance it talks about all seasons, all species and for them (the Board) to think that it was solely for the fall fisheries. I guide year around, in the Spring, Fall and Winter. I want to see if we can change the Fish Guide to not just be included for the Fall Fisheries. There are tribal guides who fish in the winter for steelhead. So maybe we need to broaden our term for the Fish Guides?

Chairman James asks Deputy Executive Director Earl Jackson to follow up on this question for the tribal member.

REVIEW CALENDAR/ADDITIONS:

October 19 - 6:00pm - South District meeting
November 23 - 6:00pm-South District meeting

OTA20-107, YHHS/OTA Request for Work Session
Submitted by Tamara Honrado

Council consensus to schedule a work session in October 2020 with OTA/YHHS regarding ICWA & Title IVE implementation, Critical Response Plan & updates on 2020/2021. Set for October 19, 2020 starting at 10am.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

CA20-218, Food Security-Land Purchase
CA20-222, Investigation- Lumber Mill
Litigation Updates

AGENDA ITEMS:

OFFICE OF TRIBAL ATTORNEY

Geneva Thompson presents
OTA20-104, Cannabis Task Force RRR Process
Submitted by Geneva ED Thompson

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Motion to direct the Cannabis Task Force to formalize the Yurok Tribe's Retirement, Remediation and Relocation (RRR) Process and California State Water Resources Control Board cannabis cultivation water permit consultation process. Discussion only, no action.

FISHERIES

FISH20-82, Elders fish distribution

Submitted by Dave Hillemeier

Direction requested by Fisheries Department regarding who shall receive elder's fish size and quantity, and who will distribute elder's fish (see attached memo for more information).

Directive to Deputy Executive Director to form a work group, inviting Council, and create a process for storage and delivery of fish.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Linda Gillette: Is there any way Tribal Elder information could be merged together into one list? Every time we call, staff ask for your tribal member number, and that's a hardship on elders. I know when I call for my mom, it's hard because she's blind and she has to look for her tribal roll number. You know we are tribal members when we call to talk to someone, it would seem there could be a better way to do the database; because people just don't remember their ID#.

LUNCH: 12:29pm – 1:30pm

COUNCIL

CA20-224, School Board Member Presentations

Cedric Aaron Jr., Aristeia Saulsbury, Sheryl Steinruck, and Virginia Hedrick proxy for Debra Myers

Submitted by Council Operations

Presentation and discussion with School Board candidates for Northern Humboldt Union High School District, Del Norte School District and Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District. Discussion only, no action.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Sue Masten: I would like to say thank you for running for public office. We need to be at the table where decisions are being made. I know it's a difficult time for families and the school district. If families don't have more than one computer, it's hard to do your homework. I think we need to look how we could help our children, like we could hire a teacher to teach in smaller groups. Especially where we have spotty internet. I do have your sign in my yard Sheryl and we are registering.

Sue Masten: We have a burn pile here in the Klamath Glen, and people are setting it on fire. It's a fire danger. I hope we are setting aside funds to help the Klamath Fire, they have inadequate equipment and they are the only emergency services we have here in Klamath. So it's very important that we make sure they have what they need.

Robert R. Kinney: I want to give a lot of kudos to the YTEP Department. They have been assisting with the food boxes. Some have just become elders, due to birthdays. If anyone listening can make sure that elders are being added to the list to receive a food box.

CA20-213, Live Streaming and Recordings of Council Meetings

Submitted by Councilmember Provolt

Directive to Executive and OTA to update and prepare the Live Stream and Recordings of Council Meeting policy for Council approval so that recordings of Council meetings can be posted on the Yurok Tribe web site. To include Information Services Director.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Sue Masten: Thank you. I think having transparency is extremely important. I think there should be a way to use our tribal member name or number to be able limit access.

Virginia Hedrick: I don't know about or maybe I don't have a clear understanding of this type of meeting. Can we have something quoted from the media? I agree with Toby that everyone should behave and not say anything you don't want to record. As for tribal member login, I agree, I think we have entered a pretty murky area already with this and recording. But on the Indian Health Services meetings there is a note at the beginning of the meeting that states you are being recorded and that this is not intended for media use and media should leave the call.

BREAK: 2:55pm-3:00pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION 3:00pm-5:40pm

CA20-218, Food Security-Land Purchase, CA20-222 Investigation-Lindgren Mill, and litigation update.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS:

CA20-222, Investigation-Lindgren Mill

Submitted by Councilmembers Provolt, Hodge, Natt, Ray and McCovey

Motion made by Councilmember Vanlandingham/Councilmember Aubrey to approve legal counsel Scott Williams to conduct a full investigation and audit regarding the use of Tribal funds for the purchase of the Lindgren Mill by the Yurok Agricultural Corporation including any Tribal policies and procedures. Investigation to be completed in thirty (30) days. Funding to come from OTA's Outside Legal Counsel line item. Roll call; Vice Chair Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember Aubrey-yes, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-8, no-0, abs-0, np-0. Motion carries.

CA20-218, Food Security-Land Purchase

Submitted by Councilmember Ray

Request motion: To approve to purchase land for sale in Klamath for food security

Motion made by Councilmember Ray/Councilmember Natt to authorize staff to enter into negotiations for property on reservation as discussed in Executive Session. Roll call; Vice Chair

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Myers-yes, Councilmember Hodge-yes, Councilmember Ray-yes, Councilmember
Vanlandingham-yes, Councilmember Provolt-yes, Councilmember Natt-yes, Councilmember
Aubrey-no, Councilmember McCovey-yes. Yes-7, no-1, abs-0, np-0. Motion carries.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT:

Sue Masten: What funds will be used for this purchase? And was the food sovereignty person involved in the discussion?

LITIGATION UPDATE: Discussed in Executive Session.

TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT: None provided.

CLOSING PRAYER: Provided by Vice Chair Myers.

ADJOURN: 5:58pm

MEETING MINUTES APPROVED ON: November 10, 2020



Sherri K. Provolt, Secretary

November 16, 2020