

# WIYOT TRIBE MINUTES

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## Agenda

Council/Committee: BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING

Date: March 22, 2021

Convened at: 4:10 PM

Recess at: 5:23 PM

Adjourn:

**M:** Brian Mead

**S:** Leona Wilkinson

**HIH (yes):** 4

**KIYOWL (no):** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

### Council

#### Roll Call:

Ted Hernandez, Tribal Chair

Brian Mead, Vice Chairman

Leona Wilkinson, Secretary

Linda Lange, Treasurer

Hazel James, Councilmember

Kirsten Boyce, Councilmember

Aaron Stephenson, Councilmember

#### Staff

Michelle Vassel, Tribal Administrator

Fawn Lopez, Administrative Assistant

Adam Canter, Interim Natural Resource Director

Ted Hernandez, Cultural Director

Robert Pitts Jr., Health & Human Service Director

Brian Allen, Fiscal Manager

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Location: Wiyot Tribe  
 1000 Wiyot Drive  
 Loleta, CA 95551

**Moment of Silence:**

SECTION / AGENDA ITEM	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<b>I. ROLL CALL</b>		
<b>II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<b>M:</b> Brian Mead <b>S:</b> Leona Wilkinson <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4 <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0 <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0	Motion approved agenda
<b>III. CONSENT CALENDAR</b> <b>Minutes</b> January 11, 2020 Phone Votes 01-21, 02-21 & 03-21 Tribal Administrator Natural Resources Report Fiscal Report Health & Human Service Report	<b>M:</b> Hazel James <b>S:</b> Leona Wilkinson <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4 <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0 <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0	Motion approved Consent Calendar

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### IV. Guest Speaker:

1. **Linnea Nelson & Michael Harris**- ACLU and NCYL check-in with Tribal Council about Loleta USD settlement implementation  
ACLU check-in with Council on the status of implementation of the federal OCR agreement in Loleta USD. We have been attending the Stakeholder Equity Committee meetings over the last year and are generally aware of the District's progress; and we want to be sure we are in direct communication with Council about concerns and questions arising over the last few months.

ACLU-American Civil Liberties Union

NCYL-National Center for Youth Law

2. **Tedde Simon**- DRAFT ACLU NorCal Land Acknowledgement Statement

The ACLU of Northern California is committed to working alongside Indigenous peoples – and following their lead – as they work to uphold their sovereignty, dignity, and identities. We support and defend the rights of all Indigenous peoples to retain their specific and unique cultural and religious traditions and practices. We strive to honor Indigenous cultures and traditions and, when possible and appropriate, integrate Indigenous worldviews and values into our approaches and strategies.

By committing ourselves to Indigenous Justice, building authentic, mutual, and lasting relationships with tribes and indigenous communities, we honor all Indigenous people who work tirelessly towards justice and healing.

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V. PUBLIC FORUM (2-minute limit on presentations)

**1. Joshua Fowler-**

Proposed changing Council meeting times so Tribal members can participate 2. Councilmembers being employed by the tribe is it not a conflict of interest and should be separate. 3. Why is there a 2-minute limit on presentations who authorized the change?

**2 Lisa Stephenson-**

Chairman and Council

Re: Violence and theft Incident that occurred Thursday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021

My husband Pablo Guerrero and brother Aaron Stephenson were held at gun point, strangled, beaten, and robbed trying to protect our property. On Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of March 2021, my husband's truck tire went out sending him into an embankment just past the Old Rez, he called Aaron for assistance. Aaron and Pablo left to grab equipment and upon returning were met with Louie Bowie, Matthew Green and Jacob Evenson in Pablo's Truck. When confronted everything turned for the worst. Apparently a \$3000.00-dollar stereo system is worth another's life and being held at gun point, strangled, and beaten because they were there first and had dibs. Our truck was robbed by these thieves with no remorse. Apparently around here we get beat for protecting our own property. My husband and brother were also threatened to never to return to the Rez, this is our home. Matt Green, Jacob Evenson and Louie Bowie are not even Wiyot Tribal Members. They have no right to be here or threaten us. The gossip that transpires within the Community is hurtful, my family did not deserve what had happen to them and for members of the community to members on council that support what happened to my family is appalling and should feel embarrassed not knowing the whole story. I am appalled by this sickening act of violence in our own Community. No one deserves to go through what they did, and I am asking for Council to act upon my Public Comment and enforce a stay away order for the individuals who are non-Tribal members. My Brother and husband didnot deserve to be assaulted.

**3. Madison Flynn-**Annual meeting notifications would like meetings to be posted for upcoming meetings, Facebook page to post events 2. Wiyot Advisory Committee positive collaboration, how it is being conducted, successful input 3. Would like updates for closed session last time Council was in closed session, stayed on the meeting with no update for over an hour, even in the chat box for Council meetings ask questions with no answer.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p><b>1.Title: Request authorization Resolution # 21-02</b>  <u>Description:</u> <b>FY21 OPC Prop 68 Coastal Resilience grant award</b>  <u>Cost:</u> \$ 250,000.00 (Funded)  <u>Funded by:</u> Coastal Resilience grant  <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Leona Wilkinson  <b>S:</b> Kirsten Boyce  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution # 21-02</p> <p>*FY-Fiscal Year  *OPC-Ocean Protection Council</p>
<p><b>2.Title: Request authorization for land assignment holder Corinne Alton to construct Storage shed.</b>  <u>Description:</u> Metal storage shed that is 12’ L X 20’W X 8’ H.  <u>Cost:</u> \$  <u>Funded by:</u>  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Kirsten Boyce  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved land assignment holder Corrine Alton to construct storage shed with providing where the storage shed will be located.</p>

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<p><b>3. Title: Request to Accept the supplemental funding OAA Title VI-A &amp; B Grant Award#2142CANAC5-00 and adopt the amended budget</b></p> <p><u>Description:</u> Title VI which establishes programs for the provision of nutrition and supportive services for our Elders</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$ 18,950.00 (awarded)</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u></p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Kirsten Boyce  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved to Accept the supplemental funding OAA Title VI-A &amp; B Grant Award#2142CANAC5-00 and adopt the amended budget</p> <p style="text-align: right;">*OAA- Older Americans Act</p>
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