

WIYOT TRIBE MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 5/23/2022 will be held by Tele/video conference or both. To submit public comments for this meeting prior to meeting, please email comments to councilsupport@wiyot.us by 12pm Monday 5/23/2022. All public comments received by 12pm will be read into the record during the regular meeting, also to receive a link for the meeting please request the link before 12pm 5/23/2022. Public comments received after 12pm will not be read into the record but will be included in the official minutes. *We may disagree, but we will be respectful of one another all comments will be directed to the issue at hand, and addressed to the Tribal Council personal attacks are unacceptable

Agenda

Council/Committee: BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING

Date: May 23, 2022

Convened at: 4:06 PM

Recess at: PM

Adjourn: 4:47 pm

M: Hazel Garcia

S: Brian Mead

HIH (yes): 4

KIYOWL (no): 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Council

Roll Call:

Ted Hernandez, Tribal Chair

Brian Mead, Vice Chairman

Marnie Atkins, Secretary

Treasurer

Hazel Garcia, Councilmember

Vanessa Rios, Councilmember

Aaron Stephenson, Councilmember

Staff

Michelle Vassel, Tribal Administrator

Fawn Lopez, Administrative Assistant

Adam Canter, Natural Resource

Director

Ted Hernandez, Cultural Director

Robert Pitts Jr., Health & Human

Service Director

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Location: Wiyot Tribe

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1000 Wiyot Drive
Loleta, CA 95551

Moment of Silence: William Anderson & Vicki Keisner

SECTION / AGENDA ITEM	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
I. ROLL CALL		
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	M: Hazel Garcia S: Brian Mead HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0	Motion approved Agenda
III. CONSENT CALENDAR Minutes April 11, 2022 Phone vote 05-22 Tribal Administrator Report Natural Resources Report Health & Human Service Report Cultural Report	M: Hazel Garcia S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0	Motion approved Consent Calendar

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IV. Va Rou'nirilh (Guest Speaker)

1. **Margaret Jacobs & Kevin Abourezk**-“The Land Returns” will be an hour-long documentary that chronicles a surprising new way that Indigenous nations are regaining their land. At the initiation of Indigenous peoples, individual settlers, local governments, environmental organizations, and even corporations are returning stolen land to tribal nations as part of a growing grassroots movement of restitution and reconciliation. Walter Echo-Hawk, president of the Pawnee nation and former attorney for the Native American Rights Fund, asserts, “If a person is wanting to heal a historical injury or to bring about a reconciliation or a true atonement of a painful past . . . there's nothing better that one can do than to return the land.” We plan to focus on three main stories: 1) the Pawnees and the land in Nebraska that they gained back from white settler Roger Welsch; 2) the return of Tuluwat island to the Wiyot people of northern California by the Eureka City Council, 3) and an ongoing case in which the northern Arapahoes are working to regain some land in the Boulder Valley of Colorado. We intend for the film to not only document this grassroots reconciliation movement, but also to inspire others to join it.

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V. Rou Da'louy-PUBLIC FORUM (2-minute limit on presentations)

1. Fawn Lopez- After reading Madison Flynn's public comment during the last Tribal Council meeting that was held on April 11th regarding Tribal Administrator and the Emergency Operations Manager not attending the Annual meeting, the Constitution states in Tribal Codes section 2.10.100 Attendance and conduct of General Council meetings Part b. Attendance and role of Tribal Council. *All members of the Tribal Council shall attend all General Council meetings, unless prevented from doing so by illness or circumstances beyond their control.* Also 2.10.110 Role of Tribal Chair, 2.10.120 Role of Vice Chair, 2.10.130 Role of Secretary and 2.10.140 Role of Treasurer. In these sections it states what the duties Tribal Council must do during the **Annual meetings**, nowhere in these sections does it state that the administrative staff need to be present, nor do they need to conduct the meeting. Madison Flynn always states that there needs to be "transparency" but maybe they don't understand the meaning of it. Transparency means open, honest, and accessible communication Madison Flynn is not being transparent meaning she is not honest when she is constantly bashing staff all over the internet for not being present during the Annual meeting, again it is not the Administrative's job to conduct the Annual meeting, but it is Tribal Council's job to be present and conduct the Annual meeting according to the Constitution under Tribal codes.

2. Hazel James- Once again I'm coming to you in regards to the constant bullying, harassment and threats by the following individuals Henry James, Kirsten Boyce, Madison Flynn, James Paguia, Forrest James, Vincent DiMarzo and Wiyot Coonskin-Lenard Alan Miller, It's getting old and this is why the Tribe will never move forward it seems as if they stalk certain individuals until they find something wrong and drag them through the mud and tear them down, Voices of the Wiyot's page is not for Tribal Members but for certain individuals and when you stand up you get blocked, deleted and silenced. My question again what Council is going to do to ensure safety of Citizens and staff who are constantly getting harassed on Voices of Wiyot's social media page.

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VI. ACTION ITEMS	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p>1.Title: Request authorization Resolution 22-10 <u>Description:</u> MOU between the Tribe and NCIDC for Community Services Block Grant <u>Cost:</u> \$3,207.00 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> NCIDC <u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts Jr.</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution 22-10 MOU between the Tribe and NCIDC for Community Services Block Grant</p> <p>*MOU-Memorandum of agreement *NCIDC-Northern California Indian Development Council</p>
<p>2.Title: Request to appoint applicants for Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee Margaret Card, Jennifer Boak, Lisa Stephenson & Rosario Hernandez <u>Description:</u> Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee is to give feedback to the Johnson-O'Malley program, to give feedback on the Child Care Development program, and be the fundraising body for the Youth Activity Program. <u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts Jr.</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved to appoint Margaret Card, Jennifer Boak, Lisa Stephenson & Rosario Hernandez for Tsek Houdaqh Parent Committee</p>

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<p>3.Title: Request authorization Resolution 22-09 <u>Description:</u> Natural Resources Department to submit a U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) for Pacific Lamprey Monitoring <u>Cost:</u> \$200,000 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> U.S. Fish and Wildlife <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Brian Mead HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution 22-09 Natural Resources Department to submit a U.S. Fish and Wildlife (USFWS) Tribal Wildlife Grant (TWG) for Pacific Lamprey Monitoring</p>
<p>4.Title: Request approval to enter a good Neighbor Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to accept funds for Eel River Climate Resilience Refugia Protection <u>Description:</u> Enter a good Neighbor Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management <u>Cost:</u> \$N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved enter a good Neighbor Agreement with the Bureau of Land Management to accept funds for Eel River Climate Resilience Refugia Protection</p>
<p>5.Title: Request to accept Ocean Protection Council Prop 1 Grant Agreement P01-4-07 for the Wiyot Tribe Acquisition of Coastal Property for Cultural and Water Quality Protection and adopt budget <u>Description:</u> Wiyot Tribe Acquisition of Coastal Property <u>Cost:</u> \$968,000.00 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> State of California - The Natural Resources Agency/Ocean Protection Council <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Hazel Garcia HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Ocean Protection Council Prop 1 Grant Agreement P01-4-07 for the Wiyot Tribe Acquisition of Coastal Property for Cultural and Water Quality Protection and adopt budget</p>

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<p>6.Title: Request to accept OPC Prop 68 Grant Agreement C0875005 for the Wiyot Climate Change Adaptation Plan Phase 1 and adopt budget. <u>Description:</u> Wiyot Climate Adaptation Plan Phase 1 <u>Cost:</u> \$250,000.00 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> State of California - The Natural Resources Agency/Ocean Protection Council <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Hazel Garcia HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved OPC Prop 68 Grant Agreement C0875005 for the Wiyot Climate Change Adaptation Plan Phase 1 and adopt budget. *OPC- Ocean Protection Council</p>
<p>7.Title: Request approval to participate Reconciliation Rising multimedia project “The Land Returns” film <u>Description:</u> Multimedia project developed and filmed by Reconciliation Rising. The film, “The Land Returns,” is about land return across Indian Country. <u>Cost:</u> \$N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Hazel Garcia HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved to participate Reconciliation Rising multimedia project “The Land Returns” film</p>
<p>8.Title: Request to approve 2022 Business License <u>Description:</u> Business License for Mead Enterprise <u>Cost:</u> \$N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 3 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 1 Brian Mead</p>	<p>Motion approved Mead Enterprise</p>

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<p>9. Title: Request to approve Staff travel Tribal Administrator & Dishgamu Director to attend CalCORE June 15-17, 2022</p> <p><u>Description:</u> CalCORE is a five-year state-wide initiative that brings together cohorts of small and emergent developers, with a focus on Black, Indigenous, people of color-led (BIPOC) real estate organizations – particularly Community Development Corporations (CDCs) and Community Land Trusts (CLTs).</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Brian Mead HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved staff travel Tribal Administrator & Dishgamu Director to attend CalCORE June 15-17, 2022, Fall 2022 and Spring 2023</p> <p>*Calcore- California Community Owned Real Estate Program</p>
<p>10. Title: Request to approve for the Wiyot Tribe to join the Coalition</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Coalition to Stand with California Tribes</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$N/A</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Brian Mead HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Wiyot Tribe to join the Coalition to Stand with California Tribes</p>