

# WIYOT TRIBE MINUTES

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## Agenda

Council/Committee: BUSINESS COUNCIL MEETING

Date: August 08, 2022

Convened at: 4:30 PM

Recess at: PM

Adjourn: 7:06 pm

**M:** Aaron Stephenson

**S:** Hazel Garcia

**HIH (yes):**

**KIYOWL (no):**

**ABSTAIN:**

## 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

David Cobb, Dishgamu Director

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Location: Wiyot Tribe  
 1000 Wiyot Drive  
 Loleta, CA 95551

Moment of Silence: *William Crutchfield Jr.*

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> Hazel Garcia <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4 <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0 <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0	Motion approved Agenda
<b>III. CONSENT CALENDAR</b>  <div style="text-align: center;">                         Minutes                          July 11, 2022                          Phone Votes 08-22, 09-22 &amp; 10-22                          Tribal Administrator Report                          Dishgamu Report                          Natural Resources Report                          Health &amp; Human Service Report                          Cultural Report                     </div>	<b>M:</b> Hazel Garcia <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4 <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0 <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0	Motion approved Consent Calendar

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### **IV. Va Rou'nirilh (Guest Speaker)**

#### **1. Trout Unlimited (TU) on Eel River Dam removal/Potter Valley Project (PVP)**

Discussed the Potter Valley Project decommissioning process, involvement in the FreeTheEel website, and other ways for Trout Unlimited and the Wiyot Tribe to work together.

#### **2. Zachary Erickson – Cal Poly Humboldt Forestry Graduate Student, article for publication**

Presented his article entitled “Listening to Indigenous Interests and Priorities that would inform Tribal Co-Management of Natural Resources on a State University Forest” for his master’s Thesis at Cal Poly Humboldt focusing on Wiyot co-management potential of the ancestral forest at Goukdi’n (Jacoby Creek) also met with Tribal Council, citizens, and staff to research the Tribe’s stewardship connections and goals for an important ancestral forest at Goukdi’n (Jacoby Creek).

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VI. ACTION ITEMS	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p><b>1.Title: Request to accept donation of Property at APN 015-124-002 (1725 Harrison Ave, Eureka)</b>  <u>Description:</u> The property is approximately .28 acres of undeveloped land and is currently owned by the Crutcher Estate.  <u>Cost:</u> \$N/A  <u>Funded by:</u> N/A  <u>Sub. By:</u> David Cobb</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Hazel Garcia  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 3  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 1            Brian Mead</p>	<p>Motion approved donation of Property at APN 015-124-002 (1725 Harrison Ave, Eureka)</p>
<p><b>2.Title: Request to accept donation of APN 501-092-050 (164 Deer Fern Lane, Bayside) and accept this property.</b>  <u>Description:</u> The property is approximately 2 acres with a 1400 square foot A-frame home that is currently occupied by Mr. McCombs.  <u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A  <u>Funded by:</u> N/A  <u>Sub. By:</u> David Cobb</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Hazel Garcia  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved donation of APN 501-092-050 (164 Deer Fern Lane, Bayside) and accept this property</p>

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<p><b>3.Title: Request to approve Zachary Erickson to submit article for publication</b>  <u>Description:</u> Thesis at Cal Poly Humboldt focusing on Wiyot co-management potential of the ancestral forest at Goukdi'n (Jacoby Creek) and provide questions and comments.  <u>Cost:</u> \$N/A  <u>Funded by:</u> N/A  <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p><b>M:</b>  <b>S:</b>  <b>HIH (yes):</b>  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b>  <b>ABSTAIN:</b></p>	<p>Tabled to next Tribal Council Meeting September 12, 2022</p>
<p><b>4.Title: Request Natural Resource Department staff travel</b>  <u>Description:</u> 2022 Salmonid Restoration Federation Coho Confab (September 9-11th 2022) in Leggett, California.  <u>Cost:</u> \$397.50  <u>Funded by:</u> 410 (GAP)  <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Natural Resource Department staff travel to the 2022 Salmonid Restoration Federation Coho Confab (September 9-11th 2022) in Leggett, California.</p>
<p><b>5.Title: Request authorization resolution #22-16</b>  <u>Description:</u> Natural Resources Department to submit a NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center Transformation Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant due September 6, 2022  <u>Cost:</u> \$  <u>Funded by:</u>  <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution #22-16 to submit a NOAA Fisheries Restoration Center Transformation Habitat Restoration and Coastal Resilience Grant due September 6, 2022</p>

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<p><b>6.Title: Request authorization resolution #22-17</b>  <u>Description:</u> Natural Resources Department to join Round Valley Indian Tribe on a FY22 NOAA Fish Passage proposal to support the Potter Valley Project decommissioning process due August 29th, 2022  <u>Cost:</u> \$1,250,000.00 (Award)  <u>Funded by:</u> NOAA  <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Brian Mead  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution #22-17 to join Round Valley Indian Tribe on a FY22 NOAA Fish Passage proposal to support the Potter Valley Project decommissioning process due August 29th, 2022</p>
<p><b>7.Title: Request to accept Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Historic Preservation Fund Award letter and adopt Budget</b>  <u>Description:</u> To provide Historic Preservation Fund Grant to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for the Wiyot Tribe  <u>Cost:</u> \$65,512.00 (Award)  <u>Funded by:</u> National Historic Preservation Act  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Hazel Garcia  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Fiscal Year 2022 Tribal Historic Preservation Fund Award letter and adopt Budget</p>
<p><b>8.Title: Request to accept No-cost extension and adopt budget modification for Lhatsik Harutkshi (“Moving Stories”) ANA-ARPA 90XN0020-01-00 Grant</b>  <u>Description:</u> Da gou rou louwi' Cultural Center Staff to finish the Lhatsik Harutkshi (“Moving Stories”) project  <u>Cost:</u> \$82,609.00 (Award)  <u>Funded by:</u> Administration for Native Americans (ANA)  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved No-cost extension and adopt budget modification for Lhatsik Harutkshi (“Moving Stories”) ANA-ARPA 90XN0020-01-00 Grant</p>

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<p><b>9. Title: Request to approve 2022 Wiyot Day modified budget and adopt budget</b>  <u>Description:</u> This will assist us with repair work to the dance ground, dress houses, BBQ pit, Salomon pit, Food, dancers, and Staff time  <u>Cost:</u> \$5,000  <u>Funded by:</u> 146  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Brian Mead  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 3  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 1  Hazel Garcia</p>	<p>Motion approved 2022 Wiyot Day modified budget and adopt budget</p>
<p><b>10. Title: Request to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sheriff Department</b>  <u>Description:</u> To provide a sheriff's deputy to increase law enforcement presence on the Reservation and surrounding area  <u>Cost:</u> \$160,000.00 (Per Year)  <u>Funded by:</u> Office of Violence Against Women Grant  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Hazel Garcia  <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Memorandum of Understanding with Sheriff Department</p>
<p><b>11. Title: Request moving to Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Community Mitigation Plan</b>  <u>Description:</u> Move to phase 3 vaccination rate hit the 50% rate, return to unrestricted staffing in our workspace.  <u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A  <u>Funded by:</u> N/A  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>S:</b> Hazel Garcia  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Phase 3 of the COVID-19 Community Mitigation Plan to reopen the Tribal Office</p>

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VII. CLOSED SESSION	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p>1. <u>Title:</u> <b>Legal</b>  <u>Description:</u> Legal  <u>Cost:</u> \$  <u>Funded by:</u>  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b> Brian Mead  <b>S:</b> Aaron Stephenson  <b>HIH (yes):</b> 4  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b> 0  <b>ABSTAIN:</b> 0</p>	<p>Motion to deny project in Manila</p>
<p>2. <u>Title:</u> <b>Personnel</b>  <u>Description:</u> Personnel  <u>Cost:</u> \$  <u>Funded by:</u>  <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p><b>M:</b>  <b>S:</b>  <b>HIH (yes):</b>  <b>KIYOWL (no):</b>  <b>ABSTAIN:</b></p>	<p>Directive Tribal Administrator to create climate dialog at the next all staff meeting which will be held in September. All Tribal Council members will be present.</p>