

WIYOT TRIBE MINUTES

Due to the COVID-19 Global Pandemic, Wiyot Tribal Council meeting scheduled for 06/14/2021 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 06/14/2021. 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 06/14/2021. 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: JUNE 14, 2021

Convened at: 4:16 PM

Recess at: PM

Adjourn: 7:57 PM

M: Aaron Stephenson

S: Vanessa Rios

HIH (yes): 6

KIYOWL (no): 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Council

Roll Call:

Ted Hernandez, Tribal Chair

Brian Mead, Vice Chairman

Marnie Atkins, Secretary

Linda Lange, Treasurer

Hazel Garcia, Councilmember

Vanessa Rios, Councilmember

Aaron Stephenson, Councilmember

Staff

Michelle Vassel, Tribal Administrator

Fawn Lopez, Administrative Assistant

Adam Canter, Natural Resource
Assistant

Ted Hernandez, Cultural Director

Robert Pitts Jr., Health & Human
Service Director

Brian Allen, Fiscal Manager

Eddie Koch, Natural Resource Director

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Location: Wiyot Tribe
 1000 Wiyot Drive
 Loleta, CA 95551

**Moment of Silence:
 VOTE (IF ANY)**

ACTION (IF ANY)

SECTION / AGENDA ITEM	Moment of Silence: VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
I. ROLL CALL		
II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA	M: Hazel Garcia S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0	Motion approved agenda
III. CONSENT CALENDAR <div style="text-align: center;"> Minutes May 10, 2021 Tribal Administrator Report Natural Resources Report Cultural Report Fiscal Report Health & Human Service Report </div>	M: Hazel Garcia S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0	Motion approved Consent Calendar

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IV. Va Rou'nirilh (Guest Speaker):

1. Mike Cipra -Executive Director of Friends of the Dunes, to discuss the potential for long-term Wiyot land ownership of the place Digawututklh, the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands eastern parcels-- east of Highway 255

Discussed Tribal interest in re-acquiring ancestral lands which include the eastern parcels of the Samoa Dunes and Wetlands (east of Highway 255) and the Wiyot place Digawututklh with the Wiyot Tribal Council.

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V. *Rou Da'louy- Public Forum (2-minute limit on presentations)*

- 1. Diana Morgan-** Would like to see a porta potty placed for homeless Community members that are living in the Community.
- 2. Tammie Haney-** Agenda Item November 2020 & Indian Housing Block Grant
Secretary Marnie Atkins will gather more information regarding the Indian Block Grant and give update to Tammie Haney.
- 3. Tammie Haney-**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) \$250.00 per household
Came forth to complain about the \$250.00 cap that was published in the June's Tribal newsletter by HHSD Robert Pitts Jr. Upon further discussion it was said that the Tribe is only left with \$1715.46 for the LIHEAP cycle, also it was discovered that several Tribal members was given more than \$600.00 from Social Work Tammie Haney while other Tribal Members received smaller amounts. The \$250.00 cap will help spread assistance out to serve the highest number of Tribal Members.
- 4. Madison Flynn-** Came forth to ask Tribal Council to be appointed as the representative for United Indian Health Services Board for the Wiyot Tribe and would like to receive notification if appointed by Tribal Council.
- 5. Fawn Lopez-**How did Tammie Haney become privy to the Indian Housing Block Grant application, the application itself was it not in the packet for the November Council Meeting, After the Council Meeting it then was circulating on the Voices of Wiyot Facebook page. As Tribal members we did not receive that information. Also, as an employee who puts the council packets together, I did not see that application in the packet as apart of that agenda item.

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VII. ACTION ITEMS	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p>1.Title: Request approval Enrollment committee recommendations</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Accept Gabriel Bigelow & Hunter Gilchrist as Tribal Citizens & Change of blood degree</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u> N/A</p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Lisa Stephenson</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved as Tribal Citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gabriel Bigelow • Hunter Gilchrist • Change of blood degree from Degree of Blood to Original Reservation Descendant as both Nathan Sovereign & Natasha Sovereign are descendants of an Original Allottee
<p>2.Title: Request to accept NCIDC Community Services Block Grant and adopt Budget</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Community Services Block Grant Cares Act Funding opportunity</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$ 4,499.00 (Award)</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u> NCIDC</p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts Jr.</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved NCIDC Community Services Block Grant and adopt Budget.</p> <p>*Northern California Indian Development Council</p>

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<p>3.Title: Request authorization Resolution 21-11 <u>Description:</u> Submission and Authorization of the FY21 OPC Prop 1 Environmental Justice grant program for acquisition and eco-cultural restoration of the significant Wiyot ancestral lands, Mouralherwaqh and Digawututklh <u>Cost:</u> \$ 1,228,000.00 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> OPC Prop 1 Environmental Justice funding. <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Linda Lange S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution 21-11 FY21 OPC Prop 1 Environmental Justice grant.</p> <p>*Fiscal Year *Ocean Protection Council</p>
<p>4.Title: Request to accept Sole Source contract for PG&E Better Resilient Communities Grant for phase 1 of the Wiyot Tribe change Adaptation Plan and adopt budget <u>Description:</u> Greenway Partners for the PG&E Better Together Resilient Communities Grant for Phase 1 of the Wiyot Tribe Climate Change Adaptation Plan <u>Cost:</u> \$100,000.00(Award) <u>Funded by:</u> Greenway Partners <u>Sub. By:</u> Adam Canter</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved to accept Sole Source contract for PG&E Better Resilient Communities Grant for phase 1 of the Wiyot Tribe change Adaptation Plan and adopt budget.</p>

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<p>5. Title: Request to accept Wiyot Tribe Land Acknowledgement <u>Description:</u> Tribal Government Departments may choose to use any or part of this Land Acknowledgement in their grants, emails, and/or other official correspondence as needed and as applicable. <u>Cost:</u> N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Wiyot Tribe Land Acknowledgement</p>
<p>6. Title: Request to accept California State Parks Land Acknowledgement and Signage Project <u>Description:</u> California State Park's Land Acknowledgement and Signage Project at Fort Humboldt State Park. <u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Hazel Garcia HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved California State Parks Land Acknowledgement and Signage Project</p>
<p>7. Title: Request to accept FY 2021 Tribal Historic Preservation Fund Award letter and adopt Budget <u>Description:</u> To protect and conserve Historically and Culturally significant Tribal assets and sites by providing funding to assist Tribes in executing their Historic Preservation programs. <u>Cost:</u> \$63, 605.00 (Award) <u>Funded By:</u> Tribal Historic Preservation Fund <u>Sub By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved FY 2021 Tribal Historic Preservation Fund Award letter and adopt Budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Fiscal Year

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<p>8. Title: Request Authorization of Resolution # 21-12 <u>Description:</u> Declaration of a State of Emergency on the Wiya't (Eel) River, Baduwa't (Mad) River, Hikshari' (Elk) River, Gidughurrallih (Van Duzen) River in response to severe drought conditions. <u>Cost:</u> \$Unknown <u>Funded by:</u> <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Hazel Garcia S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution # 21-12 Declaration of a State of Emergency on the Wiya't (Eel) River, Baduwa't (Mad) River, Hikshari' (Elk) River, Gidughurrallih (Van Duzen) River in response to severe drought conditions.</p>
<p>9. Title: Request Authorization of Resolution # 21-13 <u>Description:</u> Appointing Vanessa Rios representative, and Marnie Atkins as Alternate. <u>Cost:</u> \$ N/A <u>Funded by:</u> N/A <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Linda Lange HIH (yes): 4 KIYOWL (no): ABSTAIN: 2 Vanessa Rios Marnie Atkins</p>	<p>Motion approved Resolution # 21-13 appointing Vanessa Rios as representative, and Marnie Atkins as Alternate to serve on UIHS Board.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● United Indian Health Board
<p>10. Title: Request to accept Fiscal Year 2021 American Rescue Plan for Older Americans Act Title VI Part A/B Native American Program and adopt budget <u>Description:</u> ARP was passed just this year in continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic as to provide financial support those most in need. <u>Cost:</u> \$44,820.00 (Award) <u>Funded by:</u> America Rescue Plan <u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts Jr.</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Marnie Atkins HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Fiscal Year 2021 American Rescue Plan for Older Americans Act Title VI Part A/B Native American Program and adopt budget.</p>

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<p>11. Title: Request to accept Fiscal Year 2021 funding American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Older Americans Act (OAA) Title VI Part C Native American Caregivers and adopt budget</p> <p><u>Description:</u> ARP was passed just this year in continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic as to provide financial support those most in need.</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$20,740.00 (Award)</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u> America Rescue Plan</p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Robert Pitts Jr.</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Fiscal Year 2021 funding American Rescue Plan (ARP) for Older Americans Act (OAA) Title VI Part C Native American Caregivers and adopt budget.</p>
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VII. Closed Session	VOTE (IF ANY)	ACTION (IF ANY)
<p>1. Title: Personnel</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Enrollment</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$</p> <p><u>Funded by:</u></p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Aaron Stephenson S: Vanessa Rios HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved Linda Gonzales as payee for Adrian Gomez for all future Tribal disbursements until rescinded by Tribal Council.</p>
<p>2. Title: Personnel</p> <p><u>Description:</u> Enrollment</p> <p><u>Cost:</u> \$</p> <p><u>Funded:</u></p> <p><u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Linda Lange HIH (yes): 5 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 1 Vanessa Rios</p>	<p>Motion approved Vanessa Rios as payee for Jeremiah Johnson for all future Tribal disbursements until rescinded by Tribal Council.</p>

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<p>3. <u>Title:</u> Economic Development <u>Description:</u> Economic Development <u>Cost:</u> \$ <u>Funded:</u> <u>Sub. By:</u> Michelle Vassel</p>	<p>M: Brian Mead S: Aaron Stephenson HIH (yes): 6 KIYOWL (no): 0 ABSTAIN: 0</p>	<p>Motion approved for TA to move forward with Economic Development.</p>
<p>3. <u>Title:</u> Personnel <u>Description:</u> Personnel <u>Cost:</u> \$ <u>Funded:</u> <u>Sub. By:</u> Tribal Council</p>	<p>M: S: HIH (yes): KIYOWL (no): ABSTAIN:</p>	<p>Directive for all Tribal employees to return to in person work schedule as of June 15, 2021.</p>