



Wiyot Tribal Council Agenda
Monday, May 8, 2023 – 4:00 PM
Wiyot Tribal Community Center
1000 Wiyot Drive, Loleta, CA 95551

1. **Called to Order at 4:00 p.m.**
2. **Roll Call**

Council Members		
	Regular	Continuance
Ted Hernandez, Tribal Chairperson	P	
Brian Mead, Vice Chairman	P	
Marnie Atkins, Secretary	A (Excused)	
Michelle Hernandez-Wenzler, Treasurer	P	
Hazel Garcia, Council Member	P	
Vanessa Rios, Council Member	P	
Aaron Stephenson, Council Member	P (Arrived 4:17 pm) (Left at 6:30 pm and continued to attend via phone)	

Staff Members	Regular	Continuance
Michelle Vassel, Tribal Administrator	P	
Fawn Lopez, Administrative Assistant	P	
Adam Canter, Natural Resources Department Director	P	
Marnie Atkins, Cultural Department Director	A (Excused)	
Robert Pitts, Jr., Health & Human Services Department Director	P	

3. **Moment of Silence for *James Earhart***

4. **Consent Calendar**

- Tribal Administration Report
- Fiscal Department Report
- Natural Resources Department Report
- Health & Human Services Department Report
- Cultural Department Report
- Disghgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust Department Report
- Approve Phone Votes 22-20, 22-23, 22-24, 22-25, 23-01, 23-02, 23-03, 23-04, 23-05, 23-06, 23-08, 23-09, 23-10, 23-11, 23-12, 23-13, 23-14

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	4
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

5. **Va Rou'nirilh (Guest Speaker)**

Presentation by Marlene' Dusek, Program Coordinator of the 'Wiyot Food Boxes Project' by the Native Women's Collective and the Rou Dalagurr Food Sovereignty Lab at California Polytechnic University Humboldt.

Mouralherwaqh Land History Project and Database Work Presentation

Listen to presentation and provide input/feedback for presenters regarding a database for this project and/or the Tribe to use.

7. **Rou Da'louy (Public Forum)**

None

8. **Action Items**

- Approval for WNRD staff to travel to conduct fisheries fieldwork in the South Fork Eel River.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Contracted Consultant Contract Services Agreement Approval for Judith Fernandes and Dr. Joana Jansen
 - Two motions and seconds were documented for this Action Item. One was taken before the discussion and the second was taken after discussion.

Motioned by	Aaron Stephenson/Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Brian Mead/Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Contracted Consultant Contract Services Agreement Approval for Dr. Sheri Tatsch

Motioned by	Aaron Stephenson	
Seconded by	Brian Mead	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Accept NTIA Tribal Broadband Connectivity Program (TBCP) grant award and adopt budget.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Aaron Stephenson	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Accept Title IV, Part B, Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program Grant Award # 23QQCACWSS and Adopt Budget.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Approval for Wiyot Tribe to enter in MOU with South Bay Union Elementary School District for Humboldt Bay Native Youth Community Project. Approve Tribal Administrator to enter into MOU.

Motioned by	Aaron Stephenson	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Approve entering MOU with Loleta Union Elementary School District for Humboldt Bay Native Youth Community Project. Approve Tribal Administrator to enter into MOU.

Motioned by	Vanessa Rios	
Seconded by	Brian Mead	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Approval for WNRD to travel to the 46th National Indian Timber Symposium: "The Forest Through the Trees" June 12-15, 2023. Hosted by: Intertribal Timber Council & Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe at Northern Lights Casino, Hotel and Event Center in Walker, MN.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	4
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	1
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Invitation to Russian River Water Forum Planning Group.
 - Brian Mead will be tribal representative and Ted Hernandez will be the alternate.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Hazel Garcia	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Plan of Action Agreement Pursuant to NAGPRA. Authorize the Tribal Chair to execute agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the Tribe.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Aaron Stephenson	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Authorize the Tribal Chair to execute an agreement with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on behalf of the Tribe.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Hazel Garcia	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Revise Resolution 22-27 to the correct language for the State of California Coastal Conservancy Grant.
 - Added new grant number and date grant was awarded.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

At 2 hours 06 mins into Council Meeting, Tribal Chairman Hernandez stepped out and Vice Chairman Mead conducted the meeting.

- Updated Resolution to remain a member of the California Tribal Families Coalition.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	4
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

At 2 hours 8 minutes into the Council Meeting, Tribal Chairman Hernandez returned, and Vice Chairman Mead became a voting Council Member again.

- 2023 Older Americans Act Title VI, Part A - Grants for Native Americans Award Authority: P.L. 116-131 (OAA) Grant Award #2342CAOATA from US Department of Health & Human Services, Administration for Community Living Accept grant award and adopt the budget.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Brian Mead	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Authorize Resolution 23-07. Confirming the Legal Status and Structure of the Dishgamu Humboldt Community Land Trust Under Wiyot Law.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Brian Mead	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Open Public Comment Period fiscal year (FY) 2024 EPA Performance Partnership Grant (PPG) Work Plans and 2023-2027 EPA Tribal Environmental Plan (ETEP).
 - Adam Canter, Natural Resources Director, requested that Tribal Council Members read through the Work Plan and provide input.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Brian Mead	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Authorize Resolution 23-08 authorization of UIHS reps.
 - Brian Mead will be the Tribe's representative and Aaron Stephenson will be the Alternate.

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	3
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	2
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Travel Request for Health & Human Services Department to send 2 staff to 2023 Sexual Assault Prevention Conference in Sacramento, CA from June 14 to June 17, 2023.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Michelle Hernandez-Wenzler	
	Hi'	5
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	

- Batwat-Mad River name change.
 - *Note from Secretary Atkins while reviewing and writing Minutes: Correct spelling is Baduwa't*
 - Michelle Hernandez-Wenzler will be the Council Member Representative for this project. She will provide notes and a progress report to the Tribal Council regarding the name change.

Motioned by	Brian Mead	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	4
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	1
	Passed	X
	Failed	

Tribal Council went into Closed Session at 2 hours 20 minutes into the Council Meeting.

8. Closed Session

- Property
- Housing

Tribal Council came out of Closed session at 8:02 p.m.

- Authorize Tribal Administrator to work with CalTrout.
- Authorize Resolution 23-10 for land assignment.
- Authorize affordable housing proposals.
- Authorize Tribal Administrator to pursue land back from BLM and USFWS for Wigi National Monument.

9. Adjournment

Motioned by	Hazel Garcia	
Seconded by	Vanessa Rios	
	Hi'	2
	Kiyowl	0
	Abstain	0
	Passed	X
	Failed	