

**Karuk Tribe – Council Meeting
January 22, 2026 – Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order at 10am by Chairman Attebery.

Present:

Russell “Buster” Attebery, Chairman
Kenneth “Binx” Brink, Vice-Chairman
Scott Quinn, Secretary/Treasurer
Laura Mayton, Member at Large
Kristen King, Member at Large
Robert Super, Member at Large

Absent:

Arch Super, Member at Large
Jennifer Goodwin, Member at Large

Secretary/Treasurer provided a prayer and Chairman Attebery read the Mission Statement.

Agenda:

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the agenda with changes, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Consent Calendar:

Laura Mayton moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the consent calendar, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Meeting Minutes of December 18 2025:

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve the meeting minutes of December 18, 2025, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Old Business:

None.

Language:

Be careful “wanna hitcha”

Guests:

1) Emma Lee Perez, Contract Compliance:

Emma Lee is present to seek approval of resolution 26-R-025. It is an application for the Tribal Housing and Homeless Funding through the State of California. It has a shortfall that she is requesting from Third Party. Emma Lee noted that the shortfall is ongoing. This funding will fund a Women’s Transitional House.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve resolution 26-R-025, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Forest James, EnerTribe:

Forest is present to review his project. He is filling in for Trevor of the Last Mile Project. There was some reimbursement issues but they continue to work on that. At any given time there is a \$6 million dollar float. The CPUC has allowed reimbursement at 10% increments. Laura asked who

writes the letter that is completed for reimbursements. Forest commented that they will send the draft letter through and the Karuk Tribe can use it as their template. Forest commented that the Tribe should not just break even with Aan Chuupahan. He commented that considering submitting invoices rather than payroll. With that, the work and data can be billed against the project.

EnterTribe was hired as a prime contractor for the project. He updated the project for the Council to overview what they have in the works.

Environmental is the longest process but it has been worked on and is going well.

Engineering is ongoing. Hunter Communications will be doing the construction and they have asked that they incorporate training with their project.

This project was originally slated to be the end of this year and now its more like a year after. Eric has been working with Yurok Telecom and continues to work with IT.

Scott asked if the completed fiber he asked if they could do voice over phones. Forest commented that yes, it will be easier and works better.

Director Reports:

1) Eli Hensher-Aubrey, CEO:

Eli reviewed his report for the Council. He has been spending time getting to know his staff and they have been collaborating on enhancing the departments at the Tribe. He has been working with Finance and 477. He has been collaborating with Head Start. In December there was a hearing with the Department of Head Start. He hasn't heard back from them yet on that item.

Tyvin Whittaker is working with the website developer for forms and microsides and allow payment for the hotel and museum.

Higher education grants have five completed applications.

The updated CEDS is ongoing. The procurement package for the laundromat and is ongoing.

Dion is following on the rollover funding and as long as it is drawn down then it is not going to be taken back.

April Attebery was awarded a judicial enhancement grant.

TERO and Eli are working on future outreach opportunities. They will be holding community meetings in each area to provide information on what services TERO provides and also seek feedback from the local areas.

Robert asked if there is a way to get ahold of Tyvin to seek input from the Tribal Members to send in their skills bank. There is effort from TERO to enhance the skills bank and update the list.

The REDW auditors will be onsite February 9-13, 2026.

Emma Lee has been with the Tribe for over a decade and now she is leaving to a position in the Health Program.

Jack is present to seek approval of resolution 26-R-020.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 26-R-020, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Brionna is present to seek approval of two trips in collaboration with the Happy Camp High School. She would like to seek approval of the youth to travel to the MMIP Summit.

Four adults and seven youth. Kristen asked if any kids are attending from Orleans. This was just a trip for Happy Camp High School.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to approve MMIP travel for youth, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

The second trip is to Chico State. There is no fee for rooms. She is still working on getting a list of youth who will be attending. This is amplifying youth voices in rural communities. Brionna is working with Dion on a 477 budget for college visits.

Kristen King moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve a youth trip to Chico State, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then provided them with a paper copy of the assembly trip.

Jasmine is in Orleans to seek approval of a letter to the MMIP interagency and roundtable. They have collaborated on policy recommendations and to bring it out at the policy summit and this will include the Tribes logos and seal on the letter.

The shirts are coming from the MMIP budget.

Kristen King moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve the Karuk Tribe affixing their logo on the MMIP Policy letter, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

She then asked for insurance for the Orleans Elementary School for the MMIP class. It starts the first week of February for 12 weeks.

Kristen King moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve insurance certificate for the self-defense class and require a waiver, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve Eli's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

2) Sara Spence, KTHA ED:

Sara is present in Happy Camp to review her report. She has six homes that will be conveyed because they have been paid off.

She is seeking approval 26-A-042 through 26-A-047

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve agreements; 26-A-042 through 26-A-047, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

They continue working on the audit. HAF applications are ongoing. Felicia gathered all the prices for the Planning Session.

The Planning Session will be held at Cache Creek.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve Sara's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

3) Erin Hillman, Director of Operation:

Not present in a meeting.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve contract 26-C-051, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve Erin's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

4) Tim Hayden, DNR:

Tim is present in Orleans to review his report. Tim commented that a letter of support was requested for the Bigfoot Trails Alliance grant application.

Scott Quinn moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve DNR's report, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

5) Ray Martin, General Counsel:

Closed Session.

James is present to review his report. He updated the items he worked on for the month. In addition to his reviews he edits the documents as necessary. Consultation and comment letters have been drafted. He was recently informed that he is to assist Paul Peterlin with his work so he has been sitting in and assisting.

Closed Session:

Informational: Tribal Elder MF is present to request additional patrols in KTHA and education or outreach for elders care.

Informational: Tribal Member was present to request an ebike. Council requests TERO take this matter and conduct a vote.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve resolution 26-R-028 with correction, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve resolution 26-R-029, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Scott Quinn moved and Binx Brink seconded to approve modification (6) to contract 16-C-061, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Informational: Tribal Member CD will follow policy to enroll into Elders Care program.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve the updated Tribal Member Code of Conduct policy to “Respectful Conduct Guidelines”, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Kristen King moved and Robert Super seconded to approve the Winter Newsletter, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Laura Mayton seconded to approve the subordinate promissory note between RRC and the Tribe, adding signature of the GA Chairperson, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Laura Mayton moved and Kristen King seconded to approve trailer for Tribal Member RS, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Robert Super seconded to approve a trailer for Tribal Member JCH, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Binx Brink moved and Scott Quinn seconded to approve a trailer for Tribal Member DK, 5 haa, 0 puuhara, 0 pupitihara.

Council caucus: no minutes recorded.

Informational: CEO and General Counsel provided an update to the Council.

Informational: \$12k will be administered by the 477 Committee and will be persons served in the Tribes Ancestral territory.

Informational: Organizational structure change was recommended by the CEO. He will bring those back for final approval.

Informational: stolen property was left on the Tribes property and the Tribe has been asked to move it. There was lengthy discussion on why the Tribe has to pay for this. CEO will identify a location to put it and how to move it to the persons house.

Binx Brink moved and Kristen King seconded to approve telework for employee JH, 4 haa, 0 puuhara, 1 pupitihara (Robert).

Staff Left at 3:57pm.