

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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## MINUTES May 3, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on May 3, 2018 at 1:17 p.m. in the Buffalo Room within the Tribal Administrative Building located on the Round Valley Indian Reservation.

Roll call and the following Council Members were present: Mr. Russ, Mr. Bettega, Mr. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple (arrived 3:45 p.m.) and Mr. Robert Whipple

Also present: Mr. Gorman, Ms. Danielle Hurt, Eric Hoaglin, Mona Oandasan, Tracy Comalli-Bettega, Rosento Cordova, Marilyn Horne, Kathleen Willits, Jamie Gonzales, Tess Want

Opening prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 2; Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-01:**

### **MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr. & R. Whipple    Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Mike Gorman, RVUSD – RE: Various – **Action Item – 2018-05-03-02:** Mr. Gorman and Ms. Hurt were present. Each item was discussed.

i) School Resource Officer

ii) Truancy Ordinance

iii) Impact Aid Committee Rep.

iv) American Indian Language Credential Renewal for two teachers

v) Joint meeting invite

### **MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R. Whipple    Nays: 0    Abstentions: 0

Motion carried

Item No. 4: Unfinished Business:

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**a. TRED – RE: Various**

i) Indian Land Tenure Foundation Intern Information (to bring back criteria) - **Action Item – 2018-04-19-011-xii:**

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettetga, Huitt & Rabano Jr.      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

**Item No. 5: New Business:**

**a. Marline Fulwider – RE: Summer Camp Sponsors - Action Item – 2018-05-03-03:**

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the request.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R. Whipple      Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0  
Motion carried.

b. Tracy Comalli Bettega – RE: Youth Co-Ed league - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-04:** Ms. Comalli-Bettega was present to discuss her request for funding to buy and that she used her grandmother's credit card to place the order.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to assist the youth league at \$1,000.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Short discussion and it was recommended that Ms. Comalli-Bettega talk to Building Horizons and to use Mr. Hutt credit card; also discussed was reimbursement to individual (not covered – may need a policy change); etc.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R. Whipple      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

**c. Tyler Swearinger – RE: Bid – motel roof job - Action Item – 2018-05-03-05:**

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept the bid.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – per policy two more bids are required.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R. Whipple      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

**d. Amanda Want – RE: Land issue - Action Item – 2018-05-03-06: Not present**

**e. Maryanne Whipple – RE: Land - Action Item – 2018-05-03-07: Not present**

f. Kathleen Willits – RE: Rodeo - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-08:** Ms. Willits, Marilyn Horne, Jamie Gonzales and Tess Want were present. Ms. Willits informed the Council that at the end of

July they would like to do a rodeo and it is their plans to use the rodeo grounds at the airport which will cost them \$750.00/day. They can not the use the rodeo at Hidden Oaks as they will not hold the bulls, there is not catch pens, etc. They figure it will cost \$10,000 -\$15,000 to make the necessary improvements. The feel that they can raise the funds and put it back into improving the Hidden Oaks arena and they want to do this as there are a lot of native youth who enjoy riding. They are requesting approve to use the Tribal Logo.

Short discussion followed.

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request to use the Tribal Logo.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R.Whipple                      Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)                      Motion carried.

g. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: MOU Ca. Dept of Forestry & Fire Protection - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-09:**

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the MOU.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R.Whipple                      Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)                      Motion carried

h. Deb Hutt, Election Board – RE: Registered voter letter & permanent absentee request form **Action Item – 2018-05-03-010:** Ms. Hutt was present and stated that she was requesting that letters be sent to individuals whose names were added to the Voting Roster and to send with the letter Form E-4 permanent absentee request form. She notice that this was never done.

Discussion followed

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to send the letter out to eligible voters.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R.Whipple                      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Permanent absentee ballot request.

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to send out with the letter Form E-4 permanent absentee request form.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R.Whipple                      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Ms. Hutt added that what is not on the agenda and she would like to present the idea for the Tribe to consider is a “Bottle Water Production plant. i. Eric Hoaglin – RE: Horseshoe League - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-011:**

i. Mr. Hoaglin was present and informed the Council that he would like to start a Horseshoe League starting on May 19<sup>th</sup> and have bi-weekly tournaments. He is also requesting to have the fees waived for the first tournament, but as he collects funds made from the tournaments he will pay. Discussion followed.

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the request for a Horseshoe League.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Short discussion – to also stipulate that there will be no alcohol.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

j. Michelle Downey, EPA – RE: EPA would like to get permission to do an assessment on Azbill Creek - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-012:** Information reviewed and discussed.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to table this item and to inform Ms. Downey that the Council wanted to meet with EPA regarding the assessment

Note: Mr. Lewis Whipple arrived at the meeting – 3:45 p.m.

k. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-013:**

i) Mr. Hutt – RE: Edward Jones – Mr. Hutt informed the Council that a meeting has been scheduled for May 22<sup>nd</sup> at 12:00 p.m.

ii) Wake Assistance (2)

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to approve Reuben Hoaglin and Sally Arellano to receive wake assistance.

**Item No. 6: Executive Session – Action Item – 2018-05-03-014:**

a. Mr. Randy Wolfin, Casino – RE: Update

b. Kim Stillwell – RE: Finish & find out about Sat., meeting on Clay Mitchell

c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various

i) Personnel – RE: DV Paralegal

ii) Personnel – Golden Oaks Motel resignation

iii) Personnel – Tribal Police Chief resignation

iv) Personnel – THPO update

v) Motel – update – audit

vi) Personnel – evaluation - NRD

vii) Motel – RE: Prices

viii) FFA – RE: Donation – Motel room

ix) Conover presentation

d. Rema Lincoln – RE: LIHEAP 2018 and Educational funding/students

e. TRED – RE: Various

i) Lori Ray

ii) Eugene Jamison Jr.

iii) Judy Jamison

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- iv) Norma Knight
- v) Denise Feather
- vi) Hulls Valley Trespass
- vii) David Frank Jr.
- viii) Kat Willits
- ix) ILTF – to come back with criteria
- f. Eric Hoaglin – RE: Website Contract
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) 2017 Audit – RE: Engagement Letter Squar Milnar
  - ii) Deb Hutt – Contract
  - iii) Mrs. Whipple – RE: Financial - various
  - iv) Indirect Cost
  - v) Complaint – Tribal Police
  - vi) Fiscal Controller
  - vii) Fiscal Contractor
  - viii) Attorney Contract – David Denner

#### **MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to go into executive session at

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-015:**

#### **MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 8:42 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

a. Mr. Randy Wolfin, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-016:**

#### **MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried.

b. Kim Stillwell – RE: Finish and find out about Sat., meeting on Clay Mitchell - **Action Item – 2018-03-29-017:** Kimberly Stillwell and Clayton Mitchell were present.

#### **MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0



Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried.

c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various Personnel - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-018:**

i) Personnel – RE: DV Paralegal - **Action Item – 2018-04-13-09-ii:**

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to proceed with termination and fly the job immediately and look at previous candidates to see if anyone is interested.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Rabano Jr.

Motion carried.

ii) Personnel – Golden Oaks motel resignation

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept the resignation of the Golden Oaks Motel Manager.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iii) Personnel – Tribal Police Chief resignation -

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept the resignation.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iv) Personnel – THPO update

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Rabano Jr. made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Short discussion – to start the grievance process – select a Committee.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

v) Motel – update - audit

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mr. Rabano Jr. made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Short discussion – to have Tribal Police stay at motel tonight; changes locks; look at the scheduling (any reservations); post a contact phone number;

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

vi) Personnel – evaluations – NRD

**MOTION NO. 21:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr. seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

vii) Motel - Prices

**MOTION NO. 22:**

Mr. Rabano Jr. made a motion to table this item.

MR. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

viii) FFA – RE: Donate Motel Room – May 12<sup>th</sup>

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Hutt check to see if there are reservations scheduled (to see if any rooms are available)

ix) Conover – renewal – May 10<sup>th</sup> presentation

d. Rema Lincoln – RE: LIHEAP 2018 and Educational funding/students - **Action Item – 2018-03-29-017:** Ms. Lincoln not present. The Council was informed that more the Tribe received more LIHEAP funding.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to disburse the LIHEAP funds (follow the process) and to bring back to the next meeting the Higher Ed. & Voc. Ed.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-021:**

i) 2017 Audit – RE: Engagement Letter Squar Milnar - **Action Item – 2018-04-13-011-ix:**

**MOTION NO. 23:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve for 2017 the engagement letter with Squar Milnar for one year.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

iv) Indirect Cost

**MOTION NO. 24:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

vi) Fiscal Controller

**MOTION NO. 25:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to hire Hugh Brent Cooke and for Mr. Russ to negotiate the salary range (base line)

Mr. Rabano Jr. seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)

Motion carried.

vii) Fiscal Contractor

**MOTION NO. 26:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to submit a counter proposal to Kim Salva to come out on site and help clean up the Tribes' fiscal matters.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

viii) Attorney Contract

**MOTION NO. 27:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve an attorney contract with David Denner @ \$200.00/hr.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Tribal Police

**MOTION NO. 28:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve to put Vincent Cordova, Senior Officer in charge, Carlos Rabano Jr., to be the Council Liaison and if there are any discrepancies Mr. Rabano Jr., is to bring back to the Council and to fly the Chief of Police position.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)

Motion carried.

iii) Mrs. Whipple – RE: Financial – various – **Action Item – 2018-04-13-011-x:**

**MOTION NO. 29:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to delete this item from the agenda.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)

Motion carried.

ii) Deb Hutt – Contract - **Action Item – 2018-03-29-019-vi:**

v) Complaint – Tribal Police - **Action Item – 2018-04-26-09-vii:**

**MOTION NO. 30:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table ii and v.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

f. Eric Hoaglin – RE: Website Contract – **Action Item – 2018-05-03-020:**

**MOTION NO. 31:**



Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the contract, not to exceed \$2,500.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: Rabano Jr.

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**e. TRED – RE: Various - Action Item – 2018-05-03-019:**

**ii) Eugene Jamison Jr. - Action Item – 2018-03-17-010-x –**

**MOTION NO. 32:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the resolution for Mr. Jamison Jr.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**iii) Judy Jamison - Action Item – 2018-03-17-010-ix:**

**MOTION NO. 33:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the resolution for Judy Jamison.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**vii) David Frank Jr. – Action Item – 2018-04-26-08-viii:**

**MOTION NO. 34:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to have Tribal Police go and remove the trespassers.

Ms. Oandasan to come back to Council with a draft letter that will go to Mr. Frank Jr.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**i) Lori Ray – Action Item – 2018-04-13-010-i:**

**MOTION NO. 35:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

**iv) Norma Knight - Action Item – 2018-03-17-010-iv:**

**v) Denise Feather - Action Item – 2018-03-17-010-v:**

**vi) Hulls Valley Trespass - Action Item – 2018-04-19-011-xiii -**

**viii) Kat Willits**

**MOTION NO. 36:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to table iv, v, vi, and viii.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

a. May 10, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Work Sessions – Tania Mota, ICWA

- Gaming Commissioners
- Kathy Britton, RVSD – Truancy Ordinance & SARB
- Roads Dept.
- Land Buy Back
- RVIHA
- Tribal Police & Fiscal
- Water Association
- Administration – Funeral Policy; Social Media; Hidden Oaks
- Temp Pool Policy

Item No. 9: Closing prayer by President James Russ

Item No. 10: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-05-03-022:**

**MOTION NO. 37:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple      Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Minutes taken (first portion by ) and typed by Alberta J. Azbill, Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal Council.

Submitted by:

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Executive Secretary, Round Valley  
Tribal Council