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MINUTES

June 21, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on June 21, 2018 at 1:24 p.m. in the Buffalo Room located 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 & Mr. Robert Whipple

Also present: Roxanna Oliver, Rosento Cordova, Andreanna Bettega, Trina Fitzgerral, Rema Lincoln, Eric Hoaglen & Mona Oandasan

Opening prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Tribal Council – RE: Discussion

a. Marijuana Ordinance/ State License Authorization

President Russ asked if there was any comments on this item. The Tribal Council did meet with Stormer Feiler and Kason Grady, North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board, and Lily Weaver, Attorney, Office of Chief Council State Water Resources Control Board. No action was taken, only discussion. President Russ stated that he wanted to set a Saturday meeting with the members to get their input.

Item No. 4: Unfinished Business:

a. Andreanna Bettega – RE: Mud Bogg - **Action Item – 2018-05-31-012:** Ms. Bettega was

present and stated that she had a bill for a disconnect fee from Tyler Swearinger which disconnected the power line from the rodeo arena and is requesting to know if she could use her mud bogg funds to pay the bill which is \$200.00. Also, she would like to get clarification on a location for the mud bogg for California Indian Days.

Discussion followed about the previous site (trees needed to be cut down to allow for more stopping room once the vehicles come out of the pit); and development of the site without cutting

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more trees; of Ms. Bettega needing help with the mud bog event; of mapping out areas for the mud bog; etc.

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to allow Ms. Bettega to use mud bog funds to pay for the work done - \$200.00.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Short discussion followed about re-routing the electrical line – two bids – Roads - \$6,240.00 and Tyler Swearing - \$7,520.00. Ms. Bettega was asked to get another bid.

b. Joleen Whipple, Child Care Coordinator – RE: Out of state travel Seattle, Washington, September 23/28 for Child Care Coordinator & Council Member - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-07:**

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the out of state travel for Joleen Whipple and Lewis Whipple.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Cheryl Bettega – RE: Roads Dept. – RE: Trees to be removed at Hidden Oaks, Senior Center & Head Start - \$ 16,200 – approval - **Action Item – 2018-05-31-013:**

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the request for trees to be removed at \$16,200.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

d. RoxAnna Oliver – RE: LIHEAP application denial; application on education - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-06:** Ms. Oliver and daughters were present.

First item – LIHEAP submitted an application way back end of last year and she just got a letter of denial, why did it take four months for her to get a denial. She did the application with Mark Britton at the Senior Center he said it was complete.

Ms. Rema Lincoln was present and explained that she got the application in April, etc.

Ms. Oliver and Ms. Lincoln discussed this matter at length (the process, time line to respond, when received, lack of funds, etc.).

Education funding – Ms. Oliver stated that applications were submitted for funding for education, every application that she has submitted has been denied. A week ago she talked to Trina and she explained that a budget modification has to be done and approved by the BIA.

Item discussed, the application has not been denied, but is on the pending list upon availability of BIA approving the budget modification.

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Graduation – certificate: Ms. Oliver stated that on May 27th or 28 there was a gathering at Hidden Oaks to honor the students that were graduation high school and eighth grade, with each receiving a certificate from the Tribal Council. Her daughter was left out and she felt bad about this. Discussion followed.

President Russ apologized to Ms. Oliver and stated that it was not the intent of the Council to leave any of the youth out, but if she (Ms. Oliver) would bring her daughter to the regular meeting on Saturday, he would present her with a certificate and apologize to her for this error.

e. Arvid Hoaglen - RE: Lot below Dwight Stillwell Jr. - **Action Item – 2016-05-26-010:** Mr. Hoaglen was not present.

Item No. 5: New Business:

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: FMD Actual Budgets FY 2017 - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-02:**

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the FMD actual Budgets for FY 2017.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

d. RoxAnna Oliver – RE: LIHEAP application denial; application on education – **Action Item – 2018-06-14-06:**

MOTION NO. 6:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – President Russ will present a certification to Ms. Oliver daughter at the regular meeting on Saturday.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Deb Hutt – RE: 2018 Passport-In-Time – approve Deb Hutt as RVIT monitor/rep. - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-03:** Ms. Hutt was not present.

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve Ms. Hutt as the RVIT monitor.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

c. Eric Hoaglin – RE: RVIT Logo approval (improved) - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-04:** Mr. Hoaglin was present and presented the improved logo for Councils' review.

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the improved logo.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

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d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-05:**

i) Monica Sayad – RE: CQLA for Head Start

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the COLA for Head Start

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried

ii) IRS

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to have Mrs. Fitzgerral call and inform IRS that they can come in and do a voluntary compliance check.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega & R. Whipple (both out of the room)

Motion carried.

iii) GSA Vehicle Use

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to implement what Mrs. Fitzgerral presented regarding the Expedition (Council has priority use; not to be used in mountainous terrain; not to be parked at the airport for days; Programs can use in valley or out of town – day use; to develop a calendar for use/who/what/when; and that Mrs. Fitzgerral approve use of).

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega & R. Whipple (both out of the room)

Motion carried.

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-06:**

i) Mrs. Whipple – RE: Financial – various (Note: Motel reimburse auditors) - **Action Item – 2018-04-05-012-v:**

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to reimburse the auditors the full amount.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega & R. Whipple (both out of the room)

Motion carried.

Item No. 4 – e: Arvid Hoaglen – RE: Lot below Dwight Stillwell Jr. – **Action Item – 2016-05-26-010:** Mr. Hoaglen was present and discussed his item.

MOTION NO. 13:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega & R. Whipple (both out of the room) Motion carried.

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Item No. 6: Executive Session - Action Item – 2018-06-21-07:

- a. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police – RE: Update
- b. Cheyene Hoaglen – RE: Complaint (BOC)
- c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various
 - i) Social Media Policy
 - ii) Personnel – Court Clerk – RE: Wage increase
 - iii) Grievance Committee recommendation – RE: D.V. Paralegal
 - iv) Gaming Commissioner – RE: Wage increase
 - v) Personnel – Evaluation – Tribal Police
 - vi) Personnel – Evaluation – Receptionist
 - vii) Recommendation to hire – Senior Center Outreach Meal Delivery Coordinator
 - viii) Recommendation to hire – C-Store Assistant Manager
 - ix) Schedule Interviews – Request Council representative
 - x) Rosento Cordova – RE: Approve recommendations from employee evaluation 3-20-18
 - xi) TEPA Director
 - xii) Personnel – RE: TEPA pay raises
 - xiii) C-Store – RE: Donation to CA Indian Days pageant
- d. Melissa Britton – RE: Homcsite
- e. TRED – RE: Various
 - i) Marcella Smith
 - ii) Lot 6 on Agency
- f. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – no business items
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) Mensarii Ltd
 - ii) TANF Building
 - iii) Mr. Hutt – RE: CalTrans update
 - iv) Mr. Robert Whipple – RE: Out of state travel

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to go into executive session at 3:22 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega & R. Whipple (both out of the room) Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Regular Session - Action Item – 2018-06-21-08:

MOTION NO. 15:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 7:23 p.m.

Mr. Robert Whipple 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. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-09:**
Sergeant Cordova was present and reported.

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Out of state travel to attend graduation (C.J. Bettega)

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve out of state travel for Sergeant Cordova, based upon previous rates.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Training – Franklin (Henry) Whipple

MOTION NO. 17:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to start the process of training for Mr. Whipple.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

b. Cheyenne Hoaglen – RE: Complaint (BOC) - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-010:** Cheyenne Hoaglen and Arvid Hoaglen were present.

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to refer Ms. Hoaglen back to the Housing Authority's Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various Personnel - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-011:**

i) Social Media Policy - **Action Item – 2018-05-17-07-ii:**

MOTION NO. 19:

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

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

ii) Personnel Court Clerk – RE: Wage increase - **Action Item 2018-05-31-07-ii:**

MOTION NO. 20:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the wage increase.

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.

iii) Grievance Committee recommendation – RE: D.V. Paralegal - **Action Item – 2018-05-31-07-iii:**

MOTION NO. 21:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Grievance Committee.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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Question: Ayes: Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple Nays: 0
Abstentions: Russ (out of the room) Motion carried.

iv) Gaming Commissioner – RE: Wage increase - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-020-iv:**
MOTION N. 22:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mr. Lewis Whipple to do evaluate and bring back to the next meeting.

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

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

v) Personnel – Evaluation – Tribal Police - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-020-v:**
MOTION NO. 23:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

vi) Personnel – Evaluation – Receptionist - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-020-vi:**
MOTION NO. 24:

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

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.

vii) Recommendation to hire – Senior Center Outreach Meal Delivery Coordinator
MOTION NO. 25:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the recommendation and hire Michelle Case at \$12.00/hr.

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.

viii) Recommendation to hire – C-Store Assistant Manager
MOTION NO. 26:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the recommendation to hire Tina Want at \$16.00/hr.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Tribal Police Chief:

MOTION NO. 27:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to extend the deadline – advertisement.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

ix) Schedule Interview – Request Council representative
THPO – Mr. Lewis Whipple volunteered.
Motel Manager – Mr. Hutt volunteered.
TANF Secretary – Mr. Bettega, volunteered
Foster Grandparent – Mr. Hutt volunteered.

xi) TEPA Director – **Action Item – 2018-05-17-07-i:**

MOTION NO. 28:

Mr. Rabano Jr. made a motion to accept the voluntary resignation and fly the position.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

xii) Personnel – RE: TEPA pay raises - **Action Item – 2018-03-29-018-iii:**

MOTION NO. 29:

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Council approved at a prior meeting – waiting for funding to become available.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

xiii) CID Donation

MOTION NO. 30:

~~Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the request.~~

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

x) Rosento Cordova – RE: Approve recommendations from employee evaluation 3-20-18

Action Item – 2018-05-24-05:

MOTION NO. 31:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to fiscal to go back and do a time line – 6-6-16 to 10-1-2017 and verify.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 32:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion for Mr. Hutt and Bernadine Whipple do a time line – two weeks to do: Research the Policies, job description (Senior Officer, etc).

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

xiv) Informational – Ms. Goodrow requested to meet with Council – date to be set.

d. Melissa Britton – RE: Homesite - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-018:** Item tabled per the request of Ms. Britton.

e. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-012:**

i) Marcella Smith - **Action Item – 2018-05-10-010-vi:**

ii) Lot 6 on Agency - **Action Item – 2018-06-14-021-ii –**

MOTION NO. 33:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table items TRED - e – i and ii.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

f. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-013:** No business items.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-06-21-014 -**

i) Letter of Intent – Mensarii Lt.

MOTION NO. 34:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

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

ii) TANF building

MOTION NO. 35:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion for Lewis Whipple to work with David Denner on contract language.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iii) Mr. Hutt – RE: CalTrans update

MOTION NO 36:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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iv) Mr. Robert Whipple – RE: Out of state travel request
CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Robert Whipple to start making travel arrangements and bring back to the next meeting for official approval.

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

a. Friday, June 29, 2018 @ 11:00 a.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; Donation Policy

Item No. 9.: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 10: Adjournment - Action Item – 2018-06-21-015:

MOTION NO. 37:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.


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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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

Submitted by:


Executive Secretary, Round Valley
Tribal Council