

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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## MINUTES

August 24, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 24, 2018 at 10:04 a.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. Betttega, Mr. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple and Mr. Robert Whipple

Opening prayer by Joleen Whipple

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-01:**

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

Mr. Betttega made a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Betttega, 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 – **Action Item – 2018-08-16-01:** Council will address at the end of the meeting.

Item No. 5: New Business:

b. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Out of state travel – Seattle, WA., Sept. 23/28<sup>th</sup>. – **Action Item – 2018-08-24-03:**

Mrs. Whipple was present and requested that the Tribal Controller attend the meeting with them.

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

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the request, upon the Tribal Controller's availability..

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Construction major renovation – approval – **Action item – 2018-08-24-04:** Mrs. Whipple was present and informed the Council that she was she got notification that her grant was just over a million dollars, she felt it was an error but it was true. She was just told Wednesday that she could apply for renovation monies and that she had until September 30<sup>th</sup> to get something sent in, so she is here asking for the Council's input. She will

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be meeting with the Program Specialist in San Francisco next week to discuss where they are at with their finances.

Discussion followed about what to apply for; etc. No action at this time, Mrs. Whipple will come back later on in the meeting with a figure (modular cost; construction/renovation)

New Business 5-e-ii: Julia Azbill – RE: C-Store: Ms. Azbill was present and informed the Council that she received electrical – quote. The gas leak is fixed. Still having problems with the POS system and she is requesting to purchase, the cost is \$21,997.00. She talked with Coyote Valley and Pomo Pumps. Short discussion

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

Mr. Rabano Jr. made a motion to approve purchase of a POS system for \$21,997.00.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

C-Store – electrical: Ms. Azbill informed the Council that she received a bid from Tyler Swearingen. This has been a problem since 2013 and never was resolved. Short discussion.

#### **MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the contract with Hatchet Mountain Construction not to exceed \$5,000.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

C-Store – Ice machine: Ms. Azbill asked for advice on what to do with the ice machine, as she had someone that wanted it. Discussion followed.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council, that if anyone came by to tell them to make an offer.

#### **Item No. 4: Unfinished Business:**

##### **a. Minutes – June 14th – Action Item – 2018-07-14-02:**

Minutes – May, 3, May 10, May 17, May 24/26 & May 31, 2018 -Action Item – 2018-06-23-02:

#### **MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the minutes of May 10, May 17, May 24/26 and May 31, 2018.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

##### **b. TRED – RE: Various - Action Item – 2018-07-26-09:**

i) Angel Esquivel – RE: Consent for Lease 540- 228 - Action Item – 2018-07-26-09-ii:  
**MOTION NO. 5:**

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

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) Teddy James – RE: Consent for Lease 540 293 - **Action Item – 2018-07-26-09-iii:**

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve as one acre.

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.

iii) Homesite on Mina - **Action Item – 2018-07-26-09-v:**

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to table this item.

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.

iv) TRED – RE: Gift Deed Consent 540-766 - **Action Item – 2018-08-16-06:**

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the gift deed consent.

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.

v) Lot 6, Agency Road – RE: Clarify Council's decision - **Action Item – 2018-07-26-09:**  
**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council that this approval was for an assignment.

vi) FYI – possible homesite areas discussed

c. Cheryl Bettega, Roads Dept. – RE: Need approval for purchase Peterson CAT \$12,741.32 -  
**Action Item – 2018-08-16-04:**

**MOTION NO. 9:**

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

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.

Item No. 5: New Business:

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Approve resolution for submittal for Range Improvement -  
**Action Item – 2018-08-24-02:**

**MOTION NO. 10:**

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Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve by resolution submission of the Range Improvement Project.

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.

d. Maria N. Litzin – RE: Help with cost removing big items – yard clean up - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-05:** Item discussed.

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion for the Tribal Business Administrator to handle procedurally and to refer this to the next TANF meeting and to be left on the agenda to make sure the matter was addressed.

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.

e. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-06:**

i) Office closure – Memorial services for Lois Litzin on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion followed about other agencies that offer burial assistance (Pomo Nations); etc.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to approve for Administration and the Senior Center be closed on August 28<sup>th</sup>.

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-07:**

i) Hidden Oaks Site Agreement for Use

**MOTION NO. 12:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) TANF Ukiah Office

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) Hasting Law School

**MOTIO NO. 14:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iv) McBain & Associates – RE: Consultant Agreement

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the Consultant Agreement.

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.

c. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Construction major renovation funding: Mrs. Whipple back to the meeting.

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve to request \$350,000 for the Child Care Program.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

3. Tribal Council – RE: Discussion – a. Marijuana Ordinance/State License Authorization – **Action Item – 2018-008-16-01:**

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve by resolution with changes.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Russ

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 6: Executive Session – **Action Item – 2018-08-24-08:**

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

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police – RE: Update

c. Laureen Bettega – RE: Assistance

d. TRED – RE: Various – No business items

e. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator

i) Personnel Admin – RE: College Class

ii) Personnel – RE: Permanent Status – Forest Technician Supervisor

iii) R. Bettega – RE: Contract

iv) FYI – Golden Oak Motel

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various

i) Riffe Road – RE: Roland Hohne/LOI

ii) Mr. Rabano Jr., - RE: Enrollment

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 12:55 p.m.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.



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Item No. 7: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-09:**

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 1:52 p.m.

Mr. Hutt 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 – 2018-08-24-010:**

Out of state travel October 9/11<sup>th</sup> Las Vegas, NV. 2018 Global Gaming Expo.

**MOTION NO. 20:**

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

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.

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept -- RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-011:** Not present.

c. Laureen Bettega – RE: Assistance - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-012:** Ms. Bettega requested to be taken off the agenda.

d. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-013:** No business items.

e. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-014:**

i) Personnel Admin. – RE: College Class

**MOTION NO. 21:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to allow the time off, but not to be paid for hours gone.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

ii) Personnel – RE: Permanent Status Forest Technician Supervisor

**MOTION NO. 22:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve permanent status as recommended with a pay increase.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

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iii) R. Bettega – RE: Contract

**MOTION NO. 23:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve to switch to a regular employee with a job description.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega                      Motion carried.

iv) FYI- Golden Oaks Motel

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-015:**

i) Riffe Road – RE: Roland Hohne/LOI - **Action Item – 2018-08-16-010-i:**

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council to have Mr. Denner send a letter of intent.

ii) Mr. Rabano Jr., - RE: Enrollment

**MOTION NO. 24:**

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

Mr. Lewis Whipple 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. August 30, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Work Sessions – Tania Mota – ICWA

- Gaming Commissioners
- Kathy Britton, RVSD – RE: Truancy Ordinance, SARB
- Roads Dept.
- Land Buy Back
- RVIHA
- Tribal Police & Fiscal
- Water Association
- Administration – Funeral Policy; Temp. Pool Policy & Donation Policy
- Note – Hidden Oaks Policy under review
- Child Care

Item No. 9: Closing prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 10: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-08-24-016:**

**MOTION NO. 25:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

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

Submitted by:



Executive Secretary, Round Valley  
Tribal Council