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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**September 8, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on September 8, 2018 at 9:20 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. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., (left at 1:24 p.m.), Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Robert Whipple and Mr. William Whipple

Also present: Annabelle Whipple, Kimberly Stillwell, Trina Fitzgerral, Esther Bryant, Kevin Britton

Opening Prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-09-08-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. William Whipple made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

Discussion followed and Mrs. Stillwell asked for clarification on what kind of questions she will be able to ask of the Program Managers as she felt she was attacked at the regular meeting when she asked questions. The questions she asked was not personal and were business related.

President Russ answered that this is on the agenda for discussion later on in the meeting.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Minutes – Aug. 1, Aug. 9, Aug. 16, 2018 - **Action Item – 2018-09-08-02:**

Discussion followed about the prior minutes that were on the agenda. The Executive Secretary stated that the minutes were approved at the August 24<sup>th</sup> meeting with the exception of May 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 14.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. William Whipple made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 1, August 9, and August 16, 2018 with corrections (typos).

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

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Discussion followed – last month the program reports were skipped over and not approved only Tribal Police. To be approved at this meeting today. It was also decided to review the reports that are on the agenda for today.

Item No. 4: Program Reports – **Action Item – 2018-09-08-03** – approve; table:

Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – report received: Mrs. Fitzgerral was present and gave her report (see Attachment No. I, for the report)

Randy Wolfen, Casino – report received: Report reviewed. Discussion followed and it was asked if the cooks at the Casino had taken the Food Handlers Course (to check with Mr. Wolfen);

Justin Britton, Water Association – report – not present, no report. Short discussion followed about wells and testing; the well by the sewer pond; the well at Hidden Oaks and is it going to be used for CID if so then the water should be tested; etc.

Mona Oandasan, Tribal Real Estate – report received. – Discussion followed about the land buy back program ; etc.

Mr. William Whipple requested information the Land Buy Back Program.

Toni Bettega, Natural Resources Dept. – report received

Discussion and the last month report referred to – timber sale on an allotment (the bidding process); the buffalo and looking into trading them; duties and certification of the CLEO employee; equipment that NRD had and the possibility of having a shop for all equipment for all the Programs;

Amber Leedy, Foster Grandparent Program – report – Short discussion, program has been refunded and what was the intent of the foster grandparent program; etc.

Cheryl Bettega, Roads Dept. – report received – the Tribal Council was informed that Mr. Brian Hurt's gravel operation was shut down because of no mining permit and that the drivers had not certification. It was suggested that when the Council stated their mining operation to make sure that the Tribe had a mining permit and that the operators were certified licensed drivers; Discussed was the Hopper Lane Project, was the project put out for bids and the financial aspects (funds granted to RVIT and has a separate account and how account codes); the status of the Corp; of the equipment that went out on the fire (was the operators certified and did the Program get the money for going out to work); etc.

Kaitlyn Leedy, Golden Oaks Motel – report received – Short discussion – hot water system has been fixed; of the idea of offering snacks, incidental – tooth paste, etc. (is being checked out may need a permit); etc.

Julia Azbill, Convenience Store – report – no report:

Program Reports received for the regular July meeting.

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**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. William Whipple made a motion to approve the July program reports received

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Programs not scheduled to be on the agenda to report.

\*Mark Britton, Senior Center – report received

\*Yolanda Hoaglen, Domestic Violence & SAP – report received

\*Cindy Hoaglen, TANF – report

\*Jolcen Whipple, Child Care – report

\*Monica Sayad, Head Start – report

\*Jessica Goodrow, DV/DOJ & ICWA – report

\*Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police – report received

\*Lewis Whipple, RV Indian Housing Authority – report received

\*James Russ, RV Indian Health Center - report

Program Reports – August:

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. William Whipple made a motion to approve the written reports for August, except Water Association and the C-Store.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Tribal Council – RE: Report – update current projects and issues

Marijuana – State License update – President Russ reported that that the Council at a prior meeting approved a temporary permit from October 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31, 2018. At a prior meeting there was discussion on the Compassionate Use Ordinance and we still want it, as it falls under medicinal use. Discussion followed – the wording is vague in the 600 ft., of tribal land; of currently there are only about twelve people asking for a permit, but if you look around there is more than just twelve people growing; of the illegal use of water; of who will enforce the permits (State); etc.

Election Board – Mr. Lewis Whipple reporting that the Petitions to run for Council is out with a deadline of September 21<sup>st</sup>, and the list of candidates should be listed by October 7<sup>th</sup> with the Election scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>. They have a full Election Board, but still need Alternates. Candidates night will be held a week before the election.

Constitutional revisions – Mr. Lewis Whipple reported that they haven't had any recent meeting people out ill, but he will send out an email and set a meeting. Their meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month.

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Meeting order – President Russ reported that he had additional information which he will provide to the Council regarding this matter.

Lengthy discussion followed about meeting order; Roberts Rules of Order; what is out of order (curses; loud, threatening, etc.); of some of the managers expressed that they felt they were being attacked – to alleviate these kinds of feelings from the employees, standards (meeting order) should be set; etc.

FERC – Eel River – Mr. Hutt reporting and stated that at this time there is no offer to buy and the FERC process continues to go on. The FOER sent the Tribe a letter they would like to meet with the Council, no meeting date has been set. The Council is just waiting to see where this is going. Discussion followed about the Native Fishery Act; of the dams that are put in by tribal members (are only pulled if no one is at the dam); of putting a limit on the number of fish that can be taken; etc,

Mr. William Whipple recommended that the Council start building the guidelines for putting limits on the number of fish and deer that can be taken; dams left in the rivers and creeks. Short discussion also followed about the DVD – “Rivers Last Chance”.

Opioid – President Russ stating that President Trump has declared this to be a national epidemic and that the Tribe joined in a law suit. Some cities and counties are also suing. They are now telling us after months and months of review they will hear tribal cases separately. The next phase is that they will send people here to look at the records and data (cross reference). They want to interview people.

Carbon Credits – President Russ reported that Mr. Wilkinson informed him that the BIA contacted his firm to go out and look at the sites to see if we were in compliance. This is for the reports and is a requirement that there is site review. They called New Forest and asked them to send information on what amount of funds were sent to the Tribe. They are saying that there is \$670,000 in the account, we did not get this amount (this amount is over a 30 year period). In this account is \$240,000 we should have \$260,000. The bottom line is that we owe about \$18,000. Short discussion.

BioMass – President Russ stated that this was funded in a second run to do a feasibility study. He asked Bruce Hilbach to look into establishing an Advisory Committee (possible individuals suggested Kevin Britton, Marline Fulwider, etc.).

Mr. Kevin Britton being presented stated that a meeting has been scheduled for Sept. 23 or 26<sup>th</sup> and he said that would set on this Committee.

### **MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 6: Non-Agenda/Non Action Items – 3 Minute Time Limit

a. Mrs. Kimberly Stillwell – acknowledged and stated that the Council covered her item.

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Item No. 7: Set date, time and agenda for next meeting

- a. September 13, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting
- b. Bi-Annual meeting scheduled for October 27, 2018

Item No. 8: Closing Prayer by Mrs. Trina Fitzgerral

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-09-08-04:**

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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