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MINUTES
December 6, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on December 6, 2018 at 11:13 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. Bettega (left 3:37 p.m.), Mr. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., & Mr. Robert Whipple

Also present: Mike Freeman, Brenda freeman, Bruce Hilbach-Barger, Patricia Vargas, Allie Crabtree; Nancy McCoy

Opening prayer by Mrs. Trina Fitzgerral

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Joseph Parker – RE: Little League Field - **Action Item – 2018-11-20-02:** Mr. Parker was not present, the Council continued on with the agenda.

b. Allie Crabtree – RE: Tow car's off reservation - **Action Item – 2018-11-29-02:** Mr. Crabtree was not present. Mr. Crabtree and Ms. McCoy were present. Mr. Crabtree informed the Council that Rick Mayfield approached him about all the old cars up here and wanted to know if the people wanted to get rid of them. He is willing to come up and talk to the Council. Mr. Crabtree stated that he also talked to Michelle Downey about a possible site to put the cars. Discussion followed.

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mr. Crabtree is to come back with a proposal

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Patricia Vargas – RE Water usage – precedents for large cannabis corp. grows - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-02**: Ms. Vargas was acknowledged and informed the Council that she was here regarding Cordova Cann moving into Round Valley and many other foreign companies coming in and buying up land in the valley and establishing huge cannabis grows. She does not feel this will benefit the economy here in the valley. They have a cooperative where they grow fruits and vegetables, also small cannabis grows and that any income she gets goes into the cooperative. There is their huge concern about the amount of water these companies will be sucking up, there is no resources to support these huge grows. This is a beautiful valley and is scared and that as soon as these companies come in they will destroy it. There is a Board of Supervisors meeting next Tuesday, she is going to attend and need for the Council to be there and let them know that we do not support these companies coming in

Lengthy discussion followed about having a position paper prepared to submit to the Board of Supervisors as only 3 minutes are allowed; of the meeting that was held at the library; of forming an alliance as there is a lot of people against these huge cannabis grows as a lot of them would come in and drive out mom and pop; of some of the tribal issues being the same as Ms. Vargas, but that the Tribe had to look after the Tribes best interest; etc.

MOTION NO. 3:

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.

b. Amber Klug – RE: Request to be appointed to Judicial & Constitution Committee - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-03**: Ms. Klug was not present, but the Executive Secretary informed the Council that Ms. Klug had expressed an interest in serving on these two Committees when she submitted her request to be seated on the Election Board.

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to appoint Ms. Klug to the Judicial and Constitution Committee.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council – Resolution - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-04**: Ms. Bettega was not present, although the information was made available.

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve by resolution to renew membership with Inter-Tribal Agriculture Council and to appoint Kathleen Willits as the representative and Robert Whipple as the alternate representative.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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d. Shelly Hoaglen – RE: Informational - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-05:** Not present.

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

e. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: **Various - Action Item – 2018-12-06-06:** Mrs. Fitzgerral was present.

i) BIA seeking acceptance of title to real property in trust – RVIT Skyline - information was made available, reviewed and discussed (Skyline – to make sure it is in the Round Valley Indian Tribes' name; etc.)

ii) RVUSD Board of Ed., formal invitation – joint meeting Dec., 10th @ 4:00 p.m. – information was made available.

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept e i, and ii as informational.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iii) Approval – purchase over \$5,000 TRED

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the purchase order.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

f. Tribal Council – RE: **Various - Action Item – 2018-12-06-07:**

i) Bruce Hilbach-Barger - RE: Road Assessment/Environmental/Program Development; Mr. Hilbach-Barger was present and he stated that he was present as an individual, but that he was hired to work with the Mendocino County RCD which has a grant for unpaved roads and he is the Round Valley outreach person. One item of this grant is that he work with the Tribe and get tribal interests. He understood that two years ago the Tribe started working on this – in that they would get the roads in better condition for this fish and rivers. Also, that the state released funds to the Tribe for road improvement and that the tribe denied these funds (to be researched – minutes checked – December 2016 – Feb. 2017)

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to accept as informational.

ii) Mark Britton – RE: Use Senior Center Policy waiver – Mr. Britton was not present. Item discussed.

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MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to waive the Policy and allow for alcohol.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 5: Executive Session - Action Item – 2018-12-06-08:

- a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update
- b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Update
 - i) TBA position
 - ii) Travis Sorum, IHS
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
- e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various
 - i) Policies & Procedures
 - ii) Recommendation – Permanent status - THPO
 - iii) Recommendation – Permanent status – EPA Director
 - iv) Recommendation to hire – Programs Manager
 - v) Recommendation – Permanent Hidden Oaks Maintenance
 - vi) Roads – wage increase
- f. TRED – RE: Various
 - i) Reinstatement to waiting list
 - ii) Julia Azbill – RE: Land
 - iii) Sheena Freeman – RE: Property
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) TANF agreement
 - ii) Mr. Hutt – RE: Gravel update

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 12:22 p.m.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 6. Regular Session - Action Item – 2018-12-06-09:

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 4:04 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

f. TRED – iii – Sheena Freeman:

Ms. Freeman was present also with her was Michael and Brenda Freeman.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to research.

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c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator:

ii) Travis Sorum, Indian Health Services – RE: Update

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to accept as informational.

a. Mr. Randy Wolfin, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-010**: Mr. Wolfin was present:

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the 2019 Casino Budget.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

MOTION NO. 13:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the 2018 GM Salary reimbursement to be transferred to the Tribe and to approve the 2019 GM salary budget to be transferred to the Tribe at \$ 190,000.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-011**: Not present.

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-012**:

i) TBA position – **Action Item – 2018-11-20-010-iv**:

ii) Travis Sorum, Indian Health – taken earlier in the meeting.

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-013**: Not present.

e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-014 –**

i) Policies & Procedures - **Action Item – 2018-10-25-016-iv**:

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to set a work session.

ii) Recommendation – Permanent status – THPO - **Action Item – 2018-11-16-014-iv**:

iii) Recommendation – Permanent status – EPA Director - **Action Item – 2018-11-16-014-v**

v) Recommendation – Permanent Hidden Oaks Maintenance

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to table item 5-e, ii, iii and v.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

iv) Recommendation to hire – Programs Manager

MOTION NO. 15:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item until next week.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

vi) Roads wage increase

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve based upon the recommended amount.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Bettega Motion carried.

Note: 3:37 p.m. – Mr. Bettega left.

f. TRED – RE: Various – Land - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-015:**

i) Reinstatement to waiting list

ii) Julia Azbill – RE: Land

CONSENSUS: To table, as Ms. Oandasan was not present.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-016:**

i) TANF agreement

MOTION NO. 17:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the Riffe Road agreement – 1) Purchase Agreement; 2) Fee to Trust and 3: Promissory Note – shared water well agreement.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

ii) Mr. Hutt – RE: Gravel Update - given

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

a. Saturday, December 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

Work Sessions - Tania Mota, ICWA

-Kathy Britton, RVSD – RE: Truancy Ordinance, SARB

- Roads Dept.

- Land Buy Back

- Tribal Police & Fiscal

- RIHA

- Water Association

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- Administration – Funeral Policy, Temp Pool Policy, Donation Policy
- Child Care

Note: No work sessions scheduled.

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-12-06-017:**

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

2-7-2019

Approved by Round Valley Tribal
Council