

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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## MINUTES

December 8, 2018

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

Also present: Kimberly Stillwell, Cindy Hoaglen, Annabelle Whipple, Donna Hanover, Judy Pena, Joleen Whipple, Kathleen Willits, Julia Azbill, Marline Fulwider & grandson, Darlene Crabtree, Mark Britton, Tami Whipple & Melody Johns

Opening Prayer by Joleen Whipple

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda with changes – table Items No, 9, 14, 15, 16.  
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: Minutes – Nov. 16, Nov. 17 & Nov. 20, 2018 - **Action Item – 2018-12-0-02 :**

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. William Whipple made a motion to approve the minutes as listed.  
Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 4: Mr. Gorman, Round Valley Unified School District – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-03:** Not present.

Item No. 5: Tribal Council – RE: Report – update current projects and issues – President Russ updating:

-Corporate (Charter) Structure – Council is moving ahead and there are plans to start an aggregate plant, the Council is looking at all the pros and cons.

Section 17 – is a template and can't be changed – Council is reviewing to see if it will work for the Tribe. There are other options and different federal and tribal corporate structures.

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Discussion followed about the grant that was done by Mr. Bob McNicklos did for Hidden Oaks (changed constitution – RVIT back to Covelo Indian Community) – what does the federal government recognize; sovereign immunity; that more community meetings will be held in regard to this matter; of how the Corp. Board would be appointed (Tribal Council or elected by the members); etc.

-Gravel – Mr. Hutt did the update – Mr. Porter fell out of contact with the Tribe so the Council has asked Elk Valley Rancheria for assistance in this matter . It would take 60-90 day to get this going, would need to do a reclamation plan; business plan, tax plan, etc., all needs to be in place. The Council is reaching out to other tribes that have a gravel business.

Discussion followed, there was 28 areas that had to be addressed one of which was the gravel test had to be updated; of finding a market for the gravel; of naming the Charter – how to do, put out the community; etc.

-Census 2020 – the Tribe need to be a part of this, as the census count is never accurate., it is important to be counted and the Tribe need to be proactive in this.

-Old Car removal project – Mr. Allie Crabtree came to a Council meeting and asked about getting rid of all the old cars. The Council is seeking a site to park all the old cars and Mr. Crabtree is to bring back a proposal

-Cordova cann – by now probably a lot of people are aware of a company buying up land here to do marijuana grows. Two ladies came to a Council meeting to express their opposition to this, the Tribal Council informed them that the Council has similar issues in common, but as a Tribe we have our own issues. A meeting is supposed to be scheduled

Discussion followed about big companies coming in and growing and putting the small growers out of business; of the need to remember that according to the Feds, marijuana growing is 100% illegal on tribal (fed) lands; of there being different things going on – the 600 feet buffer zone where growers need to get tribal authorization – the tribal letter is only good to the end of the year and amendments are coming down to change the law (the Tribe needs to be involved in this); of the indoor grows – will be more restrictions; of Covelo being unincorporated that is why people are coming in and doing whatever they want – still has to pass by the Board of Supervisors (the two ladies that met with the Council will be meeting with the Board this coming Tuesday and it was agreed that it will take the whole community to stop this); of the future impact this will have on the future generations – environmental impact; etc.

Item No. 6: Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Report – Financial - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-04**: Ms. Crabtree was present and reported that she was working on the federal financial reports and having to go back to 2015 to get accurate numbers. It is a long process, she is almost caught up. With the Federal shutdown (December 7, but a two week extension has been granted) she wants to get funds drawn down. Indirect Cost proposals – need to get RFP's out. She is working on a calendar that will put down all reporting deadline dates. Accu-fund – Uch will be moving them over into this system and Accu-fund will do the training on line. The audit, the bank reconciliations are all completed, this was a task as the bank statements didn't match the ledger.

Discussion followed about the fiscal records got to keep until the grants are closed out; the record retention policies didn't meet federal standards so they are working on these; of the need for a storage for the records; of there being no drawn downs on the grants and that the general funds were being used to pay for everything; etc.

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**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-05**: Mrs. Fitzgerald was present and reported (see Attachment No. I, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Cindy Hoaglen, TANF – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-06**: Ms. Hoaglen was present and reported (see Attachment No. II, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 9: Yolanda Hoaglen, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-07**: Tabled under agenda approval – out ill.

Julia Azbill, C-Store – acknowledged to report (report received), (see Attachment No. III, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 10: Mark Britton, Senior Center - RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-08**: Mr. Britton was present and reported (see Attachment No. IV, for the report)

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the report.

MR. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 11: Monica Sayad, Head Start – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-09**:

Item No. 12: Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-010**:

Mrs. Joleen Whipple was present and reported on the Head Start and Child Care Programs.

**MOTION NO. 8:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 13: Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/Domestic Violence/DOJ – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-011**: Ms. Goodrow was present and gave a verbal report – have 45 court cases, 10 not seen by tribal court; they will do home visits as it was found that none has been done; attend a round table meeting; working on the guardianship code need community input; the Texas case (was said that the law said unconstitutional); etc.

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 14: Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-012**: Tabled under agenda approval.

Item No. 15: Amber Leedy, Foster Grandparent Program - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-013**: Tabled under agenda approval

Item No. 16: Lewis Whipple, RV Indian Housing Authority – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-014**: Tabled under agenda approval

Item No. 17: James Russ, RV Indian Health Center – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-015**: Mr. Russ asked that his report be tabled as he has a family matter that he needs to take care of.

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 18: Reports (written) received from Program Managers not on the agenda - **Action Item – 2018-12-08-016**:

- Toni Bettega, Natural Resources Dept.

- Julia Azbill, Hidden Oaks Convenience

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the reports received.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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Item No. 19: Non-Agenda Items:

a. Marline Fulwider – RE: Election Board  
Ms. Fulwider was acknowledged and questioned why an individual did not step down from the election that was held due to being a family member. In the past other election board members stepped down when a close family member was running for Council.  
Short discussion.

Item No. 20: Set date, time and agenda for next meeting

a. December 13, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 21: Closing Prayer by Robert Azbill

Item No. 22. Adjournment - ~~Action Item – 2018-12-08-017:~~

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Hutt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:28 p.m.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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

Submitted by:

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Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal  
Council

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Approved by Round Valley Tribal  
Council