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MINUTES
January 17, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on January 17, 2019 at 1:13 p.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 (arrived 1:18 p.m.), Mr. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple and Mr. Robert Whipple (arrived 1:27 p.m.)

Also present: Mike Gorman, Danielle Hurt,, Kandi dela ena, Trina Fitzgerral, Chris Bettega, Carlos Bettega Sr., Rachael Rabano, Deb Hutt & Mona Oandasan

Opening prayer by Trina Fitzgerral

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-01** – Approve the agenda:

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega *made* a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Chris Bettega – RE: Land request - **Action Item 2019-01-10-04:** Mr. Bettega was present and stated that he was here regarding his request for land below Ms. Heenan. Short discussion followed.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that they would set a work session to go over land availability for homesites, etc.

Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Mitchell & Associates Contract - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-02:**

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Hutt *made* a motion to approve the contract.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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b. Danielle Hurt/Mike Gorman – RE: Impact Aid application approval & review student listing - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-03**: Ms. Hutt and Mr. Gorman were acknowledged information reviewed and discussed (numbers are pretty much the same; there has been an increase in enrollment – report printed out for Council; special education); of the new gym – they do have funds to completed; of the Hidden Oaks baseball field and if it would be ready for use for practice by February; etc.

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the Impact Aid application.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Hutt

Motion carried.

c. Deb Hutt – RE: EDA Tribal Corporation – approve to meet with her or assign someone the authority to make the needed decisions - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-04**: Ms. Hutt was present and stated that at the last meeting a work session was going to be scheduled. There are some things that she cannot do – appoint a board or come up with the business name. Discussion followed about advertising for a board; of maybe reinstating the prior EDA Board; etc. President Russ informed Ms. Hutt that he would like for her to do a brief presentation at the regular Saturday meeting this weekend, as there are usually more members at the regular meetings.

d. Deb Hutt – RE: CRAB Board Members to reseal Rolinda Want & Mona Oandasan **Action Item – 2019-01-17-05**: Ms. Hutt stated that the Ordinance calls for 14 members but that they will stay with a 7 member board. The current board they have covers all Tribes. Also, that after the new Council is sworn in they will lose Doug Hutt, as a suggestion they are looking at filling this vacancy with a youth seat.

Short discussion followed, the Council would like to meet Ms. Rabano to get some input from her on the board.

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve to re-appoint Rolinda Want and Mona Oandasan to the CRAB Board.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion

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

Nays: Rabano Jr.

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

e. Deb Hutt - - RE: Letter of support for the Mendocino National Forest - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-06**: A draft letter was made available for the Council’s review.

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve to do the letter of support.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: Rabano Jr.

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

f. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-07**: No business items.

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g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-08:0**

i) Hidden Oaks modular's - **Action Item – 2018-12-27-08-i:**

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Hutt do a plan (infrastructure and a map) and bring it back to the next meeting.

ii) Child Care – new child care center - **Action Item – 2018-12-27-08-ii:**

CONSENSUS: A work session is to be scheduled at the end of the meeting.

iii) Saturday regular meeting – short discussion – Judge Wiseman will be here at 10:00 a.m. to swear in the new Council.

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept as informational.

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. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-09:**

- a. Mary Long, Enrollment – RE: Relinquishment of a minor
- b. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
- c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
- e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various
 - i) Personnel – recommendation to hire NRD Admin. Assistant
 - ii) Permanent status for Accountant II
- f. Kathy Azbill – RE: Request for mothers homesite
- g. Shaylene Marrufo – RE: Mothers' land
- h. TRED – RE: Various – Land
- i. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) TANF building - funds
 - ii) Consultant contract
 - iii) Cannabis questionnaire

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 2:32 p.m.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-010:**

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 4:50 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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Decisions from executive session:

- a. Mary Long, Enrollment – RE: Relinquishment of a minor - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-011:**
MOTION NO. 9:
Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the relinquishment by resolution as requested.
Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.
Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.
- b. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-012:** No business items.
- c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-013:** Sergeant Cordova was present and gave an updated report.
MOTION NO. 10:
Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to accept as informational.
Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.
Question: Ayes: Russ, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple Nays: 0
Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room) Motion carried.
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-014:** No business items.
- g. Shaylene Marrufo – RE: Mothers’ land - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-017:** Not present.
- f. Kathy Azbill – RE: Request for mother’s homesite - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-016 –**
MOTION NO. 11:
Mr. Bettega made a motion to contact all of Irene Azbill’s siblings and invite them to come to the next Council meeting and for TRED to bring in all the information.
Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.
Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., L. Whipple & R. Whipple Nays: 0
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.
- e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-015:**
- i) Personnel – recommendation to hire NRD Admin. Assistant
MOTION NO. 12:
Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to accept the recommendation and hire Amber Leedy at \$15.00/hr.
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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ii) Permanent status for Accountant II

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.

h. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-018:** No business items.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-019:**

i) TANF building - funds

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Lewis whipple made a motion to accept the recommendation to take - \$150,000 from the Casino; \$100,000 from the C-Store and \$200,000 from Non-Gaming with the addition to the RVIT.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) Cannabis questionnaire

MOTION NO. 15:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Consultant contract

Mr. Hutt excused himself from this portion of the meeting

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve a short term contract, 6 months with an evaluation to work on three (3) areas: Gravel, cannabis and Eel River/FERC meetings.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

g. Shaylene Marrufo – RE: Mother’s land – **Action Item – 2019-01-17-017:**

MOTION NO. 17:

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.

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

a. January 24, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

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Work Sessions – scheduled:

January 26, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. – Land – assignments/homesites
“ “ - Community Center

January 19, 2019 – regular meeting – EDA Tribal Corporation
To set work session for evening hrs.

February 2, 2019 – Child Care (new building – infrastructure) time to be set.

February 9, 2019 – regular meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-020:**

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Bettiga made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56 p.m.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettiga, 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



Date approved by the Round Valley
Tribal Council