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MINUTES
February 7, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on February 7, 2019 at 1:11 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, Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Robert Whipple, Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Mr. Joe Ely, Miles McCammon, Trina Fitzgerral, Toni Bettega, Amber Leedy, Steve Britton.

Opening prayer by Rosalie Cordova

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-02:**

- a. Mr. Joe Ely – RE: Ground Water study
- b. Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept.
- c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
 - i) C-Store POS systems - old
- d. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
- f. Bernadine Whipple, HR. – RE: Various
 - i) TANF employee
- g. TRED – RE: Various – Land
 - i) Request to amend Resolution # RV-2014-06
- h. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
 - i) Letter support – ICWA Children
- i. Michelle Downey – RE: Remove illegal squatters from family home
- j. Audrey Card – RE: Land
- k. Cory Warden Sr. – RE: Homesite – hookup to water – fee waiver

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- I. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) RVU School District
 - ii) Contract – Richard Carl
 - iii) Contract – David Denner

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 1:19 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-03:**

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:28 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

a. Mr. Joe Ely & Miles McCammon – RE: Ground Water Study - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-04:** Mr. Ely was present, presentation given with historic information for the new Council Members..

b. Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept. – **Action Item – 2019-02-07-05:** Not present

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-06:**

- i) C-Store – POS systems - old

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to wipe clean and dispose of.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, L. Whipple, R. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0

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

d. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-07:** Sergeant Cordova was present.

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve re-cert., training for Sergeant Cordova at Napa.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, L. Whipple, R. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0

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

e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-08:** No business items.

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b. Mendocino County Sheriff's Dept. – **Action Item – 2019-02-07-05:**

MOTION NO. 6:

Ms. Willits made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Bettega & L. Whipple (both out of the room) Motion carried.

g. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-010:**

i) Request to amend Resolution # RV 2014-06

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, L. Whipple, R. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0

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

h. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-011:**

i) Letter of support – ICWA children

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to have Frank Tuttle do the letter.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, L. Whipple, R. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0

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

f. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-09:**

i) TANF employee – **Action Item – 2019-01-31-03-iv:**

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve for \$ 1.00/hr., merit for Jasmine Whipple and Natasha Azbill, effective immediately and approve retro., dependent upon calculations back to 2017.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

j. Audrey Card – RE: Land - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-013:** Ms. Card, Marlyssa Card and Ms. Goodrow was present.

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to grant Audrey Card an assignment by resolution, pending a survey and to have SHN come in and do a survey on the five acres east of Frieda Heenan's.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, L. Whipple, R. Whipple, Cordova & Willits Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ & Rabano Jr., (both out of the room) Motion carried.

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k. Cory Warden Sr., - RE: Homesite – hookup to water – fee waiver - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-014:** Mr. Warden Sr., was present.

MOTION NO. 11:

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

l. Michelle Downey – RE: Remove illegal squatters from family home - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-012:** Not present.

MOTION NO. 12:

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

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

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

l. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-015:**

i) RVU School District

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

ii) Contract – Richard Carl

MOTION NO. 13:

Ms. Willits made a motion to meet with Mr. Carl.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

iii) Contract – David Denner

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for Mr. Lewis Whipple to call Mr. Denner.

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business:

a. TRED – RE: Land Sale - **Action Item – 2018-01-31-07:** Mr. Tyler was here, but left.

MOTION NO. 14:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Geospatial roads information - **Action Item – 2018-01-31-03:**

Ms. Bettega requested that this item be tabled.

MOTION NO. 15:

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

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Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

c. Patricia Rabano, THPO – RE: Proposed MOU for RVIT/NAGPRA/CRAB - **Action Item – 2019-01-31-010**: Ms. Rabano was not present (informed the Council at the last meeting that she would not be present for this meeting)

MOTION NO. 16:

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

d. Kandi de la Pena – RE: Clean up & about trailer from tribe - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-03**:

Ms. de la Pena was not present.

MOTION NO. 17:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

e. Minutes – Nov. 29, Dec. 6, Dec. 8, Dec. 13, Dec. 27, 2018 - **Action Item – 2019-01-19-02**:

MOTION NO. 18:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Cordova & Willits Motion carried.

Item No. 6: New Business:

a. Lucinda Hoaglen – RE: Use of Senior Center – request waiver of policy - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-016**: Ms. Hoaglen was not present. Item discussed.

MOTION NO. 19:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion not to waive the policy.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. TRED – RE: Residential Land Request – 3 members - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-017**:

Land available for homesite:

MOTION NO. 20:

Mr. Bettega made a motion for TRED to bring to the Council a list of all vacant land that are suitable for homesites (tribal and Land Buy Back) and to send to SHN for surveys.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Moratorium:

MOTION NO. 21:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to lift moratorium on giving out homesites.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Land request (3)

MOTION NO. 22:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to add the three names to the waiting list.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that they want to see the list of people on the homesite list.

c. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Contract – Steve Britton - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-018:**

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to stay with the original decisions – 55/45.

d. Vincent Cordova – RE: PO - \$ 9,177.00 Motorola Solutions – Nova Software annual sub.

Action Item – 2019-02-07-019:

MOTION NO. 23:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the purchase order

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

e. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-020:**

i) Hidden Oaks Park – RE: Approve fee waiver RVUSD softball games/practice

MOTION NO. 24:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request, contingent upon them (RVUSD) waiving the fees for the Tribe when requested to use their facilities.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple left the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-021:**

i) TANF building – Riffe Road property purchase - terms

MOTION NO. 25:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Schedule meeting for cannabis

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to set February 13, to meet with parents regarding concerns – School District from 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and to move the cannabis meeting to February 20th.

iii) MOU with Mendocino National Forest (FYI)

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

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

a. Saturday, February 9, 2019 @ Regular Meeting

b. Thursday, February 14, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m.

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-02-07-022:**

MOTION NO. 26:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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