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MINUTES
May 23, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on May 23, 2019 at 1:06 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. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Edna McLane, Elistee Reeves, Marline Fulwider, Lorn Elk Robe, Kimberly Stillwell, Eric Hoaglin, Eugene Lincoln Jr., Linda Luna

Opening prayer by Edna McLane

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Mr. Elk Robe, et.al – RE: Introduction of attorneys – presentation - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-02:** Mr. Elk Robe, Dennis Chappabitty & Linda Chappabitty were present.

Mr. Chappabitty was acknowledged and gave brief on his back ground; his law practice of which he became an attorney 1982 and his goal is to protect the sovereignty of Tribes; etc. He is here to promote a project for Medicinal healing through the use of cannabis. His fees would be, a \$5,000 retainer and his fees would be \$250.00/hr. Phase I he would work to develop a code (Tribal Medicinal Marijuana Code) that would allow tribal control to manage the project and he would review the current Ordinance that is in place. Mr. Chappabitty also informed the Council that he took the lead in a project at Benton and did a Section 17 in Oklahoma which was not related to marijuana; etc.

Mrs. Linda Chappabitty was acknowledged and stated that anytime that people talk about programs, she researches this all out and she found a woman in Denver who extracted the oil and they used it in cancer people. This lady is working with Stanford and Stanford received funds to grow plant that this lady used, etc. Mrs. Chappabitty also talked about the Tribe in Washington. If the Tribe was interested in pursuing this avenue she could help out line the program and how Round Valley would fit into this and lay the foundation to legally set up the structure (develop regulations; separate entity; help move the industry forward); etc.

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g. RVTT – RE: Out of state travel for RVTT staff – NCAI TANF reauthorization task force - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-09:**

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the request for out of state travel for four TANF staff and for Council (whoever is available).

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

h. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-010:**

i) LLC Ordinance, LLC forms and resolution to enact – approval - **Action Item – 2019-05-16-08-i:**

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the LLC Ordinance, the forms and a resolution to enact the Ordinance.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) IHS MOA CA-11-M63 Piner Well & MOA CA 18-D15 Reimbursement

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Rabano JR., made a motion to approve.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) Approve updated leave request form

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the update leave request form.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iv) CA Dept. Fish & Wildlife request access to RVIT (lands) for deer research

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request for access to do deer research and to include the CLEO officer.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-011:**

i) Cannabis letters

MOTION NO. 10:

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve to raise the price to \$ 2,500 base line and to edit the letter of authorization.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Cannabis letters

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to reflect their permit year.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

ii) Business meeting – Pechanga

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

iii) Cannabis meeting – Morango

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to delete this item from the agenda.

iv) Compassionate Use Ordinance – enforcement - discussed – Council needs to meet with Judge Wiseman.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to delete this item from the agenda.

v) Eel River – PG&E filed bankruptcy and they are trying to walk away, our water shed is destroyed. Tribes' attorney is monitoring; of the Ad Hoc Committee – another party wanting to be a part of; of the Coop. Agreement that is coming forth and to be a part of you got to pay \$ 100,000 and what did the agreement say; of the good allies – Trout Unlimited, Cal Trout, etc.;

MOITON NO. 13:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 6: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-012:**

a. Shareen Rosales RE: Request to meet with Council & ICWA Director

b. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various

i) Foster Grandparent Program

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- ii) Personnel – Chief Police
- iii) Personnel – Tribal Business Administrator
- iv) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – Lead Court Advocate
- v) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – Safe Exchange Advocate
- vi) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – EPA 106 Water
- c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
 - i) Financial Expense & Revenue reports
 - ii) Status of Audit 2017
 - iii) Global Leaders
- e. TRED – RE: Various – Land
- f. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) Tribal Water Attorney’s meeting
 - ii) Meeting with Sonoma County Water

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 4:02 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Rabano Jr., & Cordova

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Willits (out of the room)

Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Regular Session - Action Item – 2019-05-23-013:

MOTION NO. 15:

Ms. Willits made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:36 p.m.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

- a. Shareen Rosales – RE: Request to meet with Council & ICWA Director - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-014:** Not present.

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mrs. Rosales is to be contact and be informed that she needs to put in writing what she is requesting.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

- b. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-015:**

- i) Foster Grandparent Program – not decision, Mrs. Fitzgerral is to check with Ms. Crabtree for clarification.

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ii) Personnel – Chief Police

iii) Personnel – Tribal Business Administrator

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to set up interviews with Patricia Henry and Michael Henry for June 3rd or 4th.

President Russ left the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

iv) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – Lead Court Advocate

MOTION NO. 17:

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

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

v) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – Safe Exchange Advocate

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the to hire, pending proof of drivers license.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Question: Aycs: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

vi) Personnel – Recommendation to hire – EPA 106 Water

MOTION NO. 19:

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

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-016:** Not present.

e. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-018:** No business items.

f. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-019:** No business items.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-020:**

i) Tribal Water Attorney’s meeting – prior discussion.

ii) Meeting with Sonoma County Water

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for Ms. Willits to set up a meeting for June 13th at 1:00 p.m. – Executive Session.

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d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-05-23-017**: Ms. Crabtree was present.

- i) Financial Expense & Revenue reports
- ii) Status of Audit 2017

MOTION NO 20:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to accept as informational.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

- iii) Global Leaders

MOTION NO. 21:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to pay for the Global Leaders travel from Child Care.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

- a. May 30, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 9: Closing prayer by Mrs. Fitzgerral

Item No. 10: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-05 -23-021:**

MOTION NO. 22:

Ms. Willits made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Bettega, 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