

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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## MINUTES July 11, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on July 11, 2019 at 1:40 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 1:40 p.m.), Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Robert Whipple (left 3:48 p.m.), Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Edna McLane, Ada Stevenson, Patricia Henry, Michael Henry, Mr. Panther, Arnola Panther, Jessica Goodrow, Elistec Rccvcs, Eric Hoaglin, Michelle Downey, Lenox Reyes, Nicole Hawkins

Opening prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

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

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Tina Want – New Cooling system – quote - **Action Item – 2019-06-13-02:**

4. New Business

a. Tina Want – Storage for ice @ C-Store - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-02:**

b. Tina Want – RE: Porta Potty for emergency use - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-03:**

All three items discussed

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve all three (3) items.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 4: New Business:

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c. Ada Stevenson – RE: Residential lease consent – 540-545 - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-04:**

Ada Stevenson and Merrill Stevenson were present

Mr. Stevenson acknowledged and thanked the Council for meeting with them, he is not enrolled here but has land here. Map handed out and discussed – become heir from Nancy Jackson, and in 1964 it come to the family. Buckley Hoaglin received interest also through Nancy Jackson and has non-Indians living there. 1970 they received a letter from the BIA informing them that they had interest in land here. In the mail they received from the BIA a residential lease consent, if he gets \$250,000 he will give his consent.

Ms. Stevenson was acknowledged stated that they got this letter from the BIA asking that they sign the residential lease consent for Eugene Goodwin, she doesn't even know who this is. The land has been logged – clear cut, illegal water taking and a huge marijuana grow on it. This is their land and it goes back to federal trespass, they want a cease and desist order and for the Council to notify Tribal Police and that she would like to have Tribal Police take them out and show they where the land is as she hears it is pretty dangerous. She wants to prohibit these illegal dealings and stop the trespass of undocumented people, today is just for informational as this is a huge problem it is impacting the land, air and water. She is going to pursue this matter and is going to the BIA as they have interest in five allotments and she wanted to let the Council know about this matter.

Discussion followed and about the need to meet with TRFD to review the maps (Mr. Robert Whipple stepped out of the meeting to assist Ms. Stevenson in getting maps of the area she had interest in); etc.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)            Motion carried.

d. Michelle Downey – RE: EPA Grants/report - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-05:** Ms. Downey was present and requested to know if she could give her report today as she was going to be attending a training over the weekend. Report given.

**MOTION NO. 4:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)            Motion carried.

e. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-06:** No business items.

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-07:**

i) Workshop RE: Dam Removal 7/31 – 8/1 – Blue Lake. Discussion – Council interested in attending.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

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Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, L. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)      Motion carried.

ii) August Regular meeting move to August 17, 2019

#### **MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to reschedule the regular August meeting to the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, L. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)      Motion carried.

iii) Land Issues

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that Mrs. Henry check with Ms. Oandasan on her schedule and set a date.

iv) Elders Day (52<sup>nd</sup> Senior Native American Day) at Coyote Valley on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. request for donation.

#### **MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to donate \$1,000 (gift cards).

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, L. Whipple, Rabano Jr., Cordova & Willits      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)

#### Item No. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-08:**

- a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update
- b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
  - i) Lonnie Freeman
- c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Monica Sayad, Head Start – RE: Various
  - i) Planning for grant changes
  - ii) \$2.00/hr. raise to equal minimum wage increase of 2019
  - iii) Language Cultural grant
- e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
  - i) Financial Expense & Revenue reports all depts.
- f. TRED – RE: Various – Land
  - i) Arnola Panther – RE: Requesting land behind Carlos Figueroa
  - ii) Solomon Moreno
  - iii) Patricia Merrifield
  - iv) Nicole Hawkins
- g. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- h. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Cheryl Bettega – RE: Roads Crew
  - ii) Investigation

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**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to go into executive session at 2:15 p.m.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room) Motion carried.

Item No. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-09:**

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:09 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple returned to the meeting during Mr. Wolfen's report.

a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-010:**

Sign: CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to go with river rock – earth tones.

Report:

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

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. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-011:**

i) Lonnie Freeman

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for Mrs. Henry to meet with Mrs. Freeman regarding the process that she needs to go through and if not satisfied she can write a letter to Mr. Russ.

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-012:**

Mr. Henry, Chief of Police was present and gave verbal report.

**MOTION NO. 11:**

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

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

d. Monica Sayad, Head Start – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-013:** Mrs. Sayad was present.

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ii) \$2.00/hr. raise to equal minimum wage increase of 2019

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the wage increase.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

i) Planning for grant changes

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the planning for grant changes.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Russ, R. Whipple & L. Whipple (all three out of the room) Motion carried.

iii) Language Cultural grant (Coordinator/interim – work on curriculum)

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple left during this item.

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to apply for the grant.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-014:** Ms. Crabtree and Mr. Pat OBrien were present. Mr. OBrien giving the update.

i) Financial Expense & Revenue reports all depts..

**MOTION NO. 15:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Short discussion – a report for the August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting is to be done

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

f. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-015:**

i) Arnola Panther – RE: Requesting land behind Carlos Figueroa - **Action Item – 2019-06-27-014:** Mrs. Panther was present.

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table for more research.

Mr. Betteg seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

- ii) Solomon Moreno
- iii) Patricia Merrifield
- iv) Nichole Hawkins

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No action, although items briefly discussed, (ii, iii, and iv).

g. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-016:** No business items.

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-017:**

i) Cheryl Bettega – RE: Roads Crew - **Action Item – 2019-07-02-014-iv:** Mrs. Cheryl Bettega was present.

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mrs. Bettega will meet with Mrs. Henry on July 12.

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

Abstentions: 0    Motion carried.

ii) Investigation - update given by President Russ.

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

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

a. Saturday, July 13, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

b. Thursday, July 18, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. – Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Ms. Cordova

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-018:**

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:12 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