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MINUTES
August 11, 2018

The regular meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 11, 2018 at 9:11 a.m. in the Buffalo Room located 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., (left at 1:19 p.m.), Mr. Lewis Whipple & Mr. William Whipple

Also present: Kimberly Stillwell, Annabelle Whipple, Trina Fitzgerral, Robert Azbill, Maline Fulwider, Paula Lockhart, Cole Rabano

Opening Prayer by Alberta Azbill.

Also, President Russ called for a moment of silence of those tribal members who have passed away.

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-08-11-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Minutes – June 23, July 3, July 12, July 19th (no Mtg.), July 26, 2018 - **Action Item – 2018-08-11-02:**

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the minutes that were listed.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: W. Whipple & Hutt Motion carried.

President Russ informed the audience present that the Tribal Council have excused Program Managers from reporting in person for August and September, due to the fact that the last regular meeting things got out of control. Since then the Council have been discussing meeting order, which is addressed in the Code of Ethics somewhat. Also discussed was Roberts Rules of Order It is essential that order is maintained at meetings and Judge Wiseman recommended that the Council have this.

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Lengthy discussion followed with individuals expressing their thoughts in regard to this matter and to the events that led up to what happened at the last regular meeting; of employees reporting that they felt threaten; and of the need to make the meetings a safe environment; of the right of the members to be able to ask questions; weekday meetings being held whereby people worked were unable to attend (should have in the evenings or Saturdays); etc.

Item No. 4: Program Reports – Action Item – 2018-08-11-03:

- Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Report - received
- Mark Britton, Senior Center - RF: Report (report received) - received
- Yolanda Hoaglen, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Program – RE: Report - received
- Cindy Hoaglen, TANF – RE: Report - received
- Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Report - received
- Monica Sayad, Head Start - RE: Report – Not in session
- Jessica Goodrow, DV/DOJ & ICWA – RE: Report - received
- Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police – RE: Report
- Lewis Whipple, Round Valley Indian Housing Authority – RE: Report - received
- James Russ, Round Valley Indian Health Center – RE: Report
- *Justin Britton, Water Association – RE: Report – received
- *Mona Oandasan, Tribal Real Estate – RE: Report – received
- *Toni Bettega, Natural Resources Dept. – RE: Report – received
- *Amber Leedy, Foster Grandparent Program – RE: Report - received
- *Cheryl Bettega, Roads Dept. – RE: Report
- *Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Report -
- *Kaitlyn Leedy, Golden Oaks Motel – RE: Report -
- *Julia Azbill, Convenience Store – RE: Report –

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

Meeting Order – discussed at length, first part of the meeting

Election Board

Mr. Lewis Whipple reported that the Council have been advertising for election board members. Jeremy Gravier has expressed an interest and Ms. Danielle Hurt stated that she would assist. Also, Paula Lockhart has expressed an interest. Marline Fulwider being present stated that if all else failed she would be willing help, as she isn't working at the present time

Constitutional Revisions

President Russ stated that he want to revisit this and asked Mr. Lewis Whipple if we are still requesting a secretarial election.

Mr. Lewis Whipple answered yes, but at the present time the President of the committee said he resigned, and they are awaiting a written resignation. They are taking on members all of the time as it is hard to keep them.

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Discussion followed about things that needed to be changed – wordings (good standing; registered voters; qualified voters); also to put in a clause to address embezzlement- convicted or not; etc.

Ms. Fulwider informed that Council that she has a punch list of things that came up – questions, what is and is not working

Hastings Law School: Per a letter from Attorney Curtis Berkey the Chancellor of this law school would like to meet with the Tribal Council in regard to treatment that was done to the Indian people in Eden Valley via of Serranus Clinton Hasting who was the first Chief Justice in California. A meeting is to be scheduled in the near future to discuss the issues of concern and of what they are proposing.

Tribal Police – Mr. Carlos Rabano Jr., read the report for the month of July.

Discussion followed – number of current officers; the new TAPS system; patrolling of the officers; vehicles up and running (need to have own maintenance dept. – as there is enough programs that need maintenance on vehicles RVIHC; RVIHA; NRD; Tribal Police, etc); Chief position still being advertised; elder abuse happening; CPS – how are these situations handled; etc.

Marijuana Ordinance: Lengthy discussion followed about the pros and cons on marijuana - when the Compassionate Use Ordinance was approved this opened this up and if you look around its for profit. Everyone wanting a piece of land to grow on; of the influx of people coming here to grow/etc.; of the law that was passed whereby individuals would need to come to the Tribe for a permit if they were going to grow within 600 ft., of tribal land, the Tribe had no consultation in this matter and just found out recently when individuals started coming to the Tribe for a permit); of possibly making the reservation a zero tolerance reservation; of the environmental factors (contamination of what is being used to grow, water); etc.

FERC/Eel River: This process is on-going; PG&E is not going to relicense and at this point anyone can buy the facility; at this point the Tribe is the main stake holder, other agencies have joined in; the main point being is that the Tribe wants our river to be returned to its pristine state; decommissioning of the dam – is another process which could take ten year – who would pay for this; from all of this the Tribe is getting a lot of information (studies) that was not shared at one time; etc.

The map was reviewed (Lake, Sonoma, Dry Creek, Russian River & Eel River) and discussed.

Carbon Credits: President Russ reported that a Jeff Romm, Professor, UC Berkeley who lives up where Bud Dunlap lived, called him a couple months ago. He is on the Usal Board and asked him if he knew of anyone in Round Valley that he could talk to about the carbon credits. He said he looked at the law and there are a lot of loop holes in it. One of the things the Tribe was told that once the land was set aside for carbon credits nothing could be done with the land. President Russ stated that in talking to Brian Schillingworth he said we could use the land as it comes under a management plan. The point he is making is that things can be done on the land and that a meeting is being scheduled to discuss this matter and that the Council should approve for a member to attend the meeting.

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Discussion followed about purchasing more land and having Mr. Shillingworth go in and quantify the carbon credits; the ozone and pollution; major factories; the environment – jets plane pollution; of the need to consider the carbon credits for our future generations; etc.

BioMass: In the first phase a feasibility study was done and the Tribe got a lot of information that was usable information. From these studies it was found that it was not feasible to do a large scale biomass plant.

Search & Rescue: President Russ stated that there was a group that was working with Trina Fitzgerral and that had said they would be at the meeting today. Also they stated that they would be coming on August 18/19th to assist with the search on Khadijah Britton.

Item No. 6: Non-Agenda Items – Non Action Items – 3 Minute Time Limit:

a. Marline Fulwider – RE: School Board – deadline ended.

Discussion followed about having tribal representation on the board; etc.

b. Marline Fulwider – RE: Carnival – is there going to be one and the cost.

President Russ answered yes, at the cost of \$30,000

Ms. Fulwider again expressed her concern as there is only one case worker for ICWA. She feels that better use could be done with the funds rather than spending it on a carnival.

c. Marline Fulwider – RE: POEKAN – would like to get one out before the election.

d. Marline Fulwider – RE: Financial report, when can the members get one.

It was answered that at the present time the fiscal department staff is preparing for an audit. Short discussion followed.

e. Marline Fulwider - RE: Insurance claim – President Russ updating.

f. Marline Fulwider – RE: FEMA Contracts – will any more contracts be forthcoming.

It was answered no, that they will go to geographic areas that were affected by the fire.

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

a. Thursday, August 16, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing Prayer by Robert Azbill

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-08-11-04:**

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, L. Whipple & W. Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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

Submitted by:


Executive Secretary, Round Valley
Tribal Council