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ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856

MINUTES
August 1, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 1, 2019 at 1:55 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. Rabano Jr. & Ms. Cordova

Opening prayer by President Russ

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Minutes – May 9, May 16, May 18, May 23, May 30, June 5, June 13, June 15, June 20, June 27, July 2, 2019 - **Action Item – 2019-07-27-02:** Discussion.

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table the minutes of May 16th and May 30, 2019

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 9, May 18, May 23, June 5, June 13, June 15, June 20, June 27, and July 2, 2019.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 4: New Business:

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a. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-02:**

i) U.S. Cellular

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Mr. Rabano Jr., - RE: TRED – waiting list:

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to deny TRED’s request to remove people off the waiting list.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) Two request for donations:

Tracy Comalli-Bettega – RE: Donation AAU :

Discussion about possible programs that could assist with this request (TANF, Building Horizons; RVI Health Center) as it supports the youth.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to refer Ms. Comalli-Bettega to Programs.

-Rosalie Cordova – RE: Donation for a young tribal member to attend the Redwood Empire Fair. Discussion.

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve \$250.00 to come from cultural assistance.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Cordova Motion carried.

b. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-03:**

i) Indigenous Day

President Russ informed the Council that John Haschak is trying to get the Board of Supervisors to pass a resolution declaring the second Monday in October as Indigenous people’s day in Mendocino County. Discussion followed

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Council recommended to put this out to community members to see how they feel about this; send out to the Senior Center for them to deliver to the elderly.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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ii) SEDS grant – Economic Development Board

Discussion followed about setting up a meeting with Paul Mills the end of August; of applying for a SEDS grant; of the need to have an EDA Board; etc.

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to put out a notice and advertise for a EDA Board for two weeks.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Motion carried.

iii) Carbon Credits Coalition

Discussion followed – a new person by the name of Tony Brunello is running the Coalition now and that he is willing to come down and meet with the Council; and of the Council inviting him to come down; of the Council already approved to be a part of this Coalition, etc.

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iv) California Indian Days update

Mrs. Henry updating and stated that things are moving along; Trina Fitzgerald has delegated jobs out to everyone; the three concession stands are being build; the crowns are done;

They will need to get a Grand Marshall – nomination boxes are out; Hidden Oaks they are working to get this done – on Monday she had people go out and look at the baseball fields;

Cheryl Bettega has ordered equipment to be down there and she will do a tour with the Council on Thursday; the toilets will be fixed; Mr. James Bettega Jr., needs a big boy mower so they are going to order one; etc.

Discussion followed the boundary lines being off (rodeo grounds and southern line); etc.

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

v) Letter to Amy Dutschke – draft letter reviewed by Council.

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the letter with changes.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mrs. Henry and Ms. Cordova will work on the changes to the letter.

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

Abstentions: Rabano Jr., Motion carried.

Item No. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-04:**

- a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update

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- b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
 - i) Approval of Job Description RV Tribal Monitor (Non-Hazmat)
 - ii) C-Store Assistant Manager
 - iii) C-Store Manager
 - iv) Memo (2)
 - v) Restructure – organizational chart
 - vi) Salary Schedule
 - vii) Economic Development
 - viii) BIA Ed. Dominquez, BIA
- c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
 - i) Financial Expense & Revenue reports all depts..
- e. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- f. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) Investigation
 - ii) Land purchase

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 3:15 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Rabano Jr., Motion carried.

Item No. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-05:**

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:54 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-06:**

MOTION NO. 13:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

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

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-07:**

- i) C-Store Assistant Manager

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to hire Toni Tuttle.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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

a. August 8, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-08-01-012:**

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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