

**ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES**  
*A Sovereign Nation of Confederated Tribes*

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ONE MILE NORTH OF COVELO  
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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**August 8, 2019**

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 8, 2019 at 1:18 p.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. Robert Whipple, Mr. Rabano Jr., & Ms. Willits

Also present: Reuben Becerra, Steve Brown, Jeremy Gravier, Lorn Elk Robe, Jessica Goodrow, Arnola Panther & Michael Henry

Opening prayer by Alberta Azbill

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

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                                      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-02:**

- a. Judicial Committee – RE: Compassionate Use Ordinance
- b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
  - i) Approval of Job Description Round Valley Tribal Monitor (Non-Hazmat)
  - ii) Approval of Salary Schedule as attached
  - iii) Mr. Rabano Jr., - Restructure
- c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
  - i) Financial Expense & Revenue for all depts.
  - ii) ATTG
- e. Angel Esquivel – RE: Lease for property
- f. TRED – RE: Various – Land
  - i) Arnola Panther – RE: Requesting land behind Carlos Figueroa
  - ii) Patricia Merrifield
  - iii) Various Assignments (cleanup)
  - iv) Arlene Cantrell
  - v) Michael Warden – RE: Requesting a ROW



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

ii) Approval of Salary Schedule as attached

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table this item for further review.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 6 – ii – organizational chart – rough draft:

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table for review.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

6-b-iv: U.S. Cellular – **Action Item – 2019-08-08-**

**MOTION NO. 9:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

iii) Mr. Rabano – Restructure –(note – item listed under Council – h iii Restructure - Budgets) discussed.

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-06:**  
Tribal Council did not take Mr. Henry.

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-07:** Ms. Crabtree and Mr. Pat O’Brien were present.

i) Financial Expenses & Revenue for all depts.- reviewed and discussed

ii) ATTG

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to use deferred revenue from ATTG to use to cover DOJ police support

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

f. TRED – RE: Various – **Action Item - 2019-08-08-09:**

v) Michael Warden – RE: Requesting a ROW

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to deny the request.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

e. Angel Esquivel – RE: Lease for property - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-08:** Ms. Esquivel was not present.

f. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-09 -**

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

ii) Patricia Merrifield - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-014-ii:**

iii) Various Assignments (cleanups) - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-014-iii:**

iv) Arlene Cantrell - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-014-iv –**

vi) Residential Land Request

vii) Paul Dildine

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table item e, f – i, ii, iii, iv, vi and vii.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-011 -**

i) Carlino Bettega – RE: Tribal Council Stipends

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve to take \$45,000 from the C-Store and \$45,000 from the Casino and increase the Council stipends immediately.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

ii) BIA Letter – Land purchase

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to send a letter to the BIA of non-interest to purchase.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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iii) Re-structuring - Budgets

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table this item .

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business:

a. Minutes – May 16 and May 30, 2019 - **Action Item – 2019-07-27-02:**

**MOTION NO. 17:**

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 6: New Business:

a. Mark Britton, Senior Center – RE: Grant NCIDC approve to submit by resolution -**Action Item – 2019-08-08-012:** Mr. Britton was not present.

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-013:**

i) Approval of Justice Systems Purchase Order for Tribal Court

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

iii) MOU – USDA, Mendocino Nat’L Forest, Six Rivers Nat’L Forest & BLM: Discussed, no action.

c. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-014:**

i) David Dehnert – RE: LLC

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item for further review.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

