

**ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES**  
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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**August 22, 2019**

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 22, 2019 at 1:15 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 (arrived 1:24 p.m.), Mr. Robert Whipple (arrived 1:20 p.m. and left 4:46 p.m.), Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits (left at 5:00 p.m.)

Also present: Patricia Henry, Tracy Comalli-Bettega, Mr. Henry and Cheryl Bettega

Opening prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Tracy Comalli-Bettega - Little League Presentation in appreciation for all the support - **Action Item – 2019-08-15-012:** Ms. Comalli-Bettega was present and stated on behalf of the Little League teams she wanted to thank the Council for all their support and presented a picture to the Council of the teams.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Minutes – July 11, July 18, July 25, July 27, 2019 - **Action Item – 2019-08-17-02:**

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve all the minutes as listed.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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Nays: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Ernie Merrifield – RE: Request permission of Park Use for salmon ceremony - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-02:** Mr. Merrifield was present and stated that he was here to request use of the Hidden Oaks Park on September 14/15<sup>th</sup> for a salmon feast and an overview of their planned activities. He is working with the Friends of the Middle Fork to put on this event.

Mr. Merrifield also spoke briefly about the Friends of the Middle Fork, were a part of the Friends of the Eel, but broke away from this group; environmental issues, the Eel River and the Tribe's resolution that was passed 2009; of the board that John Haschak is forming in Round Valley, etc.

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve use of Hidden Oaks and to waive the fees and donate \$250.00.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mr. Merrifield asked that the donation be made out to the Friends of the Middle Fork.

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

b. Tina Want – RE: Hours of operation @ C-Store - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-03:** Mrs. Want was not present, but she is requesting to extend the hours of operation to 12:00 a.m. or 1:00 a.m. Monday – Saturday, and close on Sunday at 11:00 p.m. Discussion followed – closing not pass 12:00 a.m.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve for 45 days.

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.

c. Tina Want – RE: Gas prices - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-04:** Mrs. Want was not present. Mrs. Henry informed the Council that she did talk to Mrs. Want about this and she is requesting to go \$ .50 cheaper as she has been hearing that people go out of town to get gas because it is lower. Discussion followed

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to lower gas prices, effective immediately.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

d. Toni Bettega, Land & Water – RE: McKay Ranch House for a work station – Pine Plantation Thinning Project - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-05:** Ms. Bettega was not present. Information was reviewed.

**MOTION NO. 7:**

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

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Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Bettega & Willits (both out of the room) Motion carried.

e. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-06**: Mr. Henry was present

i) Approval of General Order utilization of Naloxone: Mr. Henry was present and informed the Council that he is seeking approval to establish guidelines and regulations governing utilization of Naloxone (Narcan) to be used by the RV Tribal Police Dept. The object is to treat and reduce the injury and fatality from opiate overdoses. They would receive training on this. Short discussion.

**MOTION NO. 8:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

ii) New purchase of time clock: Discussion followed – time will be done by thumb print; easier for payroll – could be a one day operation; it is certifiable with all grants; etc.

**MOITON NO. 9:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request, pending policy change.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

iii) Donation request (Jennel Brayton, Jody boggs, Malinc Fulwidcr & Michael McLanc)

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the requests at \$ 250.00 apiece.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-07**: No business items.

Item No. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-08**:

- a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update
- b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
  - i) Job Description – Full time Culture & Language Specialist
  - ii) Approval of Salary Schedule as attached
  - iii) Restructure
  - iv) Organizational Chart – rough draft
  - v) Oak Lane – abandon car removal
  - vi) Roland Hohne
- c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update

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- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
  - i) MIP & Accu fund Service Quote
  - ii) Non-Gaming Budget
- e. TRED – RE: Various – Land
  - i) Patricia Merrifield
- f. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Mr. Lewis Whipple – RE: BOC concerns
  - ii) Eel River/FERC

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to go into executive session at 2:22 p.m.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Willits (out of the Room)      Motion carried

**Item No. 6: Regular Session - Action Item – 2019-08-22-09:**

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:18 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

**e. TRED – RE: Various - Action Item – 2019-08-22-014:**

i) Patricia Merrifield - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-015:** Ms. Merrifield was present to meet with the Council, per their request – RE: Land:

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to follow up and bring back to the next meeting.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – to bring back request to change from a lease to an assignment.

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

Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

a. Mr. Randy Wolf, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-010:** Mr. Wolfin was present and gave an update – action items needed.

Global Gaming Expo (G2E) October 14/17, 2019, Las Vegas, NV.

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the out of state travel for Mr. Wolfin.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

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10<sup>th</sup> Annual Native American Human Resource Conference Jan. 10/21, 2020 Las Vegas, NV

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the out of state travel.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

7th Annual Tribal GM & 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Casino Marketing Executive Exchange, Feb 23, 26, 2020 in Newport Beach, CA.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to accept as informational, as the TBA can approve in state travel.

Floor Manager/Employee Training (November all 3 FM's to training on two separate occasions for managerial training): FYI – in state travel, the TBA can approve.

Personal Time Off – FYI – TBA can approve.

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-011:**

i) Job Description – Full-time Culture & Language Specialist - **Action Item – 2019-08-15-06-i:**

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the job description.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

v) Oak Lane – RE: Abandon vehicles removal – letter to the BIA:”

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to send the letter to the BIA.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mr. Robert Whipple and Officer Cole Rabano are to work with the contractor.

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

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

vi) Roland Hohne – discussed

ii) Approval of Salary Schedule as attached - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-05-ii:**

iii) Restructure - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-05-iii -**

iv) Organizational Chart – rough draft - **Action Item – 2019-08-08-013-ii-**

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table items ii, iii and iv and schedule a work session for the items.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple left the meeting 4:46 p.m. & Ms. Willits – left the meeting – 5:00 p.m.

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-012:**  
No action, Council did not call him

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-013:** Not present. Mrs. Henry did a brief update COPS Michael Jackson – will be sending her grant information; etc.

i) MIP & Accu-fund Service Quote - **Action Item – 2019-08-15-08-i:**

ii) Non-Gaming Budget

**MOTION NO. 19:**

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

f. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-015:** No business items.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-016:**

i) Mr. Lewis Whipple – RE: BOC Concerns - **Action Item – 2019-08-15-011-i:**

**MOTION NO. 20:**

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Eel River/FERC (Ms. Willits was to give the update – not available)

**MOTION NO. 21:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Lewis Whipple 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 29, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting - @ RVIHC Conference Room

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Ms. Cordova

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Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-017:**

**MOTION NO. 22:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

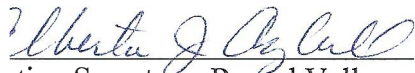
Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, L. Whipple, Rabano Jr., & Cordova

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