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MINUTES
August 29, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on August 29, 2019 at 1:43 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. Robert Whipple, Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Opening prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-02:**

- a. Paul Mills, Center for Applied Research – RE: IRMP Land Use
- b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
 - i) Approval of raise for (1) staff
 - ii) Approval of Manager for fiscal dept.
 - iii) Personnel – Hire (2) Employees Head Start
 - iv) Transfer of employees from (2) Depts. to finance (fiscal)
 - v) Jessica Goodrow – RE: PO's
- c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update – Internal Investigation
- d. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal – RE: ICWA Attorney call at 3:00 p.m.
- e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
 - i) MIP & Accu-fund Service Quote
 - ii) Non-Gaming budget
- f. TRED – RE: Various – Land
 - i) Patricia Merifield – RE: Lease to Assignment
 - ii) Request Homesite on Henderson – Ursala Fallis
 - iii) Request Homesite on T-2019 – Charles Elliott
 - iv) Waiting List 2019 Update
 - v) Assignment request for conveyed home – Howard Whipple Sr.

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- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) Re-structuring discussion
 - ii) Mr. Lewis Whipple – RE: Council Liaison

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to go into executive session at 1:48 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-03:**

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 12:00 p.m. on August 30, 2019.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

d. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA DV Legal – RE: ICWA Attorney call at 3:00 p.m. – **Action Item – 2019-08-29-07:** Conference call done – attorney advised.

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-05:**

v) Jessica Goodrow – RE: PO's
Indigenous Heritage LLC – Contract - \$15,000

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the contract.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Russ Motion carried.

Wal-Mart - \$ 21,310. & Costco - \$ 1,402.36

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the purchase orders.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

i) Approval of raise for (1) staff

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the pay raise.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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ii) Approval of Manager for fiscal dept.

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the manager for the fiscal dept.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: L.Whipple Motion carried.

iii) Personnel – Hire (2) Employees Head Start

MOTION NO. 8:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion

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

iv) Transfer of employees from (2) Depts. to finance (fiscal)

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to transfer when trained.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Motion carried.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to recess the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

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Meeting reconvened and called back to order on August 30, 2019 at 10:22 a.m.

Council Members present: Mr. Russ, Mr. Bettega, Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Robert Whipple, Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits.

Note: Mr. Lewis Whipple left at 11:30 a.m.

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update – Internal Investigation - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-06:** Mr. Henry was present and reported.

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

a. Paul Mills, Center for Applied Research – RE: IRMP Land Use - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-04:**

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

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Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-08:** Ms. Crabtree was not present.

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

ii) Non-Gaming Budget - **Action Item – 2019-08-22-013-ii:**

f. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-09:**

i) Patricia Merrifield – Lease to Assignment - **Action Item – 2019-07-11-015:**

ii) Request homesite on Henderson - Ursala Fallis

iii) Request homesite on T-2019 – Charles Elliott

iv) Waiting List 2019 update

v) Assignment request for conveyed home – Howard Whipple Sr.

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-010:**

i) Re-structuring discussion

ii) Mr. Lewis Whipple – RE: Council Liaison

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table items e, f and g until the September 5th meeting.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business - None

Item No. 6: New Business:

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Confirm meeting date with Joe Ely – Sept. 12th - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-011:** Ms. Bettega was not present.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the council to confirm September 12th as a date to meet with Mr. Ely

b. Toni Bettega – RE: Rate of pay for RV Tribal Monitors - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-012:** Ms. Bettega was not present.

MOTION NO. 13:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

c. Toni Bettega – RE: Purchase heavy equipment Cozad Trailer for Roads Dept., funds will come from FY 18-19 budget - \$ 86,900.00 - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-013:** Information reviewed.

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to purchase the equipment.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

d. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Approve by resolution a grant proposal to the BIA for a Range Improvement Culvert Replacement Project at Big Bend in the amount of \$ 7,951.05 - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-014:** Information reviewed.

MOTION NO. 15:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the grant proposal for submission by resolution.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

e. Allison Arnold – RE: Use of Senior Center on Sept. 28th – fee waiver and policy **Action Item – 2019-08-29-015:** Information reviewed – Request is to use the Center for a memorial for her brother and for a waiver for the fees and waiver of the policy (alcohol use). Short discussion – waive fees, but not the cleaning deposit, etc.

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the request for a fee waiver and waive the policy on alcohol use.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

f. Kaitan - RE: 600 ft. tribal fee – why fee raised from \$500.00 to \$2,500 – Lower the fee or requesting the water board give payment from the application fee allowing payment plans **Action Item – 2019-08-29-016:** Kaitan was not present. Short discussion about the raising of the fees – Council decision and of there being no payment plans; etc.

MOTION NO. 17:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to refer this item to the Tribal Business Administrator.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

g. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-017:**

i) Donations – cultural trip – William Bettega & Lauren Bettega: Discussion followed – is there a Policy; and of what was left in the budget for cultural assistance and youth support.

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve \$250.00 only.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

i-a) Cultural Assistance:

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to put on hold – cultural assistance request – the Council needs a budget breakdown – report.

ii) Work session – re-schedule (Salary Schedule; Restructure/budget/organ., chart)

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council, to keep these items on the agenda

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-018:**

i) Discuss appointing individuals to planning committee

Short discussion followed about the many groups that are coming together to discuss the Potter Valley Project; the conference calls that are being done (Mr. Bettega expressed the interest to be included in the calls); and the Tribe's interest is in the water and of the need to stay focus and not get side tracked by all these Committees/groups; etc.

MOTION NO. 19:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

a. Thursday, September 5th @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Mr. Rabano Jr., left the meeting at 12:24 p.m.

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-08-29-019:**

MOTION NO. 19:


Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:26 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, R. Whipple, 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