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MINUTES

September 14, 2019

The regular meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on September 14, 2019 at 9:14 a.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

Also present: Kimberly Stillwell, Michael Henry, Veronica, Mrs. Henry, Judy Peña, Marline Fulwider & grandson.

Opening Prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda and to table the minutes.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Short discussion – President Russ stated that the Council has for a few years discussed restructuring and the Council at this time is going through restructuring and looking at the meetings and how program reporting will be done.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 2: Minutes – August 1, August 8, Aug. 15, Aug. 22, & Aug. 29, 2019 - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-02:** Tabled under agenda approval

Item No. 3: Tribal Council – RE: Report – update current projects and issues

Round Valley Indian Health Center

Round Valley Indian Housing Authority

President Russ reported that today the Eel River Recovery Project will be using Hidden Oaks and the Health Center conference room and will be looking at the whole environmental aspect of what is going on. At noon they will be offering a fish feed which will be free.

Eel River/FERC – update – on meetings attended; the press release that the Tribe put out and some of what was said was not what the Council put in the release; of PG&E pulling out so is now considered an orphaned project; etc.

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Ms. Willits gave her update on the Wednesday meeting; studies that needed to be done; etc. Short discussion followed.

Round Valley Indian Housing Authority: Mr. Lewis Whipple was acknowledged to give an update. Reported on the rehab., projects that were completed; that the modular for one individual will be here next month; there will five mutual help homes coming up for approval by the BOC for rehab; etc.

Short discussion followed about the hiring practices of Housing and how were people hired.

MOTION NO. 2:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 5: Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-03**: Mrs. Henry was present and reported.

Grants – USDA – Renovate Senior Center; USDA – Hotshot meal delivery truck; FEMA Disaster Homeland Security; California Emergency Services; Water Improvement – “Filters” – CDC; Voc. Rehab., Program – next cycle; USDA – Community Center;

Projects – Sept/Oct: Fence – softball field – completed; basketball court at Hidden Oaks - completed; Old Building (Police Dept. – needs roof; booths at Hidden Oaks completed; looking into fencing for the Police station; bathrooms at Hidden Oaks – fixed/completed; Renovating Police Station – 95% completed; and Reservation Clean up by BIA;

TERO working on creating a TERO Program that will come – employment and training;

Discussion followed about the Voc. Rehab., program – currently done by Pineoleville, but the Tribe will do their own in the next funding cycle; BIA clean-up and other areas that needed to be cleaned up (areas already done – but is all trashed out again – will not be done again); if heirship land will be clean up; of looking at getting our own transfer station; etc.

Agenda – reporting – protocol discussion – how will the Program Managers report – up for discussion under the restructuring; of how the reports are to be structured – goals & objectives – report – are they being met; who is required to report; expressed that Managers should report; of having the Committees report; of putting reports on the website, etc.

- C-Store

- Golden Oaks Motel

- Casino – report received

- Human Resources

- Real Estate

- Human Resources

 - TANF – report received

 - ICWA/DV-DOJ

 - Court Advocates

 - Domestic Violence & SAP – report received

 - Senior Center

 - Social Services – Member Services

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Youth & Family Services

Head Start

Child Care

Youth Services

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Discussion – Board of Supervisors voted to have the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples Day in Mendocino County (which will take the place of Columbus Day); of the historic apology that was made by Governor Newsome for the treatment of Indians; of the Hasting Law School and the founder of this School and the treatment Indian people under Serranus Hastings while he was Chief Justice of the California State Supreme Court whereby he ordered entire villages to be wiped out, so these people came in and said they wanted to do something, which they are just following what other people are doing in this instances. The Council has been meeting with them; etc.

Item No. 8: Public Safety – Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police - RE: Reports – report received - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-06:** Mr. Henry was present and reported.

Patrol; Security; Emergency Services

Mr. Henry reported that the General Orders have been mostly completed and he has provided the first five chapters to the Council. Once the Council has received all 59 chapters they can be approved. He met with MCSO Matt Kendal and Lt. Shannon Barney and discussed assistance they could provide – training – at their expense. He met with Battalion Chief Diggs of Cal Fire to arrange a date to sit down and discuss our MOR and the current emergency plan Cal-Fire has for Round Valley. Received a resignation from one of the officers and the position will be posted.

Note: Miss Cordova left at 11:37 a.m.

Discussion followed about concerns – gardens and with the growing season coming to an end, these people are letting their dogs loose, what can be done about them.

Mr. Henry answered that he talked to the County and they sent over their County Ordinance and said the Council needed to adopt it, before they could send out someone. The Tribes' code only deals with vicious dogs

Also discussed was SLEC; of Tribal Police being the only back up to the County Sheriffs' Dept., and of our officers making some good calls which is making MCSO look good; of an expressed concern about CHP and a recent accident that occurred; etc.

Item No. 5 – Casino report: Veronica was present and gave the report on behalf of Mr. Wolfen.

Item No. 6: Darlene Crabtree, Controller – RE: Financial report - **Action Item 2019-09-14- 04:**
Not present

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Item No. 7: Land & Water – Toni Bettega – RE: Reports - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-05**: Not present.

- NRD – report received
- Roads & Transportation – report received
- EPA
- TIIPPO – report received
- Water Association – report received

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve all written reports that were submitted.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 9: Non-Agenda Items:

- a. Marline Fulwider – RE: Carnival will there be one for CID and how much did it cost?

It was answered yes there will be a carnival and the cost will be \$30,000.

Ms. Fulwider added a comment – that last year the people at the booth were using generators and they were so loud you could not hear the dance groups.

Also questioned, was the dance area, if it was for ceremonial or Pow Wow purposes.

Item No. 10: Set date, time and agenda for next meeting

- a. Thursday, September 19, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 11: Closing Prayer Mrs. Edwina Lincoln

Item No. 12: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-09-14-06:**

MOTION NO. 4:

Ms. Willits made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

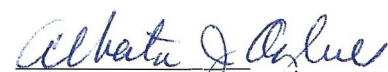
Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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