

ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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MINUTES October 11, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on October 11, 2018 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. Hutt (left at 5:10 p.m.); Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple and Mr. Robert Whipple (arrived 1:34 p.m. and left 5:22 p.m.)

Also present: Allan Crabtree, Jeremy Gravier, Mona Oandasan, Lani Freeman, Andrea Oliver, Illace Freeman and Barbara Smith

Opening prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

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

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, Hutt, Rabano Jr., & LWhipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 3: North State Nursery - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-02:** Mr. Dale Higgins was acknowledged and he handed out information on drawings for the Hidden Oaks softball field – Council reviewing and discussing what Mr. Higgins is proposing.

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the first contract not to exceed \$60,000 to come from the general funds and to approve the second contract at \$34,200 to come from the Ramah funds, contract not to include RTF Sod and sod installation.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Tia Tyler, GRID Alternatives - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-03:**

Ms. Tyler was acknowledged and informed the Council that they signed a MOU for five GRID projects, they have received more funding and will be able to do three more under USDA funding. So they will be able to do eight homes this year, but will apply for more funding for next year. She is requesting approval to do the three other homes.

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Discussion followed – a new MOU needs to be signed.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that Ms. Tyler do an amended MOU and send it to Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business:

a. TRED – RE: Dave Freeman (tabled, the Council requested Mr. Freeman & Ms. Dela Pena to come to meeting) - **Action Item – 2018-10-04-04:**

President Russ addressed Mr. Freeman and informed him that the Council requested to meet with him and Ms. De la Pena regarding the double wide trailer that is park north of him.

Mr. Freeman stated that he and Ms. Rabano walked the whole thing off, for two parcels, with the line came out by the mail box. Now all of a sudden, his friend moved out there and Kandi said it was on her parcel of land. He has a lease on the land so what if he have someone stay there and helping him clean up the place and its only temporary.

Map of the area was reviewed and discussed. Mr. Freeman also asked if he could put his wife down as his beneficiary. It was answered yes as it was an assignment.

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve temporary stay at the location – RE: Trailer.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Susanne Merrifield RE: Election Board - **Action Item – 2018-10-09-02:** Mr. Gravier was present and informed the Council that they still have not received any back ground checks back yet. Discussion followed about the back ground checks (Mendocino County; Tribal Police; etc.) and the time it takes to get them back; of the posting dates of the candidates; of the need to change the Ordinance as there is not enough time to complete the back ground checks. No decision as the Council would like to talk to Sergeant Cordova about their back grounds and how long it takes to get them.

Item No. 6: New Business:

a. TRED – Speed Reduction Request - **Action Item – 2018-10-11—04:** Ms. Oandasan was present and informed the Council that this letter needed to be sent which would extend the lower speed zone further north about 150 feet north of the Hidden Oaks driveway.

Short discussion followed.

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve for the speed reduction letter to be sent.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Sergeant Cordova arrived at the meeting and discussion followed about their background process and how long it takes to get them back. His answer was about thirty seconds. More discussion followed about posting of the candidates and there being no backgrounds back yet, so the list was not posted of eligible candidates to run for Council; etc.

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table this item 5 b.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

b. Brenda Pina – RE: Financial assistance - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-05:**

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the request for \$250.00.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-10-11—06:** No business items.

d. Tribal Council – RE: Various – **Action Item – 2018-10-07:**

i) CID update – given.

ii) Congressman Hoffman – will be here on the 12th and Council is invited to a meeting with him at the Health Center.

iii) TANF building - update

Item No. 7: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-08:**

a. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Update

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update

c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various

i) Recommendation - Permanent status – Motel Manager

ii) Recommendation – Permanent status – Foster Grandparent Coordinator

iii) Recommendation – Permanent status - Controller

iv) Recommendation – Permanent status – TANF Secretary

v) Grievance

d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – no business items.

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various

i) Andrea Oliver

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MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to go into executive session at 2:52 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 8: Regular Session - Action Item – 2018-10-11-09:

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:37 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

e. Tribal Council

i) Andrea Oliver –

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that they will review the paper work.

a. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Update - Action Item – 2018-10-11-010: Ms. Crabtree was present and gave a report.

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to accept the report.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Hutt (out of the room) Motion carried

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - Action Item – 2018-10-11-011: Sergeant Cordova reported under the election board item.

c. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various Personnel - Action Item – 2018-10-11-012:

i) Recommendation – Permanent status – Motel Manager

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the recommendation for permanent status.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

ii) Recommendation – Permanent status – Foster Grandparent Coordinator

MOTION NO. 13:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve permanent status.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

iii) Recommendation – Permanent status - Controller

MOTION NO. 14:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve permanent status.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

iv) Recommendation – Permanent status – TANF Secretary

MOTION NO. 15:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve permanent status.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Note: Mr. Hutt left the meeting – 5:10 p.m.

v) Grievance Committee – Council to serve on – Mr. Bettega volunteered.

MOTION NO. 16:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple left the meeting – 5:22 p.m.

vi) Account Clerk II

MOTION NO. 17:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to hire on permanent status.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-013**: No business items.

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-10-11-014**: No business items.

Item No. 9: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

a. October 13, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

Item No. 10: Closing prayer President Russ.

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Item No. 11: Adjournment - Action Item – 2018-10-11-015:

MOTION NO. 18:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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