

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856

## MINUTES January 24, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on January 24, 2019 at 1:16 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. Betttega (arrived 1:18 p.m.), Ms. Cordova, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Robert Whipple & Ms. Willits

Opening prayer

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-01:**

### **MOTION NO. 1:**

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

Mr. Betttega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Bruce Hilbach-Barger – RE: Mendocino County Resource Conservation District – Tribal sponsorship - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-02:**

### **MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to move forward with the project.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Unfinished Business - None

a. Jessica Goodrow – RE: Guardianship Ordinance - **Action Item – 2018-10-25-016-ii:**

### **MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the Guardianship Ordinance by resolution.

Mr. Betttega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 5: New Business:

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a. Kandi dela Pena – R:E Clean up about trailer from tribe - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-03:**  
No present.

b. Michelle Downey, EPA Director – RE: Resolution for application for Cal Recycle - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-04:**

#### **MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve submission of the grant by resolution.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

c. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Dates to meet with Joe Ely - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-05:**

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council to meet with Mr. Ely the week of February 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>.

d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-06:**

i) IHS notice to proceed -- Piner Community & Ester Bryant Production well

#### **MOTION NO. 5:**

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Recording system – software for Tribal Court.

#### **MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request, funds to come from Court funding.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) NCAI Conference

#### **MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve for out of state travel for Cindy Hoaglen and one staff member, Council Members – Rosalie Cordova, Robert Whipple & Carlino Bettega to attend the NCAI Conference.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iv) Phones, name plates and business cards

#### **MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to purchase phones, name plates and business cards.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

#### **e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - Action Item – 2019-01-24-07:**

##### **i) Appointment of 3 Housing Board Members**

##### **ii) Appoint Housing Liaison from Council**

#### **MOTION NO. 9:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to appoint Robert Whipple as the Council Liaison with Housing.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

##### **iii) C-TAS Grants**

#### **MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to have Julia Russ and Jessica Goodrow write the grant to reapply.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

#### **Item No. 6: Executive Session - Action Item – 2019-01-24-08:**

- a. Mr. Randy Wolfin, Casino – RE: Update
- b. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
- c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
  - i) Professional Services Agreement – Acquisitions Mergers Reorganizations, Inc.
- e. Bernadine Whipple, HR. – RE: Various
  - i) Policy – Employee Records
  - ii) Policy – Holiday list
  - iii) Permanent Hire – Fiscal Clerk
  - iv) FYI jobs open
- f. Kathy Azbill – RE: Request for mothers homesite
- g. Shaylene Marrufo – RE: Mothers' land
- h. Nicole Hawkins – RE: Kelly Bettega's homesite
- i. TRED – RE: Various – Land
- j. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) New Check Signers – Bank signature cards by resolutions
  - ii) Judge Contract

#### **MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to go into executive session at 3:43 p.m.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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**Item No. 7: Regular Session - Action Item – 2019-01-24-09:**

**MOTION NO. 12:**

made a motion to reconvene into regular session at  
seconded the motion.

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

Decisions from executive session:

a. Mr. Randy Wolfen, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-010:**

Out of state travel – GM Exchange 2019 & Inaugural Casino Marketing Executive Exchange –  
Scottsdale, AZ – February 24/26:

**MOTION NO. 13:**

made a motion to approve out of state travel for Mr. Wolfen.  
seconded the motion.

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

b. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-011:** No business items

c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-012:**

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-013:**

i) Professional Service Agreement – Acquisitions Mergers & Reorganizations Inc.

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the professional services agreement with a cap of  
\$25,000.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-014:**

i) Policy – Employee Records

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to set a work session.

ii) Policy – Holiday List

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the Holiday list, but the change day after  
Thanksgiving to “Native American Heritage Day”.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

iii) Permanent Hire – **Action Item – 2019-01-17-015-ii:**

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve permanent hire.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

iv) FYI – 3 jobs open – Maintenance; Foster Grandparent & Child Care Instructional Aid

f. Kathy Azbill – RE: Request for mothers homesite - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-016 –**  
**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council to place this on the January 31<sup>st</sup> agenda.

g. Shaylene Marrufo – RE: Mothers' land - **Action Item – 2019-01-17-017:**

h. Nicole Hawkins – RE: Kelly Bettega's Homesite - **Action Item – 2018-12-13-015-i:**

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table the two agenda items, for review of the minutes.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

i. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-015:** No business items:

j. Tribal Council – RE: Various – **Action Item - 2019-01-24-016:**

i) New check signers – (bank signatory cards)

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to remove Mr. Hutt and to add Kathleen Willits, Rosalie Cordova and Robert Whipple as new check signers by resolution.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

ii) Judge Wiseman – RE: Contract

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to renew Judge Wiseman's contract for one more year.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 8: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

a. January 31, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

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Item No. 9: Closing prayer

Item No. 10: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-01-24-017:**

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.

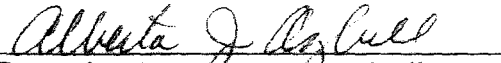
Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

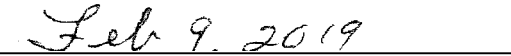
Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Minutes taken by Mr. Lewis Whipple, Council Secretary, and typed by Alberta J. Azbill, Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal Council.

Submitted by:



Executive Secretary, Round Valley  
Tribal Council



Date approved by the Round Valley  
Tribal Council