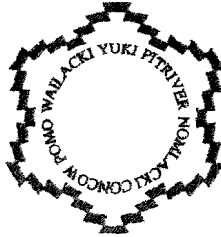


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## MINUETS

February 21, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by Vice-President Carlino Bettega on February 21, 2019 at 1:33 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 (arrived at 2:28 pm.), Mr. Bettega (left at 3:23 p.m.), Mr. Lewis Whipple (arrived at 2:04 p.m.), Mr. Rabano Jr., (left at 3:08 p.m.), Ms. Cordova and Ms. Willits

Also present: Yolanda Hoaglen, Elizabeth Red Feather, Barbaralee Lilker, Gerald Jones, Toni Bettega, Trina Fitzgerral, Amber Leedy, Cheryl Bettega, Joleen Whipple & Jessica Goodrow

Opening prayer by Joleen Whipple

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve with additions.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Barbaralee Lilker – RE: New life policy from Aflac - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-**

**02:** Mrs. Lilker informed the Council that she has been working with the Tribe since 2010.

Aflac now offers life insurance and she would like to submit a proposal to the Council for review and to see the Council would be interested in this life insurance policy for the employees. A gentleman with Mrs. Lilker gave a brief presentation.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mrs. Lilker is to send information to Mrs. Fitzgerral

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Unfinished Business:

a. Gabe Merrifield – RE: Inter Tribal Alliance Full Dept. Reclamation - **Action Item – 2018-02-14-014:** Mrs. Cheryl Bettega was present and requested that this item be tabled.

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**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council to table this item.

Item No. 5: New Business:

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: BBW & Associates Contract – CFI - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-03:** Ms. Bettega was present – information was in the meeting packet and reviewed.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the contract with BBW & Associates.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

b. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Rental fees for forester trailer (Gerald Jones would like to discuss the rental fees) - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-04:** Ms. Bettega, Ms. Leedy and Mr. Jones were present. Mr. Jones stated that the forester position was advertised three times, the first time they got five applicants who all accepted and turn it down when they found out were Covelo was. So they advertised nationwide, a lot of people do not like the remote area and they finally got an applicant who comes with good recommendations and has a master's degree in forestry. Anyway they got a trailer and do to the lack of funds he came up and worked on the trailer himself. He is excited about this as he does not believe any tribe has had their own Forester; etc.

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to charge \$200.00 month.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

j. Myron Hoaglen – RE: Requesting cultural activity funds – attend Chemawa Pow Wow **Action Item – 2019-02-21-012:** Yolanda Hoaglen and Elizabeth Red Feather were present and Ms. Red Feather informed the Council that she was requesting financial assistance to go to the Chemawa Pow Wow also

Mrs. Hoaglen added that she was also requesting to take the DV van as they will be taking dancers and that Myron was taking their van.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve cultural assistance of \$250.00 to Ms. Red Feather and \$250.00 to Mr. Hoaglen.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)

Motion carried.

c. Lenox Reyes – RE: Financial help - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-05:**

**MOTION NO. 6:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room)

Motion carried.

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d. Nicole Britton – RE: Help cleaning up property - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-06:**

**MOTION NO. 7:**

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

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: R. Whipple (out of the room) Motion carried.

e. Luis Oliver – RE: Letter support from Council - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-07:** Not present.

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Willits Motion carried.

f. Joleen J. Whipple – RE: Work Session - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-08:** Discussed, Council will set at the end of the meeting.

Note: President Russ arrived (2:28 p.m.)

g. Joleen Whipple – RE: Out of state travel to Kansas City Missouri – Child Care Coord. & one Council Member – March 19-22 - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-09:** Information reviewed and discussed.

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the out of state travel for Ms. Whipple and two Council Members.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

h. TRED – RE: Waiting list (6 names to be taken off received homesites or inherited MH) - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-010:**

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the recommendation to remove.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

i. Patricia Rabano – RE: Bridge Project at South Eel River & Outlet Creek – meeting with Whitney Petrey, CalTrans - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-011:**

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council, for Ms. Rabano to add CalTrans to a meeting agenda.

l. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-014:**

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ii) Tribal IHS Leaders meeting, Reno, NV

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve that James Russ will take the voting card to the Tribal IHS meeting in April.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

iii) Reno Franklin – RE: PG&E Tribal Assistance Outreach

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council for Mrs. Fitzgerald contact Mr. Franklin and invite him to attend a Thursday meeting to give a presentation.

i) De-brief educational meeting on February 13<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION NO. 12:**

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

k. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-013:**

i) 2019 Minimum Wage increase \$12.00 – approve wage increase for position paid at minimum wage rates

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the request.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

ii) RVIT Personnel Policy – Leave requests – approve HR as an authorized signature required on leave requests

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve HR as authorized signatory to sign off on leave request.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 6: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-015:**

a. Randy Wolfin, Casino - RE: Update

b. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various

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

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial

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- e. Bernadine Whipple, HR. – RE: Various
  - i) Tribal Police - # 1 Wage Increase Step 4
  - ii) Tribal Police - # 2 Wage Increase Step 4
  - iii) Recommendation Permanent Status – Gaming Commissioner
  - iv) Policy – Employee Records
  - v) Grievance Committee - recommendation
- f. TRED RE: Various – Land
  - i) Lease to Assignment
- g. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- h. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Follow-up with Gary Cordova
  - ii) Letter – Curtis Berkey – RE: Pro Bono Assistance

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to go into executive session at 3:01 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried.

Item No. 7: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-016:**

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr.

Ms.

Question:

Abstentions:

Decisions from executive session:

Note: Mr. Rabano Jr., left the meeting at 3:08 p.m.)

a. Mr. Randy Wolfin, Casino – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-017:**

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Robert Whipple made a motion to approve the report.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried.

b. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-018:** No business items.

c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-019:** Not present, on training.

Note: Mr. Bettega back at 3:21 p.m. and left at 3:23 p.m.

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d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-020**: No business items.

e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-021**:

i) Tribal Police - # 1 Wage Increase Step 4 - **Action Item – 2019-02-14-08-i**:

ii) Tribal Police - # 2 Wage Increase Step 4 - **Action Item – 2019-02-14-08-ii**:

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table items i and ii.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iii) Recommendation Permanent Status – Gaming Commissioner - **Action Item – 2019-02-14-08-iv**:

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve permanent status as recommended.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

iv) Policy – Employee Records - **Action Item – 2018-10-25-016-iv**:

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

v) Grievance Committee - recommendation

**MOTION NO. 21:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to accept the Grievance Committee's recommendation.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ & Cordova

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Willits, L. Whipple & R. Whipple

Motion carried.

f. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-022**:

i) Lease to Assignment

**MOTION NO. 22:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve by resolution to change the lease to an assignment.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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g. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-023:**

**MOTION NO. 23:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to follow the recommendation of CILS – not to appeal.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-024:**

i) Follow up with Gary Cordova

**MOTION NO. 24:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to deny the contract with Mr. Cordova.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

ii) Letter Curtis Berkey – RE: Pro Bono Assistance

**MOTION NO. 25:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to go with Mr. Berkey's recommendation for Pro Bono assistance.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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

a. Thursday, February 28, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Note: Work Session – Child Care – March 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m.

Item No. 9: Closing prayer by Ms. Cordova

Item No. 10: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-02-21-025:**

**MOTION NO. 26:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, L. Whipple, 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