

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

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## MINUTES March 14, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on March 14, 2019 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. Whipple (arrived at 1:33 p.m.), Mr. Robert Whipple (arrived at 1:17 p.m. and left at 5:37 p.m.), Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also Present: Bruce Billings, U.S. Cellular, Patricia Rabano, Kimberly Stillwell, Tracy Bettega, Jessica Goodrow, Carrie Dalson, Tonie Bettega, Amber Leedy, Mr. Keefer, Ms. Petoy

Opening prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-01:**

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Patricia Rabano, THPO, Steven Blair, Tim Keefe, & Whitney Petoy, CalTrans – and Orville Elliott Jr., NARC - RE: South Fork Eel River Bridge Project - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-02:** Introductions made. Mr. Keefe informed the Council that the person that should be here is out on leave and that his goal as supervisor of Archaeological is to ensure that consultation is made with the Tribe, on projects they will meet with the Tribal Council as they know that this haven't been that good in the past.

Ms. Petoy added that this project will be on Outlet Creek/South Eel River area to replace the bridge or retrofit it. It was built 1930. They looked at the options – (1 - Retrofit; 2 - Widen; 3 - Replace) and the cost associated with this Project and the environmental impact. The Project projected date to start will be 2020 as there is a lot of field work yet to be done (archaeological and ethnology).

Ms. Patricia Rabano added that she would be working with Mr. Keefe & Ms. Petoy and that a Native American Monitory Agreement needs to be done, so that if any artifacts, etc., is found this would say what would be done with them.

Lengthy discussion followed – public meetings will be held as the public will be impacted as there will be road closures (staging areas, road blocked off, etc.); a meeting with the Council; of

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the CRAB Board being involved with this Project; of other ways they could be of assistance to the Tribe when it comes to safety (help easements with CHP; of the Senior walk, etc); of the Lupine; etc.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to accept at informational.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Mr. Bruce Billings, U.S Cellular – RE: Cell Towers - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-03:** Mr. Billings was acknowledged and he stated that he was here for the technician part and he rarely addresses the community. He has to cover this area and at times calls can get congested with more towers this would alleviate this problem. US Cellular is the only cellular provider in Covelo/Round Valley and because of this the demand for their services has exceeded their systems ability to provide data service speeds that meet the customer's expectations. There is two ideal locations for the towers in Round Valley and these locations were chosen based upon the concentration for demand of US Cellular data and voice service. Proposed plat was reviewed and discussed. After discussion, Mr. Robert Whipple accompanied Mr. Billings to look at the proposed sites.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

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

Mrs. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business:

a. Tracy Comalli-Bettega – RE: Sponsor the kids (uniforms, baseballs, bats, etc.) - **Action Item – 2018-03-01-05:** Ms. Bettega was present and stated that she did an estimate on the amount of funding they will need – rounded off figures - \$6,002. Discussion followed

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the request, with a caveat that some of the funds will be reimbursed - \$6,002 to come from the general account.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

b. Yvonne Duran – RE: See if can have a road made from tribal land to her property - **Action Item – 2018-03-01-08:** Ms. Duran was not present.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to have Ms. Oandasan to show Ms. Duran where the property is and have her talk to the neighbors in that area – RE: Right of way for Ms. Duran.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

c. Loren Elk Robe – RE: Large tribal land for USDA crop - **Action Item – 2019-03-07-05:** Not present.

**MOTION NO. 6:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

d. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: NRD Crew is in need of a reliable six pack truck – assistance - **Action Item – 2019-03-07-04:** Ms. Bettega was present and requested that this item be tabled.

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to table this item until the next meeting.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

**Item No. 6: New Business:**

a. Toni Bettega, NRD – RE: Out of state travel – CLEO - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-04:** Ms. Bettega was present:

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the out of state travel.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

CID – fund raiser: Ms. Bettega stated that she would like to have fund raisers for the CID baseball tournament as they are the ones that does this event. Can she use the kitchen to sell street tacos next Thursday.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that it was ok for Ms. Bettega to use the kitchen next Thursday for the fund raiser.

Forester: Short discussion – Ms. Bettega informed the Council that he came in and resigned, as the neighbors were laughing all night and shooting guns, he did not feel safe. This position is being advertised again.

b. Lorn Elk Robe – RE: Appointed to the Judicial/Legislative Committee - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-05:** Mr. Elk Robe was not present. Information reviewed by the Tribal Council. Short discussion about the Judicial Committee not having any meetings; etc.

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve to appoint Mr. Elk Robe to the Judicial Committee and to send out letters to the Judicial Committee asking them if they are still interested in serving on the Committee.

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Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

c. Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Out of state travel for Fiscal Controller - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-06:** Short discussion this was approved at a prior meeting, for Mrs. Whipple and two Council Members. Council will not be attending this conference, so Mrs. Whipple is requesting that the fiscal controller attend the conference.

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve for the Fiscal Controller attend the conference and Mrs. Sayad.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-07:** Mrs. Fitzgerral was present.

i) Request for donation – 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Cahto Walk

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve \$250.00 to come from cultural assistance.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

ii) Danita Quinn – RE: Return of the Ancestors 2019 Run – May 31, 2019

Short discussion, Ms. Quinn will be requesting to use the Hidden Oaks park on May 31<sup>st</sup>.

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the request for use of the Hidden Oaks Park.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

**Amendment No. 1,** to Motion No. 12, with the agreement of Mr. Bettega & Ms. Cordova.

1. To waive the rental fees.

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

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-08:**

i) Mr. Lewis Whipple – RE: ICDBG Resolution for Citizens Participation

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adopt a resolution for the ICDBG Citizen's Participation for the Round Valley Indian Housing Authority.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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ii) Kathleen M. Willits – RE: Claudette Britton's electric bill pump  
Ms. Willits gave an update, information reviewed and discussed.

**MOTION NO. 14:**

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

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.

Mr. Justin Britton & Mr. Carlino Bettega – at the meeting:

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion for Mr. Justin Britton to test Claudette Britton's well on Hopper Lane.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0                      Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

iii) School Board meeting – update given:

**MOTION NO. 16:**

~~Mr. Rabano Jr.,~~ made a motion to accept as informational and to advertise for 874 Committee.

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. 7: Executive Session - Action Item – 2019-03-14-09:**

- a. Cemetery Committee – RE: Update & issues
- b. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various
  - i) Contract – Rapport & Marston
- c. Shareen Rosales – RE: C-Store Incident
- d. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
  - i) Proposal – RE: Audit – Moss Davis
- f. Bernadine Whipple, HR. – RE: Various
  - i) Surveillance Policy
  - ii) Policy – Employee Records
  - iii) ECE Classroom Aide – Age 3-5
  - iv) ECE – Food Service Manager
- g. TRED – RE: Various – Land
  - i) Land Sale – Mr. Tyler
  - ii) Land Sale offer
- h. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal
- i. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Riffe Road – land sale
  - ii) Discuss land issues - various
  - iii) Re-schedule public hearing for Cannabis – Prop. 64

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iv) Prop. 64 meeting – Sacramento, CA. March 26, 2019

v) Conference call – Curtis Berkey

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to go into executive session at 2:58 p.m.

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.

**Item No. 8: Regular Session - Action Item – 2019-03-14-010:**

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:56 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

**Decisions from executive session:**

a. Cemetery Committee – RE: Update & issues - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-011:** Mrs. Carrie Dalson was present.

**MOTION NO. 19:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

b. Trina Fitzgerald, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-012:**

i) Contract – Rapport & Marston

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the contract with Rapport & Marston.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

c. Shareen Rosales – RE: C-Store incident - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-013:** Not present.

d. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-03-13-014:** Not present, has nothing for the Council.

e. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-015:** Ms. Crabtree was present.

i) Proposal – Audit – Moss Davis

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council to hold, for more research.

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f. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-016:**

i) Surveillance Policy - **Action Item – 2019-03-07-014-i –**

**MOTION NO. 21:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

ii) Policy - Employee Records

**MOTION NO. 22:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

iii) ECE Classroom Aid – Age 3-5

**MOTION NO. 23:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to accept the recommendation and hire Cecily Hoaglen, effective March 18, 2019 at the recommended amount.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

iv) ECE Food Service Manager

**MOTION NO. 24:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to accept the recommendation and hire Ms. Whitehurst effective March 18, 2019 at the recommended amount.

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

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

g. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-017:**

i) Land sale – Mr. Tyler - **Action Item – 2019-01-31-07:** No action – discussed.

ii) Land sale offer - **Action Item – 2019-03-07-015-i:**

**CONSENSUS:** It was the consensus of the Council for Ms. Oandasan to contact the individual asking for an appraisal on this parcel.

h. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-018:** Ms. Goodrow and Ms. Tracy Comalli-Bettega were present.

**MOTION NO. 25:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

Note: Mr. Robert Whipple left the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

i. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-019 -**

i) Riffe Road – land sale

**MOTION NO. 26:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

ii) Discuss land issues - various

**MOTION NO. 27:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

iii) Re-schedule public hearing for Cannabis Prop. 64

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to reschedule the meeting to March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

iv) Prop. 64 meeting – Sacramento, CA. March 26, 2019

**MOTION NO. 28:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

Short discussion – Mr. Russ will attend the meeting.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

v) Curtis Berkey – Conference call scheduled for March 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m., at the Health Center's conference room.

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

a. March 22, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 10: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 11: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-03-14-020:**

**MOTION NO. 29:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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



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Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

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

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Alberta J. Azbill", written over a horizontal line.

Executive Secretary, Round Valley  
Tribal Council