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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**February 9, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on February 9, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. in the Buffalo Room in 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. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Lois Horne, Kimberly Stillwell, Monica Sayad, Robert Azbill, Kimberly Franco, Mike Gorman, Allan Frazier, Yolanda Hoaglen, Cindy Hoaglen, Trina Fitzgerral, Annabelle Whipple, Jessica Goodrow, Julia Russ, Mark Britton, Gabe Merrifield, Kelda Britton, Kathy Britton, Mitzi Frazier, Judy Pena

Opening Prayer by Robert Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Minutes – Dec. 18, 2018 & Jan. 17, Jan. 24, Jan. 31, 2019 - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-02:**

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve the minutes, but to table the December 18, 2018 minutes.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Mike Gorman, RV Unified School District – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-03:** Mr. Gorman was present and gave a verbal report – Bid opening on February 11<sup>th</sup> – five bids were received, they have five million dollars to start (4.5 million/bond and 1 million put away; with PG&E filing bankruptcy, they will do a solar project this summer; electric buses they will get two and the range on these are 100 miles so they cannot be taken out of town; on their Wailacki language was approved and Yuki is being taught now and the students can take

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this instead of English; they need a tribal representative on the Impact Aid Committee (they need to send a letter to the Council so it can be placed on the agenda); Prevention Coalition meeting March 26<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento this is in regard to the Prop 54 funds of which 60% go toward schools for drug prevention and education (he invited Council to go with him to this meeting); etc. Discussion followed

Discussion followed and individuals expressed their concerns about the number of students going out on independent study; of students being sent out of the classrooms; of the classrooms being over populated; of organizing activities; no heat in the high school hallway; of phone in the classrooms (why have to have); of the students being bullied by the principal/teachers; of complaints being sent in with no response; of ICWA and what is the chain of command when deals with our Indian Children; of being disrespected by school employees and of being more frustrated when they leave the school; of the importance of attending the School Board meetings (maybe should go in numbers with Council); of the 874 Committee and the need to advertise; etc.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0            Abstentions: 0                            Motion carried.

President Russ thanked the people for showing up and expressing their concerns about the school district/teachers, as there a lot of people that will not do this and that when they do go to the School Board they are not heard. The Council is going to meet with the School Board and he will present these concerns. They have been told that they could not meet with them due to the Brown Act, he checked this out and did not find it anywhere in the Act.

Item No. 5: Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Financial report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-04:** President Russ stated that Ms. Crabtree will not be here, but during the past week they had a Pat O’Brian in helping to get the books in order and is helping to prepare for the audit. He is familiar with fundware and the new software. He said that he could have an indirect cost proposal in thirty day, etc..

Item No. 6: Tribal Council – RE: Report – update current projects and issues – President Russ reporting on:  
-Government shut down  
-Potter Valley Project  
-Joe Ely – Ground water studies – Mr. Ely will be working on  
    Water bottling plant – does not use a lot of water, it is the alfalfa that uses a lot of water  
    Surface water vs Eel River  
    Congressman Hoffman meeting with stakeholders – Tribe need to look at all options – professionals that are working for the tribe (Curtis Berkey; Scott McBain; Peter Pyle; Joe Ely)  
Meeting schedule – February 13<sup>th</sup> – Council meet with School Board; February 20<sup>th</sup> weed night.

Item No. 7: Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-05:** Mrs. Fitzgerral was present and reported (see Attachment No. I, for the report)

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**MOTION NO. 4:**

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Mark Britton, Senior Center – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-06:** Mr. Britton was present and reported, (see Attachment No. II, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 5:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 9: Cindy Hoaglen, TANF – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-07:** Ms. Hoaglen was present and reported, (see Attachment No. III, for the report)

**MOTION NO. 6:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Russ (out of the room)

Item No. 10: Monica Sayad, Head Start - RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-08:** Mrs. Sayad was present and reported, (see Attachment No. IV, for the report)

**MOTION NO. 7:**

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

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 11: Joleen Whipple, Child Care - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-09:** Ms. Whipple was not present. Mrs. Sayad reported on her behalf as they work closely together in the programs.

**MOTION NO. 8:**

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

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.

Item No. 12: Yolanda Hoaglen DV& SAP – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-010:** Mrs. Hoaglen was present and reported (see Attachment No. V, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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Nays: 0          Abstentions: 0          Motion carried.

Item No. 13: Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DOJ/DV – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-011**: Ms. Goodrow was present and gave a verbal report. There is still a great need for foster homes; attended a training in Sacramento regarding positive parenting; the Texas Case which said that the ICWA law was unconstitutional – over 200 Tribes have responded in regard to this ruling; Ms. Bettega is available to assist with restraining orders on Tuesdays/Thursdays at the Wellness Center; she has been working with Julia Russ and Yolanda Hoaglen on grants; talked to Mr. Robert Whipple about a youth program: the CTAS grant – none of her program dollars were drawn down; etc.

Note: Ms. Cordova left the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

**MOTION NO. 10:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: ●          Motion carried.

Item No. 14: Lewis Whipple, RVI Housing Authority – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-012** : Mr. Whipple was present and reported (see Attachment No. VI, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: L. Whipple          Motion carried.

Item No. 15: James Russ, RVI Health Center – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-013**:

Mr. Russ was present and reported (see Attachment No. VII, for the report).

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Russ          Motion carried.

Item No. 16: Patricia Rabano, THPO – RE: Report (January regular meeting report) - **Action**

**Item – 2019-01-19-010**: Not present.

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0          Motion carried.

Item No. 17: Reports (written) received from Program Managers not on the agenda - **Action**

**Item – 2019-02-09-015:**

- Toni Bettega, NRD

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- Mona Oandasan, Tribal Real Estate Program
- Patricia Rabano, THPO

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the written reports.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                                      Motion carried.

Item No. 18. Non-Agenda Items - 3 Minute Time Limit – None

Item No. 19: Set date, time and agenda for next meeting

- a. February 12, 2019 @ 12:00 p.m. - Richard Karl
- b. February 11, 2019 Law & Order night – 6:00 p.m.
- c. February 13, 2019 – Parents & Council – RE: Education – concerns
- d. February 14, 2019 – Special meeting

Item No. 20: Closing Prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 21: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-02-09-016:**

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:05 p.m.

Mr. Lewis 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