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MINUTES
June 23, 2018

The regular rescheduled meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on June 23, 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, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple & Mr. Robert Whipple and Mr. William Whipple (arrived at 12:02 p.m.)

Also present: Cindy Hoaglen, Yolanda Hoaglen, Kimberly Stillwell, Mark Britton, Mr. John Haschak, Vincent Cordova, Trina Fitzgerral, Marline Fulwider, Kerra Stillwell, Tami Whipple, Kristen Gonzales and her sister, Eric Hoaglin, Jessica Goodrow, Roxanna Oliver and her daughters.

Opening Prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0

Mr. John Haschak was acknowledged and he thank the Council for the opportunity to attend the meeting. He is running for 3rd District Supervisor and he has been a teacher in Willits for twenty-eight years, and the President of the Teachers Association, so he has knowledge of how the school district works and he knowledge of the budgeting process. He would like to get career/educational classes going up here. There are big issues in the County and they need 8 candidates, they are now down to two, John Pinches and himself, so he would like to ask that people get out and vote.

Item No. 3: Minutes – March 29, April 5, April 10, April 13, April 26, May 3, May 10, & May 17, May 24/26, May 31, 2018 **Action Item – 2018-06-23-02:**

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the Minutes of March 29, April 5, April 10, April 13, and April 26, 2018

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

Item No. 4: Tribal Council – RE: Report – update current projects and issues: Update given by President Russ

Multi Use Trail – walk through done, this started with a planning grant and was told it would take eight years to start, it has been longer than that. During this time there has been accidents and deaths. MCOG stated that funding would be available 2020.

Discussion followed – of a lawsuit that was filed by a land owner; concern of the huge cluster of traffic at the C-Store and a possible cross walk (to Hidden Oaks); of the speed limit; of the trail and where it will go; etc.

RVIHC FEMA training – A training was held with around 60 participants in attendance. The seconded training is scheduled for June 28th and will be held at TANF. The significance of this is that when you go through the training you are qualified and if there is a fire, etc., the Tribe would be able to bill FEMA for the cost

CalTrans – Mr. Hutt reporting and stated that there are monitors working on the Covelo Road and CalTrans is give us free dirt to fix the road into Hidden Oaks and the ballfields.

Lengthy discussion followed with the audience expressing their views about the soil (all clay; tested for contamination; of who gave approval; of bring in foreign material; compensation;) etc, -Law suit –(ICWA) Northern District TX against DOI – the Tribe needs to fire a Amicus Brief as if this is passed it will affect the Tribe and is an attack on tribal sovereignty. – Discussion followed

Election Board – Mr. Lewis Whipple stated that this is an election year and that the Tribe needed Election Board Members. Discussion followed – need to do more outreach.

Economic Development – The Council is pursuing economic development and we need to have a corporate structure to be in place. The Mining Permit is moving forward. A community meeting will be scheduled just for this item.

Discussion followed about why there were so many boards/committees; duties; etc.

-Tribal Business Administrator – The Council has hire Trina Fitzgerral who comes with a lot of experience in work with Tribes.

Grad Night – Certificates were given out to honor the 8th and high school graduates. – Discussion followed.

School Board – three seats are open this year – discussion followed and it was suggest that Eric Hoaglin place this on the website.

Item No. 6: Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-03:** Mrs. Fitzgerral was present and reported (see Attachment No. I, for the report)

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Whipple made a motion to approve the report.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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Item No. 6: Mark Britton, Senior Center - RE: Report (report received – also May regular mtg. report) **Action Item – 2018-06-23-04:** Mr. Britton was present and reported, (see Attachment No. II, for the report).

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the report.

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. 7: Yolanda Hoaglen, Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Pro. – RE: Report (report received) -**Action Item – 2018-06-23-05:** Mrs. Hoaglen was present and reported (see Attachment No. III, for the report)

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the request.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 8: Cindy Hoaglen, TANF – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-06:** Ms. Hoaglen was present and reported, (see Attachment No. IV, for the report)

MOTION NO. 6:

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

MR. Hutt 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. 9: Joleen Whipple, Child Care – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-07:** Not present – tabled

Item No. 10: Monica Sayad, Head Start - RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-08:** Not present. – tabled.

Item No. 11: Jessica Goodrow, DV/DOJ - ICWA– RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-09:** Ms. Goodrow was present and gave a verbal report – overall three successful trainings completed with 3 DV people trained and certified; working to get forms on line for so individuals can go on line and get the forms they need; the paralegal job is still vacant; etc.

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the verbal report.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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Item No. 12: Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-010:**
Left the meeting – called out:

Mr. Hutt left the meeting at 11:53 a.m.

Mr. William Whipple arrived at 12:02 p.m. – during Mr. Lewis Whipple’s report.

Item No. 13: Lewis Whipple, RV Indian Housing Authority – RE: Report - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-011:** Mr. Lewis was present and reported (see Attachment No. V, for the report)

MOTION NO. 8:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Russ, Rabano Jr., & R.Whipple

Nays: W.Whipple

Abstentions: L. Whipple & Bettega (out of the room)

Motion carried.

Item No. 12: Vincent Cordova arrived back at the meeting and reported that there were 47 incidents; four weeks left for the individual that is attending the academy; with there being no Chief he is the lead officer at the present with the Chief position being advertised; CHP is working with them on the vehicle incidents; he is working on a new schedule; on July 2nd they will go back to wearing black uniforms; etc.

Discussion followed about the call that an individual made to the BIA (no idea on what form needed to be filled out to request FBI assistance); of having a swearing in of all new officers;

MOTION NO. 9:

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

Mr. William Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 14: James Russ, RV Indian Health Center – RE: Report (report received) - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-012:** Mr. Russ reporting on tribal sovereignty; Trump administration – budget cuts and how they may affect the DHHS and the Health Center; a Public Nurse – Vickie Shively was hire and will be full time in August; IRT - the army doctors did not get funded so they will not be here this year; Yuki Trails will be a smoke free campus; they applied for a Tribal Management grant two weeks ago; etc.

Mr. Bettega left the meeting.

Discussion followed about getting a female counselor at Yuki Trails; of the Meth., problem here; etc.

MOTION NO. 10:

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion

Question: Ayes: Rabano Jr., L.Whipple, R.Whipple & W.Whipple

Nays: 0

Abstentions: Russ Motion carried.

Item No. 16: Non-Agenda Items:

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a. Kimberly Stillwell – RE: Rodeo grounds

Mrs. Stillwell was acknowledged and stated that she was here regarding the rodeo arena and the mud bog event that was held in there. She heard that Kat Willits came to a prior meeting regarding this. The girls went down there and took pictures and its sad. They wanted to do a play day for the kids and they use the area, they can't now. It was their sanctuary, they can't go to the mountains, the mud bog people went in there and destroyed it. Whose responsibility is it to fix it. They went in there an unhook the electrical line and someone went in there and filled the holes up with huge boulders, etc.

Kristen Gonzales was acknowledged and showed the Council pictures she took of the arena – and expressing her opinion, she thought that after the meeting with the Council they had come up with a plan on how to fix the arena, what happen to that, it keeps getting worse; etc.

Lengthy discussion followed about the rodeo arena; the carnival that is held at California Indian Days, (why spend funds on this, should invest the funds in our own people); of who is hauling the dirt in and who approved; of who opened the gates to let them in (were hauling in dirt today); of whose event was this (President Russ stated that Ms. Bettega did come to a meeting and got approval and she thought she would have help, but this did not happen); of the current condition of the area, bleachers are ready to fall apart and the arena is falling apart and parts are missing, etc., and it would not hurt to put funds into it to fix it up; of the need to reactivate the Hidden Oaks Committee and to develop a site for the mud bog event, etc.

b. Marline Fulwider – RE: Audit – forensic:

President Russ gave an update.

Item No. 15: Reports (written) received from Program Managers not on the agenda - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-013:**

- Toni Bettega, NRD
- Mona Oandasan, Tribal Real Estate Dept.
- Randy Wolfen, Casino
- Cheryl Bettega, Roads Dept.
- Michelle Downey, TEPA
- Julia Azbill, Convenience Store

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the written reported that were received.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 17. Set date, time and agenda for next meeting

- a. June 29, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 18: Closing Prayer by Trina Fitzgerral

Item No. 19: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-06-23-014:**

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Whipple made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

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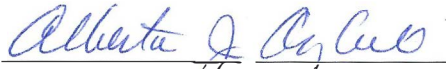
Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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