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MINUTES
September 25, 2018

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on September 25, 2018 at 1:08 p.m. in the Buffalo Room located 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 (arrived at 1:11 p.m.), Mr. Hutt, Mr. Rabano Jr., Mr. Lewis Whipple and Mr. Robert Whipple (arrived 1:12 p.m.)

Also present: Shannon Barney, William Feather, Laura Betts, Claudette Britton, Mark Britton, Gerald Britton Jr., Jeremy Gravier, Andrea Oliver, Cheryl Bettega, Mary Long and Neil Britton

Note: Some of the individuals were present as they met with the Council. - - - - -

Opening prayer by Alberta J. Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to approve the agenda with changes.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3. Executive Session - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-02:**

- a. Mendocino County Sheriffs Dept. – Request to meet with Tribal Council
- b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – no items
- d. Tribal Council – RE: Various
 - i) TANF Personnel

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Hutt made a motion to go into executive session at 1:13 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0 Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 4: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-0**

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 5:46 p.m.

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Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

Decisions from executive session:

a. Mendocino County Sheriffs Dept. – Request to meet with Tribal Council - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-04:**

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational and to put out a public announcement - RE: Anyone with Information on Khadjah Britton please come forward.

Mr. Hutt seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-05:** No action.

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-06:** No business items.

d. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-07:**

i) TANF Personnel

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Lewis Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

6-b – New Business – moved into executive session:

Susanne Merrifield, Election Board - questions and clarification – **Action Item – 2018-09-25-09:** Susanne Merrifield and Jeremy Gravier were present.

MOTION NO. 6:

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

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

6-a: Tina Wilson, Eel River Charter School – RE: Request annual Waiver Letter 2020 Impact Aid – **Action Item 2018-09-25-08:** Mrs. Wilson was present.

MOTION NO. 7:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the waiver letter for the Eel River Charter School.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 5: Unfinished Business:

a. TRED – Various

i) Angel Esquivel – RE: Consent for Lease - **Action Item – 2018-07-26-09-ii:**

MOTION NO. 8:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to table this item for further information.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 6: New Business:

c. TRED – RE: Consent for 540 – 150 – Council approve for President to sign - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-010:**

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to deny this request.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

d. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-09-25—011:** No business items.

e. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-012:**

i) Mr. Hutt – RE: Burial Assistance - **Action Item – 2018-08-14-011-ii:** Tabled under agenda approval

ii) Cheryl Bettega – RE: IHS Hopper Lane Project – PO \$29,998 and \$7,000. Mrs. Bettega was present and stated that she is requesting approval for the two purchase orders as she took them to fiscal and was told she needed to get Council approval.

Short discussion followed about the process of getting purchase orders approved – if the contract is approved than it is a matter of processing payment according to the budget line items.

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 7: Set agenda, date and time for next meeting:

a. October 4, 2018 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Alberta Azbill

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Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2018-09-25-013:**

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.


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

Nays: 0

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

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

Submitted by:


Executive Secretary, Round Valley
Tribal Council