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**ROUND VALLEY RESERVATION ESTABLISHED 1856**

**MINUTES**  
**April 18, 2019**

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on April 18, 2019 at 1:10 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 (at 1:25 p.m. and left at 5:25 p.m.), Mr. Lewis Whipple, Mr. Rabano Jr., Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Andrea Oliver & daughter, Trina Fitzgerral, Andreanna Bettega, Nicole Whipple & Kimberly Stillwell

Opening prayer by Ms. Cordova

Item No. 2. Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Yolanda Hoaglen – RE: Grant writer – Deb Hutt – services needed - **Action Item – 2019-04-11-04:** Mrs. Hoaglen requested that this item be removed from the agenda, she is going to work with Mrs. Fitzgerral.

Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Andreanna Bettega – RE: Financial assistance – AAU tournament Reno, NV. - May 25/27<sup>th</sup> contact person Andrea Oliver - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-02:** Ms. Bettega and Ms. Oliver were present.

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve \$1,000 per team.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

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b. Kandi de la Pena – (verbal request – did not say what item was) - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-03:** Not present, will be taken when Ms. de la Pena shows up.

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-04:**

i) Admin (Ex. Sec.) – RE: Minutes

**MOTION NO. 3:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

d. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-05:**

i) Lewis Whipple - RE: Resolution for a solar power grant. Mr. Whipple presented the agenda item.

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Robert Whipple made a motion to approve by to submit a solar power grant.

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) 6 month Bi-Annual meeting agenda – discussed

**MOTION NO. 5:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: Rabano Jr. (out of the room)      Motion carried.

c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various – **Action Item – 2019-04-18-04:**

ii) Foster Grandparent Program: Ms. Diane James was acknowledged and stated that the Tribe failed to meet the retro of the number of foster grandparents they would have which was 18. They only have two at the present time and she had phone conference with the funding agency and she requested to be given a change to go up until June and reapply for another round of funding with the reduction of volunteers. She continues to do outreach and has attended the various events and feels that she can increase the number of volunteers to five by the end of June.

Discussion followed about the barriers of getting background checks completed in a timely manner; of there being no financial reports submitted; etc.

**MOTION NO. 6:**

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Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to increase the number of volunteers as much as possible and on the renewal to go for 10 volunteers.

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. Kandi de la Pena – (verbal request – did not say what item was) – **Action Item – 2019-04-18-03:** Ms. de la Pena arrived and acknowledged and she informed the Council that she has several items: 1) Trailer – expressed her need for one, and of why another person was selected – item discussed at length at the end of this discussed Ms. de la Pena was encouraged to meet with the BOC and discuss with them the status of her HIP application`  
2) Burnt trailer – still need assistance with remove it and help with clean up – lengthy discussion followed. Can she get one of the trailers at Hidden Oaks – discussed.  
3) Trailer that is south of her, who did it belong to as it was the understanding that it was hers, based upon a prior Council meeting where this item was brought forth, etc., and she does not want Mr. Goodrow there as he is beginning to block her entrance to her land. Ms. de la Pena will talk to Mr. Freeman to see if he can move the trailer unto his land.

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to accept as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0      Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

- c. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various, continued.

iii) COPS Grant

Mrs. Fitzgerral asked the Council if they wanted to apply for another grant.

Discussion followed – the Meth grant will be done in September (question – one year obligation to carry the employee); of the need to look at the Non-Gaming budget; if there were funds left in the equipment grants and of the need to get a financial report; etc.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to apply for the COPS grant

iv) Meeting with Save California Salmon

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to meet on May 2, 2019.

- d. Tribal Council – RE: Various – **Action Item – 2019-04-18-05:**

iii) IT Broad Band - meeting/Cell Towers

President Russ informed the Council that he went to a meeting and there is a company (Rural Development ) that will bring in the fiber optic lines. There were other companies MCI and AT&T and Frontier all said they could do this, the cost is high. There is a lot of funds for board band that do not get out to rural areas.

Discussion followed about US Cellular coming in requesting to put up cell towers and the health issues that this may cause; of getting the study that was done by Stanford; of goggling reports on towers; of the various things that is heard about the health effects

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#### **MOTION NO. 8:**

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

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.

#### iv) Indian Ed. Center funding

President Russ informed the Council that there is a meeting scheduled April 29/20<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento about Indian Education Center funding. Julia Russ was sent an invitation to attend the meeting to get information to do the grant. His question to the Council is do they want to send Julia to this meeting.

#### **MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve for Julia Russ to attend the meeting in Sacramento.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

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

#### v) Marijuana letters

President Russ informed the Council that Stormer Feiler called him and informed his that the permits that are given out is on a yearly basis, the Tribe is approving on a month by month basis. They need consistency – (approve for a year; approve month by month; and what to charge Discussion followed about the Sheriffs meeting and what was said by Allman (going to hit Covelo pretty hard, no matter if its reservation land they will do raids and that people can not hide behind the Council); of the number of plants approved for recreational use vs., tribal; medical vs. commercial; etc.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for Ms. Willits to contact Sheriff Allman and invite him to come up and meet with the Council.

vi) RV Municipal Committee – John Haschak is forming a adhoc RV Municipal Committee to discuss Round Valley issues and scheduled a meeting for May 2<sup>nd</sup> and President Russ asked Council if they would be interested in attending the meeting, he will be attending just to check it out.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council that Mr. Rabano Jr., would attend the meeting.

#### Item No. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-06:**

a. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various

i) Personnel

ii) Spy Ego Media IT Software

iii) Nicole Whipple

b. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA.DV Legal – RE: Various

i) Training – May 13<sup>th</sup> – Wills & ICWA

ii) ICWA

iii) CILS Letter to state Court – approve to send letter

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- iv) Judge Wiseman – RE: Out of state travel to DC
- c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update
- d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial
- c. Bernadine Whipple, IIR. – RE: Various
  - i) Surveillance Policy
  - ii) Employee Records
  - iii) Wage Increase Request – Convenience Store
  - iv) Fiscal Policy – Travel Time
  - v) Tribal Police – Step 4 Wage Increases # 1, # 2
- f. TRED – RE: Various – Land
  - i) Antonia Crabtree
  - ii) Marian Betts – Request Standard Assignment
  - iii) SHN Contract for T-2019
- g. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Amicus Brief - IHCIA
  - ii) Court Staffing
  - iii) Grant funded - staffing
  - iv) David Dennert

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to go into executive session at 3:43 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. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-07:**

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 6:32 p.m.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

Note: Mr. Bettega left at 3:55 p.m.

a. Trina Fitzgerral, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-08:**

i) Personnel – various discussed.

iii) Nicole Whipple

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion for a payback plan and IPP on all cases and for Cindy Hoaglen to develop a policy.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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ii) Spy Ego Media IT Software

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to purchase the software and stipulate that it comes from TANF.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-09:**

i) Training – May 13<sup>th</sup> – Wills & ICWA

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) ICWA

**MOTION NO. 15:**

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

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) CILS Letter to state Court – approve to send letter

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve to send the letter to the State Court.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iv) Judge Wiseman – RE: Out of state travel - DC

c. Sergeant Vincent Cordova, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-010:** Not present.

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-011:** Not present.

e. Bernadine Whipple, HR – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-012:**

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

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

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

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to table this item.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) Wage Increase Request – Convenience Store - **Action Item – 2019-3-22-015-iv –**

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve wage increases for Toni Tuttle, Nicole Hoper and Destiny Whipple-McCarty.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iv) Fiscal Policy – Travel Time

**MOTION NO. 19:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to table for further review.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

v) Tribal Police – Step 4 Wage Increases # 1, # 2, - **Action Item – 2019-02-14-08-ii-iii:**  
CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to reschedule another meeting.

vi) Wage Increase – Accounting Clerk II

**MOTION NO. 20:**

Mr. Rabano JR., made a motion to approve a wage increase retro., back to January 15, 2019.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

f. TRED – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-013:**

i) Antonia Crabtree

**MOTION NO. 21**

Mr. Rabano Jr., made a motion to approve Ms. Crabtree's request.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Marian Betts – Request Standard Assignment

**MOTION NO. 22:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve a by resolution an assignment with changes.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

iii) SHN Contract for T-2019

**MOTION NO. 23:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to approve the SHN contract.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

g. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-014:**

i) Amicus Brief – IHCIA - **Action Item – 2019-04-04-020-i:** Deleted

ii) Court Staffing

iii) Grant Funded Staffing

**MOTION NO. 24:**

Mr. Lewis Whipple made a motion to accept ii and iii as informational.

Mr. Rabano Jr., seconded the motion.

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

iv) David Dennert

v) Mr. Rabano Jr. – RE: Personnel C-Store

**MOTION NO. 25:**

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

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

a. April 25, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. - Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-04-18-015:**

**MOTION NO. 26:**

Ms. Willits made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:39 p.m.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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


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



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Submitted by:

  
Executive Secretary, Round Valley  
Tribal Council