

# ROUND VALLEY INDIAN TRIBES

*A Sovereign Nation of Confederated Tribes*

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## MINUTES January 21, 2026

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President Joseph Parker on January 21, 2026 at 10:20 a.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. Parker, Mr. Britton, Ms. Hoaglen, Mr. Whipple (arrived at 10:34 a.m.), Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Henao & Ms. Whitehurst

Opening prayer by Ms. Jill Hoaglen

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-01:**

**MOTION NO. 1:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Land sale offer - **Action Item – 2026-01-12-02-i:**

**MOTION NO. 2:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to table the item.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Item No. 4: New Business:

e. Connie Hostler – RE: Financial Assistance - **Action Item - 2026-01-21-06:** Ms. Hostler is going to Sacramento for a MMIP event on February 3/4, 2026 and is requesting some assistance with rooms.

**MOTION NO. 3:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve to purchase of two rooms for two nights at the Hard Rock Hotel funds coming from the MMIP program.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

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Note: Mr. Whipple arrived at 10:34 a.m.

a. Toni Whipple, NRD – RE: Purchase tires for dump truck - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-02:**

**MOTION NO. 4:**

Mr. Oliver made a motion to approve the purchase of the dump truck from Les Schwab, funds coming from Transportation in the amount of \$8560. 74.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

b. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA – RE: Out of state travel - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-03:** Out of state travel for Melinda Gonzales & Joan Pete on March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026 to Oklahoma City for the NICWA Conference on Native Child Advocacy Issues.

**MOTION NO. 5:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the out of state travel for the ICWA training 3 employees and Council, funds coming out of ICWA.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

c. Liz Oliver – RE: Office space - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-04:** She is requesting some office space for her tax business. Council wants to get ahold of her and see if she would like a space at the Career Center.

**MOTION NO. 6:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to table the item.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: Oliver      Motion carried.

d. Raquel Britton – RE: Financial Assistance - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-05:** She is going to the CDC Convention in Washington DC January 24<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION NO. 7:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to table the item to see how much funds are in the Cultural & Sports categories.

Ms. Hoaglen seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

f. Maria Swearinger – RE: Food and drink trailer - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-07:** Is asking for Council's approval to park her food & drink trailer by NRD.

**MOTION NO. 8:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to approve for Maria Swearinger to park her trailer by NRD.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0

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Abstentions: 0                      Motion carried.

g. Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-08:**

- i) TNGF – Funding status – Item discussed.
- ii) Williams Creek property status - Item discussed.
- iii) Aaron Borrego – Youth activities – Put on next meeting agenda
- iv) Higher Ed funding – Put on next meeting agenda
- v) Eel River letter - Put on next meeting agenda

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-09:**

- i) Consent Decree – Election Ordinance – Tomorrow at 12:00 p.m. 1/22/2026
- ii) Minutes December 1, 8, 15, 20, 22 & 29, 2025 – **Action Item – 2026-01-17-014:**

December 1, 2025

**MOTION NO. 9:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve the December 1<sup>st</sup> minutes with corrections.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: 0                      Note: Whipple out of the room                      Motion carried.

Nays: 0

December 8, 2025

**MOTION NO. 10:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve the December 8<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Ms. Hoaglen seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: 0                      Note: Whipple out of the room                      Motion carried.

Nays: 0

December 15, 2025

**MOTION NO. 11:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the December 15<sup>th</sup> minutes with corrections.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst

Abstentions: 0                      Note: Whipple out of the room                      Motion carried.

Nays: 0

December 20, 2025

**MOTION NO. 12:**

Ms. Hoaglen made a motion to approve the December 20<sup>th</sup> minutes.

Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

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Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0 Note: Whipple out of the room Motion carried.

December 22, 2025

**MOTION NO. 13:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to approve the December 22<sup>nd</sup> minutes with corrections.  
Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0 Note: Whipple out of the room Motion carried.

December 29, 2025

**MOTION NO. 14:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to approve the December 29<sup>th</sup> minutes.  
Mr. Oliver seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0 Note: Whipple out of the room Motion carried.

**Item No. 5: Executive Session - Action Item – 2026-01-21-010:**

- a. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Consent for Assignments
- b. Reyn George, 7 Tribes – RE: EnerTribe
- c. Fiscal Dept. – RE: Various – financial
- d. Colleen Downey, C-Store – RE: Update
- e. Michael Hoaglen, Golden Oaks Motel – RE: Update
- f. Tribal Police – RE: Update
- g. Tribal Business Administrator
  - i) EPA Dept. start-up
  - ii) Water Dept. restructure
- h. Tribal Council – RE: Various
  - i) Potential Business purchase
  - ii) Personnel
  - iii) Gin Bettega

**MOTION NO. 15:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to go into executive session at 11:15 a.m.  
Mr. Britton seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

**Item No. 6: Regular Session - Action Item – 2026-01-21-011:**

**MOTION NO. 16:**

Mr. Whipple made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 1:40 p.m.  
Mrs. Henao seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

Decisions from executive session:

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a. Mona Oandasan, TRED – RE: Consent for Assignments - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-012:**

**MOTION NO. 17:**

Mr. Britton made a motion to table the item.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

b. Reyn George, 7 Tribes – RE: EnerTribe - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-013:** Item discussed

c. Fiscal Dept. – RE: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-014:** No update

d. Colleen Downey, C-Store – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-015:** Item discussed

e. Michael Hoaglen, Golden Oaks Motel – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-016:** Item discussed.

f. Tribal Police – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-017:** No update

g. Tribal Business Administrator - Various - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-018:**

i) EPA Dept. start up - FYI

ii) Water Dept. restructure – Item discussed

h. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-019 –**

i) Potential Business purchase – Item discussed

ii) Personnel – Item discussed

iii) Gin Bettega – Item discussed

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

- a. January 22, 2026 @ 12:00 p.m. - Special Meeting
- b. January 26, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. – Special Meeting

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by Mr. Robert Whipple

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2026-01-21-020:**

**MOTION NO. 18:**

Mrs. Henao made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:45 p.m.

Mr. Whipple seconded the motion.

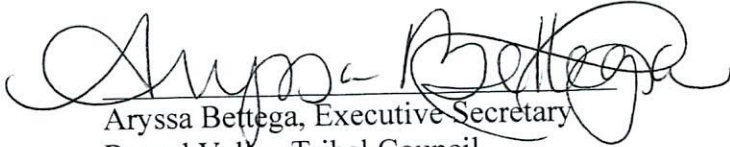
Question: Ayes: Parker, Britton, Hoaglen, Whipple, Oliver, Henao & Whitehurst      Nays: 0  
Abstentions: 0      Motion carried.

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Minutes taken and typed by Aryssa Bettega, Executive Secretary, Round Valley Tribal Council.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aryssa Bettega", written over a horizontal line.

Aryssa Bettega, Executive Secretary  
Round Valley Tribal Council

Date approved: February 17, 2026