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MINUTES
July 25, 2019

The special meeting of the Round Valley Tribal Council was called to order by President James Russ on July 25, 2019 at 1:19 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. Robert Whipple, Ms. Cordova & Ms. Willits

Also present: Kimberly Stillwell, Betsy Brown, Nancy Britton, Leonard Tuttle Jr., Mr. Henry.

Opening prayer by Alberta Azbill

Item No. 2: Agenda/approval - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-01:**

MOTION NO. 1:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the agenda with additions.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0

Motion carried.

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Tim Bettega – RE: Request for resolution on McKay Ranch (approve designate for Rehab., Center) - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-03:** Not present.

Item No. 4: New Business:

a. Betsy Brown – RE: Request to connect home to sewer system - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-02:** Ms. Brown was present and informed the Council that she is requesting to be hooked up to the Tribe's sewer system. She lives over on Bigger Lane and already talked to Justin Britton and he said she had to come to the Council.

Short discussion followed about the cost of hooking up to the Tribe's sewer system; stub outs; etc.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council to check this out and move ahead with this request.

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b. Monica Sayad, Head Start – RE: Head Start Pre-service training Aug. 6/8th Spokane - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-03:** Mrs. Sayad was not present. Information reviewed this is a mandatory training for the staff.

MOTION NO. 2:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the out of state travel.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Nays: 0

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

c. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-04:** Mrs. Henry was not available as she was meeting with a tribal member.

Council will take her agenda items later on in the meeting.

i) Hidden Oaks Concession stand – Bid - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-05-iii:**

ii) Dale Higgins – RE: Addendum to Contract

d. Tribal Council - RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-05:**

i) Ms. Willits – RE: Update on Meeting 7-24, 2019

Ms. Willits reported on the meeting that she attended which was the farm bureau and all agricultural people that is coming together. They discussed the dam and there were people there that wanted to removed the dam; people there that were concerned about the affect this would have on the fish if the dam was removed; of the cost to keep the dam instead of removing and they will be an extreme water charge; there were a lot of grape growers there and voiced that concern – can't just be cut off completely from water.

She felt the meeting was leaning toward what the Tribe was concerned about – Fish and they brought up the mercury studies; the planning agreement is on the table now (President Russ stated that he wanted to read the agreement before he signed it, also Round Valley name is on it but Bear River & Wiyot's name was not on it); FERC wants someone to step in and operate the dam, if no one takes over, it will become a orphan project and there is a whole another process for this; of what was said on the radio; of there being another meeting scheduled for tomorrow – does the Council want an attorney there as it is not Hoffman's meeting and does the Council want to pay \$200/\$300/hr., to have an attorney at these meetings; etc.

Item No. 5: Executive Session - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-06:**

a. Mary Long, Enrollment Dept. – RE: Relinquishment requested by Edith Grace Williams

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various

i) Personnel – Recommendation to hire C-Store Assistant Manager

ii) Personnel – Recommendation to hire HR

iii) Organizational Chart

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept. – RE: Update

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RE: Various – financial

e. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV Legal

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various

i) Investigation

ii) Eel River Update

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iii) Portfolio Update

iv) Nancy Britton

MOTION NO. 3:

Mr. Robert Whipple made a motion to go into executive session at 1:55 p.m.

Mr. Bettega seconded the motion.

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

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

Item No. 6: Regular Session - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-07:**

MOTION NO. 4:

Mr. Robert Whipple made a motion to reconvene into regular session at 3:53 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

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

Decisions from executive session:

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various:

iv) Nancy Britton – RE: Housing Authority: Ms. Britton, Leonard Tuttle present.

MOTION NO. 5:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to accept as informational.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

a. Mary Long, Enrollment Dept. – RE: Relinquishment requested by Edith Grace Williams - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-08:** Ms. Long was not called into the meeting.

MOTION NO. 6:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the relinquishment as requested by resolution.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

b. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-09:**

iii) Organizational chart – restructure – departmentalize - FYI

ii) Personnel – Recommendation to hire HR

MOTION NO. 7:

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the recommendation and hire Sonja Johnson.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

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- i) Personnel – Recommendation to hire C-Store Assistant Manager

MOTION NO. 8:

Ms. Willits made a motion to approve the recommendation and hire Nicole Hopper.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

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

d. Darlene Crabtree, Tribal Controller – RF: Various – financial - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-11:** Not present. Mr. Robert Whipple, Treasurer handed out information.

c. Michael Henry, Chief, Tribal Police Dept – RE: Update - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-010:** Not present.

e. Jessica Goodrow, ICWA/DV – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-012:** Not present.

f. Tribal Council – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-15-013:**

i) Investigation - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-016-i:**

ii) Eel River Update - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-016-ii:**

iii) Portfolio Update - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-016-iii -**

MOTION NO. 9:

Mr. Robert Whipple made a motion to table i, ii and iii.

Ms. Cordova seconded the motion.

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

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

Addressed at this time:

Item No. 3: Unfinished Business:

a. Tim Bettega – RE: Request for resolution on McKay Ranch (approve designate for Rehab., Center) - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-03:** Not present.

Mrs. Henry reported that she spoke to Mr. Bettega earlier in the week and he has no concrete plan, the concept is good and he wants to do something. She feels that it's ok to do a letter, as the place is available and should be used for something.

Short discussion about there being no funding available through IHS for rehabilitation but that the McKay Ranch would be an ideal place for a treatment center; etc.

CONSENSUS: It was the consensus of the Council for the TBA to do a letter for Mr. Bettega.

c. Patricia Henry, Tribal Business Administrator – RE: Various - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-04:**

i) Hidden Oaks Concession stand – Bid - **Action Item – 2019-07-18-05-iii:**

Mrs. Henry reported that one bid was received from Hatchet Mountain Construction and she received another on from Corky Ray which was \$2,000 cheaper the Hatchet Mountain Construction.

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Mr. Bettega back to the meeting – 4:07 p.m.

MOTION NO. 10:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the bid submitted by Corky Ray.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

ii) Dale Higgins – RE: Addendum to Contract - \$ 32,560.00:

Council received the price quote document and what Mr. Higgins was proposing to do.

Mrs. Henry updated the Council on the progress that has been made thus far and reported that she met with Mr. Higgins. She is getting a group of people to go down on Monday to look at the ball fields and see what needs to be done to finish the fields. The first field, Allie Crabtree is working on and is ready to do the end field. The second field is ruined, they need to take out the shale and take the top off. The priority now is to get the ball fields finished before California Indian Days and she told Dale that she wouldn't even talk about the Little League field yet.

Short discussion – Mr. James Bettega Jr., needs a bigger mower and they are going to order a big boy, Cheryl Bettega is working on this.

MOTION NO. 11:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to approve the addendum to Mr. Higgins contract.

Mr. Robert Whipple seconded the motion.

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

Abstentions: 0 Motion carried.

iii) U.S. Cellular – Mrs. Henry reported that she will have more information next week.

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

a. July 27, 2019 @ 9:00 a.m. - Regular Meeting

b. July 29, 2019 @ 1:00 p.m. – David Denhart, Attorney RE: LLC & Riffe Road

Item No. 8: Closing prayer by President Russ

Item No. 9: Adjournment - **Action Item – 2019-07-25-014:**

MOTION NO. 12:

Mr. Bettega made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Willits seconded the motion.

Question: Ayes: Russ, Bettega, R. Whipple, 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
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