

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)

Held Wednesday January 8, 2020

at the Library Commons, 23925 Howard Street, Covelo, CA

The meeting was called to order by presiding officer Jessica Stull-Otto at 6 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council officers

Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti, Dane Downing, Kathy Britton, Jessica Stull-Otto, James Russ

Officials

John Haschak, 5th District Supervisor

General Public

John Marshall, Dee Mullen, Imil Ferrara, Mary Jane Cummings, Pat Sobrero, Susan O'Brien, Ross O'Brien, David Ganges, Kay Richards, Carol Borden, Kat Willits

2. Approval of minutes from previous meetings

The minutes from both the October meeting and the December meeting were approved by Council without discussion

3. Agenda item for the February meeting: John Marshall will present on the Community Foundation and grants and funds available for Round Valley

4. Economic Development Workshop – John Haschak informed the Council that due to unresolved issues between the Economic Development Financial Corporation (a Mendocino County based Community Development Financing Institution (CDFI) also operating in Lake County) and the county the workshop is on indefinite hold

5. Availability of Supervisor Haschak for town hall meeting in Covelo

John informed the Council that he was available to hold a town hall meeting for Round Valley area residents if the Council was so inclined

6. Action item – Community Outreach Working Group promotional post card announcing the formation of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council

The promotional matter was approved subject to the following:

a. Design was approved as submitted by Kay Richards with the addition of a line crediting the photographer for the photo used and the addition of a Spanish notice prominently placed at the top of the front of the card directing the reader to the RVAMAC website for a complete version of the post card in Spanish.

b. Total expenditure of print and mailing not to exceed \$700.

c. Website version to be completed and online prior to start of the promotion.

d. Post card mailed to all PO Boxes and mailing addresses in the Council area.

7. Report by Lew Chichester for the Fire/Disaster Preparedness Working Group

Lew reported on the preliminary work of the Group so far, to wit:

- a. Individuals and families are the primary respondees in any disaster situation.
- b. The next level of responsibility involves the street and/or neighborhood, so coordinating with neighbors is critical
- c. The Group is contemplating a written outreach effort such as flyers or postcards advising residents what to do in the event of a disaster which is tailored specifically to conditions in Round Valley or surrounds.
- d. The group intends to compile a list of available resources in the community, and then a similar list of resources that are lacking. The second list will provide a focus for action recommendations in order to ameliorate such lack.

8. The county budget – Supervisor Haschak informed the Council that the county budget is available online. Jim Russ discussed the mental health grants (Mental Health Services Act) available through the county for Latino, Native, and homeless populations and emphasized the need for input in the budget process for these funds as opposed to being in the position of contesting budget decisions made without such input.

9. A MAC bank account. The question is whether or not a MAC can have a bank account such that entities providing grants or other funds can deposit into it. Jessica has volunteered to meet with Supervisor Haschak and visit county offices on January 16th to get more information. Since this is a matter under the provenance of the Funding Working Group Jessica volunteered to be a member of said Group.

10. Report of Dane Downing for the Economic Development Working Group

Dane requested that the Forest Reciprocity Group give a presentation to the Council on Fuels Reduction used for Affordable and Fire Resistant Housing. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting in February

11. Action item – preparation of and posting post-approval of Minutes. The following deadlines were approved by the Council:

- a. For preparation and email circulation among Council members the deadline is to be 1 week prior to the next meeting.
- b. For posting to the website in the event of corrections the deadline is to be 1 week after the corrections are approved. No deadline was set for minutes approved without corrections.

12. Future agenda items – Charles requested discussion and possible action on requiring all staffed Working Groups to report at each meeting and formally establishing By-Laws for the Council.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business the presiding officer adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50 p.m.