

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)  
Held Wednesday, December 2, 2020

Online by Zoom at URL

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81233910849>

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jessica Stull-Otto at 6:05 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

**Council members**

Kathy Britton, Jessica Stull-Otto, Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti, Kat Willits, Laura Betts

**Officials**

John Haschak, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor

**General Public**

Pat Sobrero, Mary Jane Cummings, Kay Richards, Monique Ramirez, Monica Gowan, Carol Borden, Imil Ferreira, Dee Mullen, Patricia Semilla, Russ, Bryan Weber, Nick Duncan, Louisa Boltonast, and one unidentified participant

2. The agenda and the minutes from September 2 and October 7 were approved by consensus.

3. Tribal council update

Kat Willits provided an update on tribal council matters. The tribe is working to get the emergency operations center operational. The new cell service towers are progressing and might be in operation as early as sometime in January 2021. No bins for the trash and grow site cleanup work have been delivered yet causing further delay as the winter rains approach with the possibility of pollution of the nearby creeks. Kat expressed willingness to work with the MAC to address this pressing issue.

4. Supervisor's update

Supervisor Haschak is now on a BOS ad hoc committee for the biking/pedestrian trail along Hwy. 162. As reported earlier the original funding has been expended and new funding to keep the project moving has been put in place. There is a report forthcoming from Sheriff Kendall regarding crime statistics in Mendocino county and Supervisor Haschak will be incorporating that into a letter addressed to our state legislators requesting additional funding for the Sheriff's Office. There were 38 new Covid-19 cases in the county yesterday Tuesday the 1<sup>st</sup> of December. The average is now 22 per day which puts the county in the highest severity zone. There must be fewer than 7 to allow a return to the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier zone which would then allow schools to reopen at least partially. He also announced an opening in the Climate Action Council of Mendocino and interested individuals should contact him. Lew Chichester related his experiences with attempting to get county Code Enforcement to respond to egregious code violations involving junk cars, trash, illegal cannabis grows, and substandard housing on parcels in his neighborhood. No action has been taken by Code Enforcement except to make demands on legal cannabis growers who are already in compliance with regulations for the most part and Mr. Chichester observed that this behavior on the part of Code Enforcement is unfair and amounts to what he terms as a "failed state" situation.

#### 5. Cannabis cultivation ordinance

Dee Mullen requested a letter from the MAC supporting her opposition to a provision in the proposed ordinance expanding cannabis cultivation in rangeland up to 10% of the property acreage. Supervisor Haschak advised that the provision also applies to Ag and Upland Residential zoned land. After a lengthy discussion period during which every speaker voiced opposition to the provision a motion was made, seconded and passed by unanimous consent to have the MAC secretary draft and send a letter so opposing said provision addressed to the BOS and the Planning Commission.

#### 6. Town water system for fire prevention.

A meeting will be held on 12-9-2020 at 7 p.m. by Zoom hosted by the Water District to further discuss this project. Agency participants will include the MAC, the Water District, the Community Services District (sewer) and the Tribal Council.

#### 7. Traffic safety concerns

The question of speeding on Howard St. was the main topic of this discussion. After input from a number of speakers a motion was made, passed, and adopted by consensus authorizing the Secretary to prepare a letter addressed to the county Director of Transportation Howard Dashiell requesting a engineered traffic study which, if done, would permit the establishment of a speed limit which could be enforced by radar. At present radar is not allowed on Howard St.

#### 8. Meeting was adjourned by the Presiding Officer at 8:11 p.m.

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<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1-oYmcOwWnLdS-CUoRy1sknJApLxtog9d?usp=sharing>