

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)
Held Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Online by Zoom at URL <https://zoom.us/j/2324039636>

The meeting was called to order by Assistant Presiding Officer Lew Chichester at 6:03 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council members

Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti (Alternate), Kathy Britton, Dane Downing, Laura Betts

Officials

Travis Killmer, Mendocino County Executive Office Disaster Recovery Field Coordinator, Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff, James Sookne, Nephele Barrett, MCOG, John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor

General Public

Pat Sobrero, Kay Richards, Susan O'Brien, Mary Jane Cummings, Mary Lou Mileck, Lourance Hall, Mike Carter

2. The agenda was approved by consensus.

3. Action taken: Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings was approved by consensus.

4. Consideration of proposed protocol for election of officers, submitted by Charles Sargenti: Upon motion by Dane, seconded by Charles, motion passes by consensus with the provision that newly elected officers commence their duties on conclusion of the meeting.

5. Election of officers for the year 2022. – Presiding Officer, Assistant Presiding Officer, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Presiding Officer: Lew nominates Charles, seconded by Laura, no other nominations advanced. Nomination approved by consensus.

Assistant Presiding Officer: Dane nominates Lew, seconded by Laura, no other nominations advanced. Nomination approved by consensus.

Treasurer: Lew nominates Dane, seconded by Laura, no other nominations advanced. Nomination approved by consensus.

Secretary: there were no candidates for this position, Charles will continue as Acting Secretary for the present.

6. October 6th and November 3rd Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

7. Report from Supervisor John Haschak:

- John announced that Laura Betts has agreed to be the 3rd District representative on the Public Safety Advisory Board (see <https://www.mendocinocounty.org/home/showpublisheddocument?id=40331> for more information)
- Reconfiguration of the transfer station to accommodate “possum belly” transport vehicles was approved by the Board of Supervisors with a \$2.50 surcharge per cubic yard of refuse to cover the cost in excess of the grant funds from the Community Foundation of

Mendocino. The surcharge will be in effect for about two years.

- The Community Development Block Grant is still awaiting approval by the state. John remains hopeful and reports the state is “saying good things” about the project.
- Ongoing problems with U.S. Cellular. John and Sheriff Kendall will be contacting State Senator Mike McGuire who has been helping with the discussions with the company. The issue of landline outages was also broached and Sheriff Kendall stated he would be communicating with Frontier Communications to address the issue.

8. Report from Sheriff Kendall:

- Two new deputies have been hired.
- Three new recruits have started training at the Police Academy, one of whom, Marcus McCarty, has expressed interest in working out of Covelo.
- The department is continuing to work with the Supervisors on hiring incentives due to the intense statewide competition for officers.
- Covelo sheriff’s meetings have continued to be postponed due to Covid, however outdoor meetings may be possible if an appropriate venue was available. Lourance Hall indicated that she believed the Rec Center could be used for the meetings and would be in communication with Sheriff Kendall about that.

9. Traffic Safety – Updates on the Caltrans Clean CA Infrastructure Grant and downtown streetscape improvement project and the 162 Bike & Pedestrian Trail.

162 Bike & Pedestrian Trail. Nephele Barrett explained there have been some holdups in the right-of-way certification process which is necessary to complete in order for funding to be allocated and this is due no later than January 26th. MCOG has requested an extension of the deadline and requests that the MAC and individuals write the California Transportation Commission in support of the extension.

Action taken: By consensus the MAC will send a letter of support signed by the Presiding Officer.

10. Round Valley Area Fire Reduction and Fire Prevention Projects. Travis Kilmer, Mendocino County Disaster Recovery Field Operations Coordinator.

The main source of CalFire funds is for projects for fuel reduction measures. Travis needs a list of projects, preferably contiguous over a substantial expanse, so that grants can be matched as they come in to needs. Lourance, in working with the CVFD, has put together a list of needs for fire prevention and response and will forward the list to Travis.

11. The US Forest Service is proposing an annual administrative fee of over \$1200 for all communication equipment on federal lands. If this fee goes through, we will likely lose the Anthony Peak repeater.

Action taken: The MAC will send a letter signed by the Presiding Officer in support of exempting ham radio repeaters from the proposed fee.

12. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned by the Assistant Presiding Officer at 7:32 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION THE VIDEO OF THE MEETING ON ZOOM CAN BE VIEWED AT:

<https://mac.roundvalley.org/agendas-minutes/>