

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)  
Held Wednesday, April 6, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:01 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

**Council members**

Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti (Alternate), Kathy Britton, Dane Downing, Jessica Stull-Otto

**Officials**

Travis Killmer, Mendocino County Executive Office Disaster Recovery Field Coordinator, Matt Kendall, Lt. Jason Caudillo, Mendocino County Sheriff office, John Haschak, 3<sup>rd</sup> District Supervisor, Brentt Blaser, Emergency Services Coordinator, Mendocino County Office of Emergency Services, Alicia Meier, Howard Dashiell, Mendocino County Dept. of Transportation

**Guests**

Rosemary Landry, Jane McCabe, Willits United Methodist Church

**General Public**

Pat Sobrero, Kay Richards, Susan O'Brien, Mary Jane Cummings, Lourance Hall, Lucy Bartholomew, Pete Bauer

2. The agenda was approved by consensus on motion of Lew Chichester and second by Charles

3. **Action taken:** Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings was approved by consensus after motion by Lew Chichester and second by Charles Sargenti

4. Report from County officials & Public Comment

Sheriff Kendall report:

- a. The first sheriff meeting since the pandemic will be held April 20 at noon at the rodeo grounds
- b. Overall crime is down in the county
- c. The BOS approved hiring bonuses for new deputies and there will be three new deputies ready to begin active duty in about 45 days, and 2 more may be joining soon
- d. Marijuana cultivation is decreasing significantly in Covelo due to market forces
- e. There are 2 major crimes under investigation in Covelo presently

Brentt Blaser described the three must dos of disaster preparedness – be informed, be prepared, be involved. He also cautioned that financial scams targeting seniors are still going on .

Travis Killmer will be preparing a “recovery survey” asking about recovery in the aftermath of the fires in the area over the last several years. They will be mailed directly to those known to have been affected as well as reaching out with flyers and social media posts. This is to happen in the near future.

Supervisor Haschak mentioned that the CDBG funds from the state have been approved but at 50% (\$500,000) of what was requested.

5. Discussion & Possible Action: Presentation by Alicia Meier, Deputy Director, Engineering, Mendocino County Department of Transportation, Safer Routes to School.

Alicia and Howard Dashielle fielded questions regarding the SRTS project. The project plans and other information is available at the website for MCOG under the "2014 Safer Routes to School" page. Meeting participants offered suggestions which were noted by Ms. Meier. Council member Jessica Stull-Otto recused herself for the presentation due to possible conflict-of-interest concerns.

6. Discussion and Possible Action: Presentation by Rosemary Landry, Pastor, Willits United Methodist Church, on Courageous Conversations

Rosemary and Jane McCabe described the Courageous Conversations meetings and how they came about, describing the goal of such encounters as a way of getting to know all members of the community. Their efforts continue to be focused on getting the word out and connecting to those of like mind. They plan to be at the Willits High School April 14 for the dedication of a mural created by students pertaining to MMIW (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women). Lew Chichester remarked that the "Big Time" day of events at the high school, concerning Native American cultural practices and games, would be occurring Friday April 15.

7. Discussion & Possible Action: In light of the end of the mask mandate do we want to return to in-person meetings, hybrid meetings, or continue with Zoom meetings exclusively.

No action was taken but Lew Chichester has assembled media components (microphone, camera) which will hopefully allow the Council to hold hybrid meetings at the Library Commons. Those who want to meet at the library were invited to do so

8. Informal update/report on efforts to reduce the incidence of loose dogs.

No progress was reported but it was suggested that Lew contact Rich Molinari of county Animal Care for suggestions on how to proceed with a MOU with the tribes regarding animal control.

9. Treasurer's report

Dane reported we have about \$1600 remaining in the funds allocated to the MAC

10. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned after motion by Lew and second by Charles, approved by consensus, by the Presiding Officer at 7:54 p.m

Due to a technical error there is no recording of the meeting available.