

Action Minutes of the regular meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council (RVAMAC)
Held Wednesday, May 4, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:00 p.m.

1. The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council members

Lew Chichester, Charles Sargenti (Alternate), Laura Betts, Dane Downing, Jessica Stull-Otto

Officials

Travis Killmer, Mendocino County Executive Office Disaster Recovery Field Coordinator, Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff office, John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor, Howard Dashiell, Mendocino County Dept. of Transportation, Christian Curtis, County Counsel, James Sookne, MCOG

Guests

Marianne English

General Public

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

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 Dane Downing and second by Charles Sargenti

4. Approval of March 9 and April 6 Meeting Minutes. March 9 meeting minutes were approved by consensus as amended, Dane moving to approve and seconded by Charles. April 6 minutes were approved by consensus after motion by Lew, seconded by Charles.

5. Report from County officials & Public Comment

Sheriff Kendall report:

- a. Two deputies are graduating from the police academy in May and one more in June, and one prospect also in June. Three more have applied and would move from another agency.
- b. Calls for service across the county are way up, mostly homeless related. In northern Mendocino county calls are slightly down however.
- c. There have been a lot of vehicle accident fatalities.
- d. Two major investigations are underway including a burglary crew operating around Laytonville.
- e. Illegal marijuana grows have declined and many sites are deserted. He observed in Covelo about a 50% reduction in light dep grows as that is possible to assess easily after dark. He expects to see a massive reduction in marijuana production in the county.
- f. Laura Betts expressed concern regarding school children accessing drugs at school. Sheriff Kendall referred her to Buffey Bourassa with the county Dept. of Health and Human Services for educational materials for parents and noted that, although the sheriff can't deal with children under 12, the school has resources to deal with such behavior under the Education code.

Travis Killmer report:

- a. The Cal Fire fire prevention grant is still in process and he expects they will make their determinations in June regarding the funds.

Supervisor Haschak report:

- a. The training center for behavioral health in Redwood Valley is open. The Crisis Residential Treatment Center in Ukiah obtained licensing and is also open for business.
- b. The transfer station upgrade to accommodate a “possum belly” trash hauling trailer has been completed.
- c. The Community Development Block Grant was approved for half the requested amount and therefore some components have been removed, including removal of abandoned vehicles.
- d. Senator McGuire is sponsoring a bill to remove the flat tax of \$160 per lb. since, given the market collapse, it is unworkable. The bill, SB 1074, is supported by the county.

6. Discussion & Possible Action: Collisions at Main and Grange. Another recent incident. County DOT Director Howard Dashiell responded to comments regarding this intersection. He noted that the accident was not reported to the CHP and thus did not appear on the Statewide Integrated Traffic Records System (SWITRS). Therefore there is a lack of data about this intersection. Nonetheless he agreed to place yield signage on Grange at that intersection after listening to several community members describing the traffic activity they have observed.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Presentation by Marianne English on cleanup needs in Round Valley. Marianne commented on a number of photos shared to the group showing the extent of illegal dumping in the valley. Sheriff Kendall described the help the state is possibly going to provide for enforcement and clean up. DCC (Department of Cannabis Control) is forming two 7-man teams going after illegal grows. However the teams will be covering 21 northern California counties. He called for the tribe to reach out to the governor’s office to request sorely needed help. He will put Marianne in touch with various officials at the state level. He stated that we need to reach out to the State Water Control Board and the EPA to report instances of trash in or near waterways and that Bryan McFadden is a contact Marianne should reach out to as he can direct her to other agencies as appropriate. Travis Killmer mentioned some funds are becoming available under a farms and ranches program. The clean up sites must be on or adjacent to land zoned for agriculture. Further info is available at <https://calrecycle.ca.gov/lea/grantsloans/farmranch/> Lourance pointed out that one of the problems the tribe has is the difficulty of probate due to the BIA and the requirement of a majority of owners to approve changes.

8. Discussion & Possible Action: Update from MCOG on Hwy. 162 trail/bike path.

James Sookne reported the following:

1. MCOG is working with CalTrans on scope of work for construction management and will put out an RFP for that afterwards.
2. The construction management consultant will then review project plans and permits preparatory to signing off on them.
3. The project will then be put out to bid for a 4 week period likely sometime in July or August.
4. Actual construction may begin in September at the earliest, and can proceed during dry periods during the winter if weather permits.
5. They are working with the BIA to finalize NEPA for the tribal lands involved. A majority of landholders are required to sign and there are two signatures left to meet that

requirement. This will not hold up construction but is a necessary formality.

9. Discussion & Possible Action: Treasurer's report and allocation of remaining funds before the fiscal year ends.

Dane reported that a total of \$2180 is left in the fund allowance. Jessica needs to submit an invoice for \$100 for Zoom costs so that leaves \$2080 available. Lew has priced necessary items to allow hybrid Zoom meetings in the Library Commons.

ACTION TAKEN: On motion by Lew and second by Charles a motion was approved by consensus to allow Lew to spend up to \$1000 on equipment for hybrid Zoom meetings. Further spending proposals will be discussed at the June meeting.

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

Lew has contacted Rich Molinari from county Animal Care and is hoping to set up a meeting with Rich and tribal police to discuss a joint effort to deal with the problem.

11. No further action was taken by the Council. Meeting was adjourned, after motion by Lew and second by Charles, which was approved by consensus, by the Presiding Officer at 8:14 p.m

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