

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council
Wednesday, November 2, 2022
Online by Zoom at URL <https://zoom.us/j/2324039636>

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:10pm.

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council Members:

Charles Sargenti
Lew Chichester
Kathy Britton
Laura Betts

County/State Officials:

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

General Public:

Pat Sobrero
Lourance Hall
Marylou Mileck
Marianne English
Mary Jane Cummings

MAC Secretary:

Kay Richards

Action taken: Approval of agenda

Motion by Lew; Roll call vote: Charles yes, Kathy yes, Laura, yes. Agenda approved without objection.

Action Taken: Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings

Motion by Lew; Kathy 2nd. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Kathy yes, Charles, Laura yes. Approved without objection.

Non-Agenda Items:

Charles: Notice of CalTrans' 2nd round grant for community beautification sent out to Friends of the MAC email list. Beautification and cleanup money available; 1-2:30pm zoom information meeting tomorrow November 3; deadline to apply is in April 2023.

Reports from County/State officials: Begins at 6:15pm

Matt Kendall: swore in more corrections officers; still looking for more dispatchers and deputy sheriffs. County DOT, etc., need personnel. Anyone interested in working for the county should look at county website for job postings. Cashless bail implemented by probation officers resulting in full background checks at time of arrest; at arraignment the judges are now better informed as to bail issues. 24 hour patrols = more coverage now. CHP has 2 new recruits so Round Valley should be seeing them more. Marianne asks if there is a 24/7 person available in Covelo rather than out of valley response. Sheriff says Covelo gets same service as Laytonville, Leggett and Willits. Marianne asks will there be

a resident deputy in Round Valley? No one has applied and the Sheriff can't assign someone unless they want to live in Covelo – otherwise would risk their resignation. Lourance notes Rec Center parking lot seeing more brodies, etc. and an abandoned house (Peckham) in town is an ongoing fire and safety concern because person camping there has a history of arson.

John Haschak: BOS meeting yesterday; tree mortality emergency declaration passed; multi-agency participation. Hoping for funding and resources; Lake, Napa have already done this. He is hoping the state will respond. Riparian rights are on next week's BOS agenda. County has no protection from building on or near stream banks so he is looking for setback laws, etc. MCOG survey on transportation still open; please take it. Thanks for Measure O and P support. Tell everyone to vote in favor of them. Charles asks if hack&quirt ties into tree mortality task force that John is working on (climate change, infestation). John said that was not dealt with in this task force. Charles asks if lumber companies were involved? Mendocino Redwood Company was involved. Tree removal for safety is high priority.

Travis Killmer: EDF&C microbusiness grant money still available. No wildfires needing a big response occurred this year. For the CalRecycle farm and ranch cleanup grant, the county has two sites for February funding. If there are any sites anyone knows about let Travis know so they can be added to the grant. Charles asks for example of a microbusiness that could benefit. Travis does not have specific examples but applicant must be locally owned and operated., be currently active, have less than 5 FTEs and have generated less than \$50K in revenue in 2019. For more information:
<https://www.edfc.org/microbusiness-relief-grant-program>.

Discussion: Mendocino County Library Community Survey and Listening Session:

Pat Sobrero reports:

The Mendocino County Library Strategic Planning Committee is surveying the public to help plan for the future. Community members have two ways to share their opinions and ideas regarding library services:

1. Take an online survey or fill out a paper survey at the library. The survey should take 7 - 10 minutes to answer and will close on December 1st, 2022. You can find the survey on the Mendocino County Library website at Mendolibrary.org
2. The second way to share your opinion is to attend a Listening Session in the Community Room at the Round Valley Library Branch on Tuesday, November 29th from 5 to 6 pm. The hour-long meeting will start with a short slideshow highlighting the programs and services currently provided at the branch. Light refreshments will be served.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mendolibrarisurvey>

Discussion and Possible Action: 6:46

Charles sees a revival of a valley news publication as a priority that could be of great benefit to the community. Uma Hinman and Marianne English have expressed an interesting in planning. Uma would like to be involved but does not have much time to devote to the project. Marianne sees importance of a local newspaper again in Round Valley and is looking for feedback. What does the community see of interest and/or importance in local reporting? Lourance suggests talking with Susan Brady, the high school English teacher. She might give credit to her students to contribute content to the newspaper. She knows Kettenpom's editor who might be a good starting point for information. Lew recalls the Round Valley News that was at times weekly, with at least 3 different editors/proprietors who probably realized after a few years that it was too much work for the amount earned. The business model does not work anymore; but we are aware of the shortcomings of social media. Involving the community in producing the content and publication would be a great service. Figuring out how to do it is a challenge, but we know it is a good idea. Lew suggests getting in touch with one of the existing small

community papers to find out how they run their paper and what it costs.

Lourance: Cindy Swann ran the town news paper most recently, I am sure she would be happy to advise anyone, and Lourance can share her phone number if interested. As a community project, if it was available digitally for almost nothing, and then print copies mailed out for fee to recoup at least print costs. A High School and/or Middle School club might be another way to address it.

Pat: On Tuesday the 15th the Community Foundation is holding an informational meeting on potential grant projects in the Community Room. They might be able to help financially.

Laura: The District Office printed Candi Crowder's paper. The RVIT has money to get their information out to tribal members. And having this as an elective in high school is an option.

Kathy: The Round Valley News created a lot of community input. Cindy retained the right to the name Round Valley News. The school published the Round Campus Report which was an insert in the News; was very popular and gave the students an opportunity to write and publish. Eileen Russell in Redway has expressed interest in helping on this project.

Lew: The high school has no journalism class at this time. They have in the past and perhaps could again. Talk with Admin and Susan Brady to see if it could be included in the next school year.

Charles: would Uma and Marianne want to have a meeting to explore the ideas that have been presented tonight? Set up an email list?

Lew would like to participate in starting a journalism class/program at the high school. Learning how to write news or feature articles is a good skill to learn; has benefited him; a good discipline.

If anyone else wants to participate or be kept informed, get in touch with Charles, Uma or Marianne.

Actual newspaper, on-line PDF, or email list as publication types? To reach as many people as possible.

No action taken.

Lourance: Skate park events will be held at the Rec Center starting soon.

Marianne: Susanne Merrifield Henao was elected to Tribal Council.

Treasurer's Report:

No report.

Adjournment of Meeting:

Meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.