

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council
Wednesday, July 6, 2022
Online by Zoom at URL <https://zoom.us/j/2324039636>

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

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council Members:

Charles Sargenti
Lew Chichester
Laura Betts
Dane Downing
Kathy Britton : arrived 6:08pm

County/State Officials:

Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff
John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor, Mendocino County

General Public:

Pat Sobrero
Carol Borden
Mary Jane Cummings
Kay Richards
Patricia Mera
Sandra Mullen
Lourance Hall
Michelle Downey

Action taken: Approval of agenda

Charles: must there be a motion to approve the agenda?

Motion by Lew, 2nd by Laura. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Charles yes, Dane yes, Laura, yes. **Agenda approved without objection.**

Action Taken: Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings

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

Action Taken: approval of May 4, June 1 and June 7 Minutes

Dane moves to approve May 4 Minutes as amended, Lew 2nd. Roll call vote: Dane yes, Lew yes, Laura yes, Charles no. **Motion passes.**

Lew moves to approve June 1 minutes, Laura 2nd. Roll call vote: Dane yes, Lew yes, Laura abstains, Charles yes. **Motion passes.**

Lew moves to approve June 7 Minutes, Dane 2nd. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Dane yes, Charles yes, Kathy yes, Laura abstains. **Motion passes.**

Laura notes she was not notified of the June 7 special meeting.

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:

No comments.

Election of new secretary to replace Acting Secretary:

The candidate did not attend. **No action taken.**

Reports from County/State officials: Begins at 6:14pm

Matt Kendall: Numerous raids on marijuana grows in the past two weeks in Round Valley; seized about 10,000 plants; along with federal officers they got the guy trafficking to Texas. There is more work to do over the summer. There are fewer grows sites but they are getting bigger. MCSO is looking for a productive summer; they are seeing damage to Eel River Basin.. There are 5 new hires for deputy sheriff and corrections (2 of whom are tribal). The jail expansion is going forward. Corrections pretrial release program started, assessing arrestees by first court appearance for public safety. Carolina Coops came out to build a chicken coop at the jail; fresh eggs and vegetables program motivating inmates for good behavior; bee program continues with a lot of honey. The fire up the hill on July 5 was probably not arson. Mendocounty's fires are 96% human caused. Laura says she was notified on July 5 that a bad batch of meth is in the valley that has fentanyl in it. RVIT has narcan available. Matt notes every street drug they find has fentanyl in it. Charles asks if there is any money from MCSO for skate park and Matt says he can donate to any anti drug program that serves the community and keeps the youth busy. He will send a request for funding to Lew. DA may also match or exceed MCSO funding. Lew notes there is an upcoming meeting at The Covelo Cave for the skate park project. Dane asks about monthly Sheriff's meetings; Matt says they are monthly at the Rec Center on the third Wednesday at 12:00pm. Rec Center has capacity for 100 people with restrictions.

John Haschak: Thanks for re-electing him; highlight of the campaign was the meet-and-greet in Covelo that had RVIT council, community members, MAC people attending. BOS is dealing with sales tax 90% to fire, 10% to fire safe council for fuel reduction. The fire safe council has a couple of projects in Covelo area. The Hazmobile got postponed because of Covid. Dump days in August are still planned. There is a water extraction ordinance in the BOS July meeting to regulate water from private wells being sold commercially. Proposed ordinance is attached to the agenda. At the last MAC meeting there were questions as to procedure; there is a need to have a conversation about the ground rules and how business is conducted by the MAC. Town water system ad hoc committee dissolution was a good move in light of county counsel's suggestions.

Discussion & Possible Action: Fire and Disaster Preparedness Working Group

Pat reports they met at Library on June 15, which was the first meeting since Covid started; zoom link for future meetings is available. CalTrans was responsive to clear tree limbs over 162 so if anyone notices a problem they can fill out a customer service request on the CalTrans website; mm numbers should be included. Mention this is our only evac route in your request. The group is updating phone numbers in preparedness brochure which is on the MAC website and is planning to revisit resources document by Lew. Food security discussed, but mostly fire was discussed.

Can firefighters and other responders find your home? Signage and street names in the valley are inconsistent. Many signs are missing altogether. Not everyone knows the valley. The group wants to contact MDOT to get signs installed. Hulls Valley Pigeon Ridge and Chicken Ridge need encouragement to get clean up work one.

The group wants the MAC to purchase a subscription to a parcel map program. They recommend that the MAC secure a booth at the BBF for promotion and fire safety information. Scott Cratty might lend a volunteer to make green reflective signs. Round Valley Lions Club is working on a grant application for improvements to the Rec Center including a back-up up generator; if they are successful they will want a letter of support from the MAC.

John H. offers assistance with getting an evacuation zone map for the working group.

Lew says parcel map needs further research on cost and provider.

Pat reports booths are \$95; Dane thought nonprofits can have a free booth. Got a free table for the MAC at the last BBF. Charles will follow up on securing a booth at the BBF and the cost for such. Lew moves to authorize Charles to get a booth at the BBF for the MAC, Kathy 2nd. Roll call: Lew yes, Kathy yes, Charles yes, Laura yes, Dane yes. **Motion passes.**

Discussion & Possible Action: Authorize design and creation of a Facebook page for the Council
Charles thinks the MAC should have a FB page. Dane asks how the posts would be made, who is in charge, is consensus required first? The MAC has a website. Lew concurs and notes someone must admin the FB page. Charles notes random posts are being made and a MAC FB page would take about 10 minutes a day. Carol Borden notes the MAC can post on several different FB pages already existing. Charles may come back with a proposal.
No action taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: CalTrans Free Dump Day community outreach
There is a meeting scheduled for coming Monday: Charles, Tribal representative, CalTrans, SWOW, MDOT to determine details of event; event will be Monday August 22-Saturday August 27. RVIT agreed to provide a dump truck, loader and driver; but people are needed to clean up. We need outreach to people who have been picking up trash to get them signed up. Charles will not have time until the Monday meeting. Charles will send out email to Friends of the MAC. Event will be at the transfer station. CalTrans trying to get new contracts approved for acceptance of tires that week. Community must do the clean up work at particular sites and RVIT will be there to assist. One possum belly per day for site clean up will be taken at the transfer station during this program. Charles asks Laura about sites on tribal land; how do they get the owners to agree? Laura refers Charles to Tribal Council but asks if owners put their trash on the curb will that be picked up? This is not for normal household trash but months of accumulated trash might be eligible. Program is free dumping at the transfer station as well as site clean up by the community.
Michelle notes that RVIT does have tribal ordinances so arranging for tribal land for cleanup should be possible. Surveys and outreach are potential actions.
No action taken.

Discussion & Possible Action: Problems with the post office
Charles invited the postmaster Timothy Ahearn to the July meeting. Laura suggests we wait until then.
No action taken.

Informal update/report on efforts to reduce the incidence of loose dogs.
No news from Lew and Laura on this topic. The county and tribal police need to sort out how they want to handle this problem in tribal police jurisdiction and get back to the MAC.

Treasurer's Report:
End of fiscal year expenditures have been submitted; even though we are in the new year there should be no problem making those reimbursements. Current balance is \$2,500.

Adjournment of Meeting:
Lew moves to adjourn. Charles asks John if the BOS votes to adjourn and John says No. Charles can just adjourn the meeting.
Patricia notes next Wednesday is first meeting of the skate park project at The Cave.
Charles adjourns meeting at 7:33pm.