

MEETING OF THE ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:00 PM

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Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

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

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:05pm.

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council Members:

Charles Sargenti

Lew Chichester

Kathy Britton

Laura Betts

Dane Downing

County/State Officials:

Matt Kendall, Mendocino County Sheriff (Lt. Dustin Lorenzo appeared for the Sheriff:
lorenzod@mendocinosheriff.org)

John Haschak, 3rd District Supervisor, Mendocino County (haschakj@mendocinocounty.org or 707-972-4214)

Garret James, OES

James Sookne, MCOG

General Public:

Pat Sobrero

Lourance Hall

Marylou Mileck

Mary Jane Cummings

Bill Williamson

Susan O'Brien

MAC Secretary:

Kay Richards

Action taken: Approval of Agenda

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

Action taken: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kathy to approve July, August, September, October and November 2022 meeting minutes. No requests for changes. Lew 2nd: Roll call vote: Charles yes, Kathy yes, Laura, yes, Lew yes, Dane yes. All minutes approved without objection.

Action Taken: Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings

Motion by Lew to approve authorization, no objections. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Kathy yes, Charles yes, Laura yes, Dane yes. Approved without objection.

Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. 6:10pm

Bill Williamson: what do we do about abandoned cars? Pat Sobrero has phone number for county to report. Was Community Development Block Grant to include vehicle abatement? Dane responds that \$500K CDBG grant was to collaborate between the county and RVIT for hazmat, recycling and trash. Entire scope of grant was not funded. John H. said follow up needs to be done with the RVIT for collaboration as to how the money will be spent. Charles notes there is a meeting in December to decide how to spend money should occur.

Dane Downing: CHP needs to be contacted for vehicles. Nothing happened until this past year because the county had no vendor to pick them up but there is now a vendor. Call CHP to report and they will arrange with the county for removal.

Lt. Dustin Lorenzo: he believes Code Enforcement arranges to remove vehicles once reports are made.

Charles Sargenti: Reese, owner of gravel place north end of town is collecting abandoned vehicles for private disposal. Another option.

Charles Sargenti: MAC meetings beginning in January possibly must be in person not remote but he is hoping John H. can clarify that. Lew reports county counsel has stated that remote meetings for BOS are no longer legal. Lew asked John H. if that applied to all boards, commissions, etc. John said he would put that question to county counsel. Dane says if remote meetings end, the MAC must revert back to the Brown Act and a certain percentage of board members must be within their defined geographical area. Other board members have to post the agenda where they are located and must allow public access to participate in the meeting. John H. states beginning in February the MAC can do hybrid meetings but a quorum must be physically present at the meeting. Other members can zoom in but must post the agenda in their location. He will get specific information from county counsel.

Charles Sargenti: next meeting will include MAC officer elections.

Update from MCOG on Hwy. 162 bike and pedestrian path. 6:26pm

James Sookne provided a very detailed report. Contract bidding opened; four bids received and all came back well over the funding amount; Wylatti Resource Management, the lowest bidder, was over \$800K. Additional funding is being sought. Wylatti will get the contract once it is funded. Lew asks the percentage over budget. James answers 25% over budget. Two potential sources of money already located for this project from CalTrans. Sookne will update at the February meeting unless there is news earlier.

Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment. 6:31pm

a. *Garrett James, OES*: nothing for Travis who was not in attendance; nothing for OES; Pat Sobrero said grant for Fire disaster preparedness from Community Foundation has been awarded for reflective address signs.

b. *Tribal Council update*: none.

c. *Sheriff Kendall: 6:33pm*. Lt. Dustin Lorenzo appeared for Sheriff Kendall who was attending the State Sheriff's Conference. Sheriff has been busy providing BOS with cost numbers for jail; trying to make changes to save money by privatizing laundry, etc.. MCSO still short staffed. Background investigators are busy trying to get applications through. Patrol divisions getting ready for biannual shift rotation so RV may see new faces in our community. 12/8/22 is graduation from police academy; three more recruits starting in January. Most new hires are for corrections, not patrol, etc.

d. Supervisor Haschak: **6:39pm**. BOS tree mortality resolution passed so the county now can get grant money to remove dead/dying trees. The water extraction ordinance passed but went to county counsel for analysis; then it goes to planning in February then back to the BOS for final vote. County is working on riparian wetlands ordinance which is postponed until January, and which calls for basic protections missing that all counties around us have as far as building next to sensitive areas. Temporary Occupancy Tax (TOT) amount is to increase for housing development. \$500K CDBG for cleanup held up; the county and RVIT need to get together to decide scope of work with half of the money requested. Lew asks what can be done with only \$500K? What was the cost of this summer's cleanup program? John reports \$200K. John is setting up a meeting with the RVIT and will report back. Original grant was to set up training for hazmat within the RVIT and build capacity in RV to deal with these issues.

Bill Williamson's question about abandoned cars, especially on Barnes, is revisited. John reports CalTrans and County Code enforcement have money to deal with vehicle abatement.

Discussion and Possible action: 6:46pm

Do people at the January RVAMAC meeting want to have a review of what the RVAMAC has accomplished in three years and what remains to be done or what we can do better? Sponsor: Lew. 6:46pm important to periodically step back and review; Kathy & Charles says great idea; Lew will ask that this be put on the agenda for next month. Marylou asks if a group can go through the minutes or email them out to remind what happened before the meeting. Lew asks if an email thread poses a legal problem; Dane suggests that council members only reply to the sender and not to each other then no Brown Act violations. John says the compiler should not be a MAC member. For example, everyone should respond to one person, a non Mac member, who will then present it at the meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action:

Perhaps our community can submit questions through the MAC for our county supervisor, sheriff, OES, etc. to be answered, if possible, at the upcoming MAC meeting. Sponsor; Kay Richards Lew and Lourance think its a good idea but how does this work? Kay offered to post on Facebook to encourage. Charles asks Kay to work on it.

Treasurer's report:

Dane reports \$405.50 balance remaining in expenses; account balance of \$2,094.50. Fiscal year is July-June.

Next Meeting: January 4, 2023. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

Adjournment: 7:08pm.