

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

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

Wednesday, January 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Charles Sargenti at 6:17pm.

The meeting was attended by the following persons:

Council Members:

Charles Sargenti – Alternate

Lew Chichester

Kathy Britton

Laura Betts

Dane Downing

Absent: Jim Russ and Michelle Downey

County/State Officials:

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

General Public:

Lourance Hall

Marylou Mileck

Mary Jane Cummings

Sofia Alaoui

Sherrie Lee

Kaylee Wilson

MAC Secretary:

Kay Richards

Action taken: Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dane to move elections to the beginning of the agenda. Item 11 is now Item 4. Motion to approve amended agenda by Lew without objection. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Laura yes, Kathy yes, Dane yes. Amended agenda approved.

Action Taken: Authorization of Remote Teleconference Meetings

Motion by Lew to approve authorization without objection. Roll call vote: Lew yes, Kathy yes, Charles yes, Laura yes, Dane yes. Authorization approved.

Officer elections:

Lew asks John H. what is the status of new MAC members. Clarification of identity of MAC council members.

Kathy nominates Laura for Presiding Officer. Laura accepts nomination. No objections noted. Only one nomination so no vote required. Laura elected as Presiding Officer.

Vice President: Dane nominates Kathy. Kathy accepts nomination. No objections noted. Only one nomination so no vote required. Kathy elected as Assistant Presiding Officer.

Treasurer: Charles nominates Dane; Dane accepts nomination. No objections noted. Only one nomination so no vote required. Dane elected as Treasurer.

Secretary: not a board position.

Laura took the chair and asked how long James Russ and Michelle Downey can maintain their seats despite being absent? John says forever. Kathy notes the RVIT will be appointing two new MAC members who will attend.

Action taken: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion by Dane to approve December 2022 meeting minutes without objection. No requests for changes. Roll call vote: Charles yes, Kathy yes, Laura, yes, Lew yes, Dane yes. December 2022 minutes approved.

Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. 6:36pm

- Community member Sherrie Lee has dog packs on property at Foothill and Tabor Lane; she has been attacked recently and had to stab the dog. Incessant barking is becoming the norm. Numbers are increasing and the dogs' confidence is increasing. She is worried about safety. Laura asks if she called animal control. She intends to do so; thought the Sheriff would attend tonight. Does animal control have any authority on tribal land? Lew notes there appears to be no agreement between the county and RVIT as to who is responsible for loose dog packs on tribal land. John Haschak adds that animal control is under animal care services umbrella which Rich Molinari heads. John will talk with Rich about this. Kathy notes this is an ongoing problem with a lot of discussion so hopefully with a new RVIT council, solutions can be pursued. Laura and Lew offered to meet with Tribal police about this but they were not available. Kathy said this should change.
- Kay asks about May 2022 minutes – yes, modify the draft with new language as approved and resubmit.
- Lourance asks about CHP and sideshows, wants to know what they are doing to stop them in Covelo. Charles talked with LT in Garberville who said she wants to get together with whoever knows what the funding covers and she would attend today to report on that. Laura notes CHP attends the Sheriff's meetings; Lourance said CHP has not attended since April. Laura will contact Sheriff about this.
- **6:51pm** New ag preserves and Williamson act applications for 11 parcels from last year were received; Dane notes it came too late for comments.

Report from County and Tribal officials & Public Comment. 6:52pm

- *Sheriff Kendall*: Lew reports is in emergency op center due to storm and cannot attend this evening.
- *Supervisor Haschak*: (**6:52pm**). Travis Kilmer is also in same situation as Kendall. There is a bridge out in Willits. John attended a fire hazard severity zone meeting with CalFire which is developing a map of response areas. To view it go to: OSFM.FIRE.CA.GOV/FHSZ. For comments on the Fire Hazard Severity Zones, go to FHSZCOMMENTS@FIRE.CA.GOV or 916-633-7655. John asked CalFire if it had local input for accuracy. They did have input earlier but now it is time for public comment. John is working on riparian proposal to be heard on the 24th; other projects were postponed to 24th – including wildlife exclusionary services. Dane asks about funding for mental health services; is there any money going to Round Valley? John reports Orchard Street property was built for crisis intervention; and there is a mobile outreach program ongoing – a social worker teams up with deputy sheriff to respond, reducing arrests. The county is going to build a psychiatric facility in south Ukiah, which will take 5150s.

Discussion and Possible Action:

Skate Park project: Patricia Mera reports on progress of project; \$15,000 raised so far. Community is supporting project and kids are attending skate nights which have been packed. Community members are donating food, wood for skate ramps, etc. Patricia asks the MAC to help find land, volunteer, reach out to friends, etc. Land should be accessible and centrally located. If land is donated, they need someone/org to be able to accept the land. They have a meeting on the 10th. Lew suggests they talk with Amber Grable about land near the high school. 8 years ago they looked at whether it could be developed for low cost housing for school staff but decided it was not a project to take on. Lew suggests getting a detailed proposal together with high public interest demonstrated, and approach the School District. There is a well but no electric. Dane asks John if county has an entity that can umbrella the skate park. If not, another special district would be needed here. John said the county parks are mismanaged and underfunded and they are trying to unload

what they have. The 3rd District has no parks now. Lourance notes difficulty in getting money from county to support the Rec Center. The county still has not paid for their use of the facility during the August Complex Fire.

Kay was asked again about getting messages from community to the governmental reps through the MAC. She said she would. If she got on the MAC would not be any problem to do a Facebook campaign. Reminded John to note Brown Act training on January 25.

Marylou reports on 3 years of MAC activity (**7:20pm**): Lew said most important function of document is that it was written and can be referenced in the future. Lourance suggests taking a closer look at what public money is being spent in Covelo since the MAC started – the MAC has had a positive impact -- and what the working groups actually are to update as to relevance. Charles notes the value of volunteer work and that there are a lot of possibilities, but we are limited due to lack of time. The MAC has provided government agencies/officials a point of contact with the community which is the most valuable aspect of the MAC.

Treasurer's report:

Dane just paid for zoom reimbursement; \$508.79 paid out; balance of \$1,991.21 for this fiscal year. Lew moves to approve report with no objection. Roll call vote: Kathy yes, Lew yes, Dane yes, Laura yes, Charles yes.

Next Meeting: February 1, 2023. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

Adjournment: 7:36pm.