

ROUND VALLEY AREA MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (RVAMAC)

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Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 6:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order & Roll call: Kathy Britton, Kay Richards, Mary Lou Mileck, Dane Downing and Charles Sargenti present. Absent: Laura Betts and all RVIT members.
2. Approval of Agenda and April meeting minutes: Agenda approved; approval of April minutes tabled until June meeting.
3. Approval of Resolution authorizing remote teleconference meetings: approved.
4. Public Comment & Announcements on non-agenda items. Earth Day event successful; address signs were completed for emergency location during a disaster.
5. Tribal Council Update & Public Comment, if any: John Haschak spoke to Tribal Council on Saturday and sent an email to (Vice President) Lewis Whipple for the meeting tonight. No appearance by RVIT.
6. CART program from U.C. Davis: Lais Costa, DVM, from U.C. Davis and Sarah O'Rourke from county animal services explained the upcoming program set for Sunday, May 21, 2023, at Rec Center and Rodeo Grounds.
7. Action Item: Letter to BOS to apply for funding of EV charging station in Round Valley through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act within which was \$7.5 billion to expand the EV charging network nationwide withdrawn after John Haschak reported that Round Valley has been added as a site to the county feasibility study grant application. No action taken.
8. Report from County officials & Public Comment.
 - a. Supervisor John Haschak : Great Earth Day celebration. County approved for storm damage emergency funding through FEMA. John talked with Brian Hurt and he is amenable to having EV Chargers at Keith's Market so that has been added to the county grant application for a feasibility study. John spoke to the Tribe on Saturday about the CDBG – supposed to help build capacity with the Tribe and clean-up sites in the community. Per Brian Hurt, work on the 162 trail started on Monday. There is a growing car pile at the end of Foothill and the old mill site, and Charles Sargenti said that there is garbage piling up by the dump. BOS is rescinding part of the Public Records Ordinance, Mendocino County, that charges for searching for records.

MMIP Day is May 5. Bigtime was canceled. Lew Chichester reported on the position of the UUSD regarding written threats at RVHS. The community problem is manifesting at the school. Resolution was that we don't know when this will be resolved. The regular school board meeting was held on Monday. A Senior class fundraiser that was needed for their Senior trip was canceled, but the school board will compensate the class \$2,000.00 to cover the lost fundraiser.
 - b. Sheriff Matt Kendall: The MCSO has people in custody for both recent homicides. He has been questioned by numerous community members as to investigating involvement by

other minors; Sheriff reports that California law prohibits interrogation of juveniles who are suspects, but the MCSO continues to investigate.

It is unlawful for U.S. soldiers to enforce the domestic laws. Marijuana season is rapidly approaching and they've been doing fly-overs this past week; grows appear to be 40% less than last year generally in the county, but not in Covelo. MCSO has begun lining up their work for this year on environmental crimes, violence and human trafficking, and is working with other sheriffs who have the same issues. Kids running around at night are "social issues". Per Ken Hanover, Round Valley per capita has many resources for parents and juveniles – reach out to Yuki Trails for example. Tribal curfew is still in effect but MCSO cannot enforce Tribal Laws. Tribal Police can detain juveniles and turn them over to law enforcement. California is a Public Law 280 state, wherein MCSO can enforce State laws, but not tribal laws; Tribal Police cannot arrest on State law violations, but can detain suspects for MCSO response. Randall Britton is working now with Assemblyman James Ramos who is pushing to revise the PL 280 law such that Tribal Government could employ sworn police officers who could detain and arrest on state laws being violated on tribal land.

There has been a letter of support from BOS, and a meeting scheduled in June, wherein Tribal Leaders are engaging on AB 44 and how to implement the Feather Alert where the Sheriff, CHP, and other LE agencies are taking missing person reports with better coordination.

As a community we can ask everyone to hold themselves accountable and encourage people to seek available resources.

Charles Sargenti asked about the Tribe's Declaration of Emergency. Sheriff responded that every tribe in Northern California is facing the same issues, including a lack of available personnel; people who don't want to be cops and with good reason. Some areas like Oakland are paying \$75,000.00 hiring bonuses to new deputies. Mendocino County can't compete with that. BIA is involved but Chris Lorenz is the only BIA LE officer in the State of California. The DOJ and Mary Kiefer Lopez are working hard to get more resources. BIA is taking Tribal Officers on special assignment from all over the State and sending them to other Reservations.

Lourance Hall commented on the guests lecturing at the high school. She commended the MCSO staff on their handling of a very difficult day, and for the deputies who were present during a recent incident with horses out in the road at 1am.

Sheriff reports the MCSO now has officers on patrol 24 hours a day. Covelo gets more patrol services than any other area in the county as this is where MCSO is having the most problems. Patrol coverage is roughly 15,000 people per deputy.

- c. James Sookne: update on trail project by email: project is starting but bird nesting surveys will occur before brush clearing and grubbing; by this meeting the work will have already been started.

- 9. Next Meeting: June 7, 2023. Send agenda items to admin@mac.roundvalley.org.

10. Meeting adjourned.