

Robinson Rancheria Minutes
August 21, 2021, 12:00 P.M.
Special General Membership Meeting
Robinson Rancheria Casino Bingo Hall

1. Call to Order:

Special General Membership Meeting called to order at 12:40 p.m. by Chairman Beniakem Cromwell.

A Regular General Membership meeting will be held on September 11, 2021 with Council Report, Department Reports and Member Agenda Items

2 Blessing

By Council Member Jaime Boggs.

1. Roll Call:

Quorum was established with 176+ members signed in by 1:00 p.m.

2. Housekeeping:

Chairman Cromwell went over housekeeping, reminder to wear masks, social distance and to pick up a Tribes' logo cloth mask purchased by through business owner and Tribal Member, Elizabeth Nix.

3. Reading of Minutes for March 7, 2020.

Tabled.

4. Constitution Amendment vote presentation by Ceiba Legal Counsel, Little Fawn Boland.

Little Fawn Boland went over the three Constitutional election ballots, 1) Lineal Descendancy, 2) Secretary/Treasurer position and, 3) Council term. She explained in detail the three ballots purpose and benefits of passing them. Secretary/Treasurer, Irenia Quitiquit shared why it was so important and beneficial to pass the Secretary/Treasurer ballot. Chairman Cromwell reminded the Membership this was the last day to vote in person.

5. Clear View Finance presentation by BridgeFi Attorney.

The BridgeFi Attorney cancelled his in-person BridgeFi presentation to the Membership at the last moment, due to family health matters. A BridgeFi PowerPoint was provided and Legal Counsel, Little Fawn Boland stepped in to do the presentation on behalf of BridgeFi's Attorney. The Council has met several times with BridgeFi to discuss developing a Tribal Lending Business using multi- investors to assist the tribe. Tribal lending involves small installment loans that can be paid back over the course of 1-2 years, and often online lending can be predatory with high interest rates. However, the Tribe will have lower interest rates because they will be selling their loan products in over 1000+ stores across the United States. The proposed installment loan products are Line of Credit that will range from \$1,000 up to \$2,500.

The Tribe will be the first in the nation to do this type of online lending and does not have to adhere to the strict state loaning laws because of the Tribes sovereignty.

Robinson Economic Services (RES) A Sovereign Lending, DBA Clear View Finance will need to develop a Board of Directors, consisting of Council Members and several Tribal Members. Clear View Finance will be owned by RES, a Subsidiary of REDCO.

The Council is requesting (2) Ordinances to be passed by the General Membership in order to move forward to starting the Clear View Finance business. A motion on the floor was made by Eddie Crandall and seconded by Tom Mejia to Waive Procedures Governing Elections to Adopt Tribal Law to approve the Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians REDCO Subdivisions Tribal Ratification Ordinance and the Robinson Rancheria of Pomo Indians Tribal Lending Ordinance. Vote of 176 in favor, 2 against, and 2 abstaining. Motion passed.

6. ARP/Blue Stone Consulting Video Presentation.

The Council contracted services with Blue Stone Consulting, utilizing the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Blue Stone will provide strategic planning and action plans to assist the Tribe in developing and building capacity of new and existing businesses, programs and infrastructure. The

Council will participate in a 2-day workshop to develop a strategic plan. Blue Stone provided a short video about their company's mission and goals.

7. Tribal Court zoom presentation by Judge Wiseman and Shannon Edwards and in-person presentation by Ceiba Legal, Little Fawn Boland.

An overview of Peace & Security and Traffic Code was presented by all three guests. The Codes will impose violations to be enforced by the Tribal Police, Moving Violations to be enforced by Tribal Police and Fine Amounts as ruled by the Judge.

The New Laws will preserve safety and community standards, protect the Tribes traditions, customs and resolve disputes fairly and efficiently. The New Laws give the Tribe the authority to hold violators accountable who break the Peace and Security within tribal lands.

The codes will consist of vehicle violations, crimes against the tribal government, violations against children, violations against property, violations against the peace, violations against community welfare, penalty fees, detainment and court hearings.

The Tribal Membership has provided 60 Days to comment on these New Laws as required. Today's presentation is another requirement to outreach to the membership on these laws. This step is needed in order to move forward in passing the Tribal Law Ordinances. The Membership was informed the Ordinances are on the Tribes website and copies are displayed at the Tribal Administration Court Clerk Office for the membership to read and comment.

At the next General Membership meeting on September 11, 2021 a vote will be taken to pass the new Tribal Court Ordinances.

8. Council Report.

American Rescue Plan.

The Council announced receiving the 1st and 2nd payments from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) in June and July from the U.S. Treasury. The 1st payment received was \$4.3 million and the 2nd payment was \$3.9 million. The funding amounts were based on enrollment and employment

numbers. To date, \$2,000 payments were made to all Tribal member adults, \$1,000 vaccination incentives and Blue Stone Consultants. Approximately \$7.4 million ARPA funds remaining.

Wells Fargo Loan.

The Tribe has been paying off the Wells Fargo loan since December 12, 2008 through July 2, 2021. The \$12 million loan was finally paid off on July 2, 2021 ending with a final negotiated payment of \$3.5 million. The Council thanked all past Council members who played a role in making this possible.

General Welfare Distribution, Per Capita, and Profit Sharing Differences.

The Council explained the Non-Taxable and Taxable ~~General Welfare~~ Tribal Distribution. The Non-Taxable is General Welfare for Tribal members 18+ years and Revenue from REDCO Enterprises, the Smoke Shop, Pomo Pumps and Recycle Center. The Taxable is Per Cap, from the 49% of Net Revenue from the Casino, which is evenly distribute among ALL Tribal Members of all ages.

The General Welfare Distribution will begin, after many years of not having regular distributions. A schedule calendar was presented showcasing actual quarterly dates of next distribution for 2022. These are all positive financial projections for the Tribe, especially with the Wells Fargo Loan being paid off.

Staff Introductions.

Introduced the new Casino General Manager, Steven Griffith who was hired in July 2020 to the Tribal Membership.

Introduced the new Housing Director, Robert Marquez who was hired in July 2021 to the Tribal Membership.

9. Next General Meeting.

The next General Meeting will be held on September 11, 2021 at 12:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment.

Consensus to adjourn meeting at 3:00 p.m.