

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Beatty Area Plan Workshop
Minutes
05/29/14**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
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THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Vice Chair - Absent
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer - Absent
Randy Reed (RR) - Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 5:30pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the Beatty Town Advisory Board Workshop of May 29, 2014.

DG – Stated Renie Younghans and Cheryl Beeman are on conference phone.

DG- Stated no changes, to the agenda

Renie Younghans – Asked who is in attendance at the meeting?

DG – Listed the attendees of the meeting; Ryan, Darrell Lacey, Tim from BLM, someone from the Pahrump Field Office of the BLM, Elaine, Randy's Mom, Russell Meyers, Randy's Sister, Karl from Corvus, Shirley, Dan Anderson, Karl Olsen, Carrie, myself, Crystal and Randy.

3 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item

None

4 Action – Board Member's Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas.)

RR -None; CT- None

DG – Some of you may not know; one reason that Erika our Treasurer is not here is her mother passed away last week. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

5 Discussion Beatty Area Plan Workshop; Discussion concerning coordination and consideration of the Town of Beatty Area Plan – as recommended by the Beatty Town Advisory Board on May 12, 2014 and the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plans (RMP) Battle Mountain District and Southern Nevada District, regarding implementation of the Town of Beatty Area Plan as recommended by the Beatty Town Advisory Board.

DG - Turned the meeting over to the BLM.

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Item 5 Continued

Tim Coward; Field Manger for the Tonopah Field Office – Stated that his area encompasses just over six million acres of land, from highway 50 to Beatty. I first got this plan the day before your last meeting; the Pahrump Field Office got it at about that same time. I wanted the chance to review it and make sure that there weren't any conflicts that would stand out that could cause any issues or concerns. If you read the document one of the things that the BLM wants to do and tries to do and is kind of required to do or is required, is to work with local, County and State agencies in permitting projects and moving forward with actions that we take so that we all work together. It kind of forces us to do that, okay so by doing that I wanted to look over your plan, and I only found, I think it's a really good plan by the way and I know you guys worked on it for several years, so you've done a really good job from what I can tell. I just have a few comments that I can make, one was this on page 1-4 I want to make sure that the solar energy zone that you are talking about falls under the Pahrump Field Office, is that correct? I did not see it marked anywhere on the map or a location as to where it resided at, and I don't have anything identified on my maps in the programmatic EIS for solar energy down in this area, so I do have some reservations.

Darrell Lacy – Stated it is in the Pahrump Field, south of the Airport.

Mr. Coward – Stated okay, I just wanted to make sure there were no conflicts with my other two solar energy zones that I have. Then I did have a couple of comments on figure 10.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated it's (figure 10) titled the Future Land Use Map on page 4-9 of your document.

Mr. Coward – Stated he was getting a little confused by the multi use areas and how those overlap with other use areas that you may have. That was really my main confusion on that map, because you have the BLM land designated but then you have other categories that overlap on it, and we talk multi use of areas, we interpret that as a variety of different things obviously, it could be minerals, mining the whole nine yards, but where I got confused, and maybe I'm not, maybe I am confused, if someone could clarify it for me, but when we start putting multiuse areas and then we overlap that this some of your other resources that you're identifying on your map it may cause some confusion, and what we wouldn't want to do is future wise, for a project that may come in under a certain category create a confusion for moving forward our permitting that project. So, maybe a different identifier on that or something on the map might help me understand it better.

Mr. Lacy – Asked if there is something specific on here (the map)?

Mr. Coward – Referred to the open space which is the green area and then the other one which is the multiuse area that was my biggest confusion was those two areas.

Mr. Lacy – Stated that Elaine Ezra was the GIS consultant that did most of this, let's let her explain so we get it right.

Mr. Coward – Again, I'm not saying it's wrong, I'm just saying that when I look at multiuse and our definition.

Mr. Lacy – Stated we are using your definition; its public lands until it's withdrawn from multiple use its multiple use.

Mr. Coward – Sated right, so how does that affect your OPR?

Elaine Ezra – Stated it does not. The reason that the multiple use designation was left as a BLM multiple use designation, is to allow you to manage it (the land) however you would manage it. The purpose of the future land use map as identified by the steering committee the designations that are on BLM land that are special use like the resource conservation area and the open space were identified by the steering committee and by the Beatty Town Advisory Board as areas we would like for you to consider, when you are going through your land management, as areas for protection for the reasons that we state in the plan. We would like these areas that are along these riparian corridors, for the Amargosa Toad and some of the other protected habitat areas and the open space to be considered differently. Another area of interest that you will see in the plan are the source water protection areas, we want to make sure that BLM is aware of those regions and don't develop any large projects so that's why they were specified on the map as well. I don't know that they are really in conflict; they are just categories that we wanted to bring to your attention as you went through your planning. In multiple use there was no special designation identified by the committee for consideration by the Town.

Ms. Ezra – Asked if that answered Mr. Coward's question?

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Mr. Coward – Stated it kind of does but it really doesn't resolve any conflicts we may have in the future based on your designation and how we look at it. For instance in our R&P we don't have this open space designation, we just don't have it. I'm not saying all designations on this report have to be the same as ours. What I'm trying to prevent are any future conflicts, where there may be a disagreement where you all will come back and say, this project that you're trying to approve Tim, we've got it as open space parks and recreation, and you want to put this plant here or you want to put this mining operation right here, but it doesn't fall within our designations because letting this go we may have some possible conflicts in the future.

Ms. Ezra – Stated that is possible because we don't have zoning and there's no way for us to actually

Mr. Lacy – Finished enforce this.

Renie Younghans – Stated the Open Space is that because we wanted to protect that (land).

Mr. Coward – Stated that may not be something that BLM may not be able to do. The way I understand it, and maybe that's how it needs to be worded in the document, that this is a desire of, but you've got to work within, we all have to work together obviously, and we will and so that was the one that caught my attention most, was the open space area, and how that would work with multiuse.

Ms. Ezra – Stated, I think, from the prospective of the Town, we recognize these are BLM lands and again it was just a way for the Town to identify and to memorialize their vision of what they would like to see in their community and recognizing of course the BLM.

Ms. Younghans – Directed this to the BLM person, you're going to take this multiple use area and designate something for sale, is that correct?

Mr. Coward – Asked Ms. Younghans to repeat the question.

Ms. Younghans – Stated the reason we started doing this was because the BLM had a whole bunch of land that they were going to put up for sale in and around Beatty and we wanted to protect some of that land to make it open space.

Mr. Coward – Replied, what you will find in every one of, in most every one of BLM's resource management plans is around communities, if you will small towns such as Beatty, we will always, around that area, put up lands for disposal. So that that Town may have an opportunity to expand, and I know you will find it on the Tonopah RMP, around Tonopah, you will find it around Beatty. You will find it in some of our areas of trespass that we put them up in that same category, so that if there is an opportunity that arises where let's say that the Town doesn't want to expand, then we have that option to do that, if we don't do that in the RMP it's a much longer process. Again, by having the open space, it doesn't prevent from having it up for disposal, and granted disposal means that we are going to sell it, or at least we have designated it so that we can sell it in the future if need be.

Cheryl Beeman – Clarified, you'd have to sell it as open space property right?

Mr. Lacey – Stated that under FLPMA (Federal Land Policy and Management Act) they have to coordinate with our land use plans. What this is, is our telling you what our desired future condition is of those land use plans. If it comes time for you to make an activity, then we can discuss how that's going to be best coordinated. I think the term is maximum extent practical, if we don't tell you what we want how do you coordinate with that? Nothing says that you are bound by law to follow this map; it says that you have to look at the map and attempt to coordinate with it.

Mr. Coward – Stated he agrees but sometimes that law gets misinterpreted, and people take it the wrong way as we have to go by these plans, exactly, by the book.

Mr. Lacey – Stated, when it comes time for disposal lands the County and the local community are typically consulted.

Mr. Coward – Stated they are consulted and we also have to go through the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) process, and through the NEPA process there is public comments that can be received during that time frame and we have to respond to those comments.

Mr. Lacey – Stated we can provide you with the map at that time and say this is what we want.

Mr. Coward – Replied, sure you can say that, it doesn't mean we won't make adjustments to the sale, but it doesn't mean we will either.

Ms. Younghans – Clarified, what you are saying is our plan, the way it is today, really makes no difference. You're going to go ahead and put property up for sale and go through the NEPA process and all of that. Will you even look at this plan?

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Mr. Coward – Replied absolutely. I'm trying to figure out; I don't really have the numbers of how much land was sold around Beatty since the 1997 RMP was completed.

Mr. Lacey – Stated not much.

Mr. Coward – Went on, but again I don't recall any large documents being done or anything being processed that anyone has brought to my attention. I do know that there was a land trade with Bullfrog Mine for Goldfield, I'm not sure of Goldfield, I mean Rhyolite. I'm not sure when that was done.

Ryan Tweney – Stated there were 40 acres sold five years ago on the north edge of Town.

Mr. Coward – Went on, so there hasn't been very much that has probably been sold over the past years, but we designate that in our RMP just for the possibility of expansion.

Mr. Lacey – Stated if some of the mine operations are able to get going and people want to move here and there is more pressure for disposal, that's when things would happen. The typical process is to come to the County and the Town to get our involvement and comments in the process. The County has the opportunity at that time to put restrictions on that land disposal before its sold if that's what the local community and the folks so desire. That's something that the County typically does.

Mr. Coward – Stated we will be working with the County if we do any land sales, as we have done in the past, and we will always do. There will be an opportunity for comments to come in from the Town of Beatty through the County to us or directly to us either way.

Mr. Lacey – Stated every one he has seen happen in the County we go out to the local community and ask for comments prior to the County acting.

Ms. Younghans – Asked Ryan Tweney to explain to the group why we made so much of this area open space.

Mr. Tweney – Stated we spent a lot of time looking at the aspects of the immediate area that are really important to the people who live in Beatty. We were concerned with preserving the historical character, the small town character, view sheds, dark skies, habitat, the river both for flood control and for habitat considerations, and we marked areas based on those considerations as best we could. We knew from the beginning that we were not writing a legal document that forced anybody to do anything. What we've done was write a document that illustrates what the judgment of the Town, as best as we can figure, was reflected in relation, particularly, to the potential disposal of BLM lands. When we mark on the map something that we say is open space, and we'd like to see it stay that way it doesn't give us any legal authority. The Town has no legal authority over those lands; the BLM has the legal authority. Now, the BLM says it consults with communities and counties and so on and that's certainly true, but if for example they wanted to put a mine on the face of Beatty Mountain and a crushing mill at the foot of Beatty Mountain and they wanted to sell off BLM land for that purpose then we would have no legal standing, but the fact that we wrote our preferences in a specific form would give us a strong forum arguing against that kind of plan.

Mr. Coward – Stated in the development of our RMP we will take these into consideration, because this document has been sent up to our lead for our Resource Management Plan (RMP), so he has that information available to him.

Mr. Tweney – Stated that is what I would hope, that in writing your plan you at least acknowledge that these are concerns of this local community.

Mr. Coward – Responded when you get that amended to the Nye County Plan, which is what your goal is, then the Nye County Plan will definitely be mentioned in our RMP.

Audience – Stated there are certain constrictions though, like in disposable land, if it's BLM land, and it's we'll use the tortoise for instance, then you can't dispose of it. Under, I can't remember what the law is, but there is some restriction that, like right next to the Torrance Ranch.

Mr. Coward – Stated that the Town of Beatty has already been surveyed and the only problems that we have run into with land sales is areas being surveyed and the cost for getting them surveyed. If it is a competitive land sale as such we can go down to the smallest known coordinates in order to be able to sell it. To answer your question it would probably still protect that area with the Fish and Wildlife Service requirements but outside of that we could probably still move forward with it.

Audience – Stated that most of the land on the corridor that she (Ms. Younghans) is talking about is in that corridor. That's a big area.

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Mr. Coward – Agreed and went on, the reason I brought it up is our RMP team will look at that. They'll decide if they can include some of this language in there and obviously. I've been a Field Manager for over a year now, one of the goals that I have promised myself is that I'm going to communicate with the community and I'm not going to give them false impressions. What I don't want to do is give you a false impression that that area is protected, because it's not all protected. I don't want that false impression to be set in people's minds, because I don't work that way. You call me up and you ask me a question, I'm going to give you the answer, it might not be the answer you want to hear but I'm going to give you the answer. If I don't have an answer, I'm going to try to find an answer for you that is the right answer. I don't want to mislead anybody. I don't believe in doing that and I believe in treating everybody equal. So if I get invited to another town meeting and they have some of the same designations, they'll get the same answer from me. What I'm trying to let people know is that there is a right way to do business and a wrong way to do business. The right way to do business is for me to stand up here and say, that green area (open space), though some of it can be protected based on certain conditions and certain requirements that we have to meet federally protecting certain species if you would but not all of that falls in that category. So, I don't want to mislead anybody, that's my goal. The last comment I have is on page 4-12. At one time there was a reference to the Battle Mountain District, at the very top of the page, I think in the first paragraph, it talks about the Battle Mountain District, but it doesn't call it the Battle Mountain District.

Mr. Lacey – Stated it says Battle Mountain Field Office.

Mr. Coward – Stated it says Battle Mountain Field Office, and I'd like to get a correction on that, to Battle Mountain District Office. That comes from, at one time, there used to be a Battle Mountain Field Office, but there is not any more. There's a Battle Mountain District, and the office that actually manages for the Battle Mountain District, the Beatty area, is the Battle Mountain Field Office in Tonopah.

Mr. Coward – Went on to say that overall when reading the document, I think you guys did a superb job. I appreciate the opportunity to take a look at it and be able to come here today and give you some comments that I have and have some discussion. I think that's important. I'm pretty easy to reach, if there are any questions you have for me, I try to respond to people as fast as I can.

Audience- Clarified if you take the whole total plan, so when you finish, the area is going to stay the way it is right now? There are no road closures anywhere?

Mr. Coward – Stated if the concern is roads, I know that Nye County has done a lot of work on roads, as far as identifying roads and stuff, and today we had a meeting with Lorinda Wichman, my State Director, District Manager and I. Though we talked about this before we like to reemphasize this for her, when we get done with our RMP, we're going to have different road designations whether open or closed and that we are going to go to the Counties and say write us up a transportation plan. Once the RMP is done and we've got these designations done. It's going to be very easy for Nye County to say here are the roads that we know of, boom we'll drop it into a plan. So we'll write a Transportation Plan then, so far what we think, the only roads that may have some issues would be in the wilderness study areas. We think we may have some concerns there because, obviously, we want to keep roads out of there, and we haven't done a check to see if we have any overlap in those yet, as far as what the County has yet. One concern is in Tonopah we have 15 of those areas designated. So, we want make sure those areas stay open as wilderness areas. So, we'll look at the maps and with the transportation plan with them and try to get that resolved. Because you know there has always been a lot of issues with RS2477 roads, FLPMA right of ways, on and on and on, there's always been a lot of issues. We have a moratorium where we can't issue any RS2477 roads so we're kind of stuck. So we're doing FLPMA right of ways when the County needs it, but with this travel management plan after the RMP is done it's going to resolve, take care of all of travel management.

Audience – Clarified, even though it's a study area you still have to treat it as wilderness?

Mr. Coward – Replied correct, which means that no roads within a certain distance.

Renie Younghans – Stated there is no wilderness area in the Beatty Area plan that I am aware of.

Mr. Coward – Stated there is one identified the Grapevine area.

Cheryl Beeman – Stated it's the Grapevine wilderness study area north of Death Valley.

Ryan Tweney – Stated there's all kinds of Jeep tracks around here, when you do decide on the roads that are going to be kept open, is there a presumption that any other road is closed? You know there is no map that shows all of them.

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Mr. Coward - Stated he would try to best answer the question. Nye County is going to decide these are the roads, and they've done a lot of work, they've got a lot of money invested in this, by the way. It's a really good program and a lot of effort. They've got two tracks identified and they have three different categories according to State law and I'll say minor, major and there's one in the middle. So there's a two track, and then one is a road that they don't maintain but is maintained by usage, and then there is a road that they maintain. So, what they've been working on the past years is identifying all of these roads throughout Nye County. If you go to the County website you'll see down in the right hand corner there's a GIS layer down there that you can click on and you can go out and look at the roads that they have identified, two tracks, gravel roads, highways and all that's mapped out in there. They have classifications for those. Our thoughts are that we are going to be able to map it out that way and then that's the known roads that we know of. Does it mean we won't have more in the future? Probably so, but to go out and say that we're going to close all the other roads that are out there, some of those go to private land and stuff like that, so we have to look at each one of those case by case. You're going to see people 4wheeling; we can't stop people 4wheeling on public lands, unless it's a wilderness area.

DG - Directed a question to Darrell Lacey, when they decide they are going to talk about road closures, will the County get involved?

Mr. Lacey - Stated that the RS2477 road project was to map the roads that qualify for the federal law, RS2477. RS2477 doesn't say that we ask BLM for permission, it says these roads are open by federal law, if we can show that they meet the requirements, and we are showing the ones that we think meet these requirements. That's really the only discussion, if we disagree on if they meet the requirements or not.

Mr. Coward - Stated to add to that, at one time before the moratorium was set up, at one time the County could come in and say this is a 2477 road, here's our justification, pre FLPMA the whole nine yards, and this is why we want it classified as 2477, and we had the authority to go in and review that and if it did meet those categories and we could identify it as 2477 case closed 2477.

Mr. Lacey - Stated that showed that you recognized our work.

Mr. Coward - Stated right, and the County can still call it whatever they want but we have records.

Mr. Lacey - Stated (inaudible) board that is not going to recognize those.

Mr. Coward - State right, unless a judge tells us to.

Mr. Lacey - Stated I understand what your law says, or what your secretarial order, or your administrators order, or whatever you call it. That does not change the law that tells you how to administratively do it.

Mr. Coward - Stated right, it tells us we can't do it right now, unless there is a judge that tells us. So, in simple terms this County transportation plan is going to help resolve a lot of the issues with roads and stuff. It's going to make things a lot simpler, as far as within the Battle Mountain District, and how we are going to move forward once the RMP is done.

Mr. Lacey - Redirected, your question before it got side barred to 2477 roads, if there are roads out there

Renle Younghans - Asked if the Open Space Plan is supposed to do anything with County transportation plan? Or are you just informing us that that's going to happen in the future?

Mr. Coward - Stated we actually changed subjects a little bit, we got off on roads.

Mr. Lacey - Stated she's talking about roads too. At this time I can't tell you that we have a process in place to take this and compare it to our existing roads, it's not something that we have looked at; at the County level. We don't have a process to do that.

Ms. Younghans - Asked in the Open Space Plan are we supposed to address any of the County transportation plan?

Ryan Tweney - Stated we identified examples, we did not pretend to be comprehensive. Also, beyond that I want to suggest that I don't think that you have answered my question which is what happens; there is a process ongoing in which roads will be identified, and classified and presumably kept open. My question is about the roads that nobody knows about, they don't show up on Google earth, they don't show up on GIS, but you drive out there and you see a two track and you say oh, I'm going to see where it goes. What I want to know whether or not, once this is done, those roads are going to be considered open or whether they will be automatically considered closed?

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Mr. Coward – Stated once we've got this locked down we will be able to approve roads. We can't stop people going out and riding on public lands, after a period of time enough people drive on it, it's a two track there, we can't stop that. Can we go out and do reclamation on every one of those, with manpower and staff? But, through your State law and through your County there is a way of identifying roads and getting those brought before the County Commissioners and I think they have done 1,721 roads already I think, maybe that's the wrong number, in that area that they have identified within the three categories within the State. Once that's done, I think that they would bring that to us or update their transportation plan which in turn we would have to agree to that road being identified.

Mr. Tweney – Clarified, which means unless we bring it before

Renie Younghans – Asked did you answer my question, are we supposed to be identifying roads in the Open Space Plan?

Mr. Tweney – Stated no Renie, let me get this clear. If there is a two track that has not been identified that I stumble across in driving through the desert am I allowed to use it without first going and getting it declared open?

Mr. Coward – Stated oh yeah, definitely, sure.

Mr. Tweney – Stated I know you are saying you can't stop me, you don't have the manpower but will it be illegal for me?

Mr. Coward – Stated unless it's a wilderness area, if it's not in a wilderness area I really can't stop someone from going off road.

RR – Stated if it looks like an existing road you can go on it.

Audience – Stated when they were talking to one of the surveyors who was doing the roads out at Rhyolite and the roads all over the area, they said every road before 1970, is that correct?

Mr. Lacey – Stated 1976, I believe for BLM lands and 1907 for Forrest Service lands.

Mr. Coward – Stated I'm not sure but FLPMA was signed in 1976, it would have to be prior to FLPMA.

Mr. Lacey – Stated the reason we call them RS2477 roads, that goes back to the 1800's and basically the laws that opened the West for settlement. It basically said that the roads were open for the settlement of the West and then the FLPMA of 1976 changed that.

Audience – Stated I think that in 1976, I guess the major concern was that somebody comes in and they want to turn the whole bloody thing into wilderness. There's laws in place, those roads are open prior to 1976 is that true?

Mr. Lacey – Stated if we can map them and show that they meet the criteria for being open prior to 1976 then they are open as a matter of law.

Mr. Coward – Stated but, they have to stay in the same shape that they were in prior to 1976, which means if it was a two track in 1975 it's got to be a two track today.

Audience – Stated okay, that's fine.

Mr. Lacey – Stated and it's only for whatever use it was prior to then.

DG – Asked are we done with the roads? Let's get back on subject.

Mr. Lacey – Stated he's doing a resource management plan right now, one of the next steps following that will be a transportation plan. Part of the transportation plan will be identifying roads; that's something that will be coming up in the next few years.

Mr. Coward – Stated and you will take part in that.

Mr. Lacey – Confirmed we will take part in that.

Mr. Coward – Stated cooperatively working together here, and stated I have nothing else. Thank you for your time.

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Mark Tanaka-Sanders Field Manger; BLM Southern Nevada District, Pahrump Field Office – Stated he doesn't have a presentation, he just wanted to hear what Beatty's plan was going to be because some of it dips down into the Pahrump Field Office. Las Vegas and Pahrump are also doing a resource management plan revision which should be out the public in a few weeks, hopefully you all will read it and comment on it and give us some ideas about how to make that the best document we can get. I think it's great that all the towns are doing what you're doing, putting up your position and your druthers, all the things you would like to see happen. So many times a town will hear about a county plan, state plan or a federal plan come along and they didn't get in early enough to know what was going on and other people didn't take their consideration, into consideration, what's going on locally. Things like the County asked for a Special Management Area at the end of the Airport which extends out into the Pahrump Field Office so we're looking at that not knowing what's going on up here. There are County boundaries, State boundaries, and BLM boundaries don't match. We have Death Valley National Parks in Pahrump, the military reservations are in Pahrump but the Town of Beatty is in the Tonopah Field Office.

Darrell Lacy – Stated that there are State and Federal laws that require us to do certain planning activities around airports.

Mr. Tanaka-Sanders – Stated now we see what's happening around here from this side it makes sense that you wouldn't want to build a casino at the end of the runway, but that's why we're up here trying to figure out what you are doing up here. So that when the County asks for disposal over here, we didn't have, I guess the GIS layers were reversed or something the first time we got them and it wasn't right at the end of the runway and we figured well maybe that's supposed to be over here. So that's what I wanted to do was make sure that we could see why and what the County is asking for and what the Town wants, because we are a multiple use agency and we have, like Tim said a lot of Towns, Counties, commercial interests that want to do things on public lands and we are supposed to, by Congress, we're supposed to listen to them all and take into consideration and let the public use their land but sometimes if the uses don't agree with each other that's what the planning process is going to hopefully minimize the conflict there. I just want to hear things like that, and we'll be doing a travel management plan right after the resource management plan too. We've got a lot of those roads mapped and GPS'd, we have to go out and find where they really are on the ground and make sure they are really there; sometimes you have five little dirt roads going to the same rock pile. Some of them are fine for recreation some of them are suitable for ATV's, so we'll be going through all of that in the next year after we get this RMP on the street. I hope you will look for that, it's called the Las Vegas and Pahrump Resource Management Plan; it should be available in June.

DG – Asked the Pahrump Office got a copy of this (the Beatty Area Plan)?

Mr. Tanaka-Sanders – Stated he had several of the specialists look through it, biologists and geologists and we have electronic copies back in the office.

DG – Asked for questions or comments?

Renie Younghans – Stated she wants to know what the Open Space Committee is going to do now that he (Tim Coward) has given us his opinion of the Open Space Committee.

DG – Clarified this is the Area Plan.

Ms. Younghans – Stated okay the Area Plan, but the open space in the Area Plan, what are we going to do about it?

DG – Stated we are going to change the wording from Field Office to District Office.

Ms. Younghans – Clarified and leave the rest as it is?

DG – Stated yes.

Darrell Lacey – Stated the County and the BLM both have this plan. Every time there is a land use decision to be made we will be looking at this plan and trying to find out how we can coordinate the activities with what the Town's desires are. It's not a law that we can force BLM to do anything with but it is definitely a document that can be used to argue a position.

Ms. Younghans – Asked what the next step is.

Cheryl Beerman – Stated the BoCC public hearing will be July 1st at 11:00am in Tonopah, it that's what they (BoCC) decide to do.

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6 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT (Three-minute time limit per person.) Action will not be taken on the matters considered during this period until specifically included on an agenda as an action item

Audience – Stated by the Airport and around Rhyolite there is a crosshatch on the map that indicates; Special Plan of Development, what does that mean?

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Offered to get him the definition from the document.

Tom Coward – Stated it means that there is another permit required.

Mr. Lacey – Stated not necessarily a permit, it means that there are several layers of review before we can let a project go forward we have to make sure it doesn't conflict with the airport.

Audience – Asked and the historic use is the same?

Mr. Lacey – Stated yes.

7 Adjournment

RR-motioned to adjourn at 6:50pm; second by CT; 3-0