

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
07/28/2014**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THE (BTAB)
THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.**

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

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:31pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of July 28, 2014.

Item 5 emergency items pulled

July 14, 2014 Workshop minutes pulled

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 For Possible Action – Approval of the workshop minutes dated July 14, 2014 and the meeting minutes dated; July 14, 2014

RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated July 14, 2014; Second CT; 4-0

DG – Stated for the record EG is not here

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

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

KC; CT; - None

RR – Stated that the LED lights are installed in the Kitchen. The Sr. Center site manager position is open.

DG – Stated that School starts on August 11th, next Monday. This Friday at 6pm the Commander in Chief of all Veteran Wars in the World, who is from Hawthorne, for the VFW will be at the Beatty Post for a dedication ceremony. It's a great honor to have him at our Post.

7 Consent Agenda Items

- a. **Action – Discussion of any item from the Consent Agenda Items that needs review before a decision is made.**
- b. **Approval of Town Vouchers**

RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$3,262.18; Second CT; 4-0

8 Reports

a. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reviewed information from the office;

Nye County Population estimates for 2nd Quarter 2014, from the Nye County Planning Department, Beatty 1049 based on utility hook ups and average people per household.

9 General Business

- a. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to notify the BoCC of the BTAB’s support of the use of County Roads for the “Vegas to Reno” event on Friday August 15, 2014. – Casey Folks; Director Best In The Desert**

Casey Folks – Thanked the BTAB and introduced himself and his position with Best in the Desert, he is here to seek permission and approval for the 18th year of the running of the 2014 event and the 5th year with the start of the event in Beatty. The race date is August 15th which is a Friday. We race on Friday because there is less general public using the roads, the three or four Miners that we cross, for example the Miner at Pioneer is shutting down for the day to make it safer for the racers and for his crew. We do that throughout the State, rancher operations are notified as well. It’s a 535 mile race this year starting in Beatty with the finish at Dayton County Fair Grounds. This race includes the full complement of off-road vehicles; Motorcycles, Quads, UTV’s, Cars, and Trucks. Approximately 300 entries, we are almost at 300 entries right now so we think we are going to have a record turnout, with somewhere in the neighborhood of 325 at the starting line. The race starts Friday morning with the first motorcycle leaving at 5am. All of our permits are in order; we’re doing our last presentation here in Beatty. We’ve gone through all the different County Commissioners all the way across the state. We deal with four different BLM Districts, the Army Depot Base in Hawthorne; we have their permission and their permits. All of our permits now, with the exception of the last one we will get is the BLM and I just spoke to them and there shouldn’t be any problems with it. All of the private property owners that we cross, we do cross a couple in Nye County, those are all up in Alkali, Tonopah area and all those folks have given us their authorization and agreements to cross their land. We do have a Medical Director for Best in The Desert, and they are contacting all across the State all of the various Police Departments and EMT’s. They recruit them, a lot of them out of the Towns, I don’t know if anybody here is going to be helping us or not because I’m not the guy who puts that together. I have a person in charge of that. The only road that we are actually using in Nye County is Fluorspar Road at the start. Fluorspar Road is used all the way to Species Springs; we will use maybe a mile and a half to two miles of that road. We leave it at Species Spring and continue on towards the old Daisy Gold Mine. All of the grading will be done, we are working with David Spicer, who lives here and they will be having a water truck at the start and a water truck at the first paved road crossing at Spring Dale, and then they will fix the Fluorspar Road immediately. He’s busy so it will probably be about ten days before we come in and start grading, but we graded the entire course last year. All the way from the start in Beatty all the way to Four Churchill Canyon Road which, on that race course was 525 miles we graded. We do come back and grade it takes a while to come back and get it all graded, because Esmeralda County does it all themselves, they don’t want anybody else grading their roads.

Mr. Folks – Stated he would be happy to answer any questions.

DG – Asked when the Tech Inspection is.

Mr. Folks – Stated it starts with time trials for starting position in two classes only, Wednesday at the Gold Strike Hotel in Gene Nevada. Tech inspection is at the Alliante Hotel on Thursday morning at 8am and ends at 5pm.

DG – Clarified so the only thing out here at Fluorspar is just the start of the Race?

Mr. Folks – Confirmed yes just the start. We will be brining everybody off of HWY 95, they’re going to turn, we have the NDOT gravel pit as the off load area. Nobody is allowed to park anywhere else in that area except inside a fenced compound. We direct them off of the highway into that area. I think you’ll find one BLM Ranger here, they were here a couple of weeks ago here in Beatty to talk to the local Deputies who don’t think they gave out any tickets last year, and they had no problems at all. We educate everybody about the speed limits especially emphasizing the small towns, Beatty, Tonopah, etc.

Audience- Asked Mr. Folks to tell us about the economic impact to the area.

9a Continued

Mr. Folks – Stated you are talking about an entourage of about five thousand people. You're talking over 300 vehicles entered, for a car or truck, for example it takes about twenty people to do the pit stops with a truck. That twenty people represent about five support vehicles so when you leave Las Vegas one hundred and ten miles from here in the morning, everybody's going to fuel up here, everybody's going to fill their ice chests here, you'll have every hotel room in this town sold and if you had another five hundred rooms we would rent those too. The financial impact on Rural Nevada, for this one event, is incredible. I have all the little small towns all the time, Beatty being the exception, but I have a lot of them call me going; how can we get an event in our town where we can keep you here for a three day period, which is pretty hard to do. I just went before the County Commissioners in Gold Field and they asked, please help us do something with our Town; help us figure out a way to bring the people there. The problem with Gold Field is they have no housing and they have no food for all these guys. The financial impact, as an example, the lady in Mina Nevada, small one gas station, says it's her biggest day of the year. It's probably well easily in the millions of dollars that we spend. We do a three day event in Henderson that event with the City of Henderson as the cosponsor of the event, they calculated about sixteen million dollars brought into the City of Henderson with that one event over three days. You don't come and race a Best in The Desert event like this unless you have quite a bit of disposable income. It's a big impact, they're not afraid to fill their trucks up; you're talking about five or six trucks at a time in there. The best way to verify what I'm doing is go down there and watch them. Watch them start rolling in on Thursday night and watch the two gas stations it is a big financial impact all across the State. Everything is booked at the Grand Sierra Hotel in Reno; the Alliante is sold out in Las Vegas so they're going to sister hotels. The event will be televised; Beatty is always on the TV shows because you are the start. It's televised on NBC Sports; it airs on primetime usually on a Saturday about three months after the race is when it airs.

Karl Olson – I appreciate you coming here and I like the event but I have some questions. The area Spicer takes care of, how far does he extend on the restoration work? I want to know who is responsible, is it Spicer for all of the roads in the Nye County section?

Mr. Folks – Stated Nye County doesn't go that far it goes to Scotty's Junction. From the start to Scotty's Junction it's David Spicer.

Mr. Olson – How about from Gold Point to Gold Field?

Mr. Folks – Stated from Scotty's Junction Esmeralda takes over all the way to Red Lick Summit.

Mr. Olson – Clarified so that's the County (Esmeralda)?

Mr. Folks – Confirmed that's all Esmeralda County.

Mr. Olson – Reiterated Dave takes care of it here, Esmeralda takes care of it from there?

Mr. Folks – Clarified Esmeralda County takes care of their roads, and then there is a fellow named Tony Tipton who is a contractor from Mina. He takes it from Red Lick all the way to Rawhide and then Best in The Desert's equipment starts at Weeks Nevada and comes all the way to Rawhide.

Mr. Olson – Asked if he pays for the restoration?

Mr. Folks – Stated he does. He paid about seventy five thousand dollars last year.

Mr. Olson – Asked if he posts a bond?

Mr. Folks – Stated he does not have to post a bond.

Mr. Olson – Reiterated you don't post any bonds.

Mr. Folks – Confirmed no I don't post a bond but I have my reputation and I've been doing this for many, many years and my reputation is respectable. I have never, not taken care of anything I said I wouldn't take care of.

Mr. Olson – Asked who goes back and makes sure they are all restored?

Mr. Folks – Stated we don't question Esmeralda County, it wouldn't be right to do that. We know that they've been out there doing work and they do the work in their County.

Mr. Folks – Went on, we also clean the course. The course cleaning takes fifteen days to clean it, and that takes place prior to the restoration work. You have to understand that's five hundred and thirty five miles so it takes a little time for everything to get rolling and start. This is a priority, we know that Beatty is a priority; from here to Scotty's Junction we already know that that's a priority. The plan right now, I just spoke to David Spicer a couple of days ago, Brad Hunt is the operator who will operate from here. He said he's going to fix this road, Fluorspar, immediately and fix this minor road at Pioneer. He needs to get him (Pioneer) operating the next day so those are the two priorities. They they'll come back in and start Fluorspar Road, two, three, days later and grade all the way to Bonnie Claire.

Mr. Olson – Asked if you get a map of the course from the BLM.

Mr. Folks- Stated he doesn't think they'll give you one, however I have one here. If you look at it it's a GPS plot trail, it's a souvenir map, and if you look at it you'll go I don't understand where it goes, mainly it's a souvenir map. I'm happy to leave this with the Town Board.

Mr. Olson – Stated but when you're doing the permit process you have to a map.

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Mr. Folks – Stated everything we do now is with GPS, turned into the Bureau of Land Management and in fact the entire course is a GPS plot map. If you wanted to get the GPS plot map from us, seven days prior to the event on our website we post it for the racers. It doesn't show the check points because that is for the participants but it does show the danger marks in the course, the paved road crossings, and the pits. There are fifteen pits the first pit in the race is right here at Spring Dale, the next one is in Bonnie Claire. You can download the GPS, Morantz is what we use, the racers can download it, put it in their race vehicles so they can look at our dangers and they don't get off the course. All the race vehicles have an IRC tracking device in them. It has an Iridium phone in it, we can talk to them, and they can talk to us. We can track them, anyone in the world can watch Vegas to Reno live on their computer and we have reality check points built into the course as well as my people. If your twenty feet off our course it sends an alarm off and the guys call me on IRC, this vehicle is off the course, we can call the driver on their phone and find out why they are off course and find out what they are doing. Usually it's a flat tire or whatever it might be. We have retrieval vehicles that start at the starting line, and they are retrieving people all day long. It takes about twenty four hours for the last person to get to the finish line from starting line.

Mr. Folks – Stated he was going to leave with the Town also a schedule of events, which includes arrival times for all the vehicle groups.

Mr. Folks – Stated he just wanted to let us know we do appreciate what Beatty does and presented a check for \$500.00 to the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department, we try to do this all through the State, we do appreciate most especially the Volunteer Fire guys they work hard, and also the High School. I would like this \$500.00 to be used toward some athletic program to help the kids out, uniforms, shoes, whatever somebody needs, that's where we would like to see that money used.

RR – Motion decision to notify the BoCC of the BTAB's support of the use of County Roads for the "Vegas to Reno" race; Second CT; 4-0

- b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter of support for the Nye County Wellness Center application to be a licensed medical marijuana dispensary, cultivation and bakery/infusion called the Nye County Wellness Center located in Pahrump Nevada. – Sheryl Cork**

DG – Pulled item, petitioner not present.

- c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to allow the Beatty Chamber of Commerce to reserve all three Community Center rooms for Beatty Days 10/31/2014 – 11/02/2014 and to waive the rental fee. – Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber of Commerce**

KC – Motion to approve; Second RR; 4-0

- d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to allow the Beatty Chamber of Commerce to reserve all outdoor tables and chairs for Beatty Days 10/31/2014 – 11/02/2014 and to waive the rental fee. – Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber of Commerce**

KC – Motion to approve; Second RR; 4-0

- e. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to allow the Beatty Chamber of Commerce to reserve the portable sound system for Beatty Days 10/31/2014 – 11/02/2014 and to waive the rental fee. – Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber of Commerce**

KC – Motion to approve; Second RR; 4-0

- f. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to help fund the Beatty Days Event scheduled for October 31st – November 2nd in the amount of \$6,000.00 from the Tourism Account. – Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber of Commerce**

KC – Motion to approve; Second RR; 4-0

- g. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to place "River" signs on the bridge located on HWY 95 by the NDOT yard and all matters pertaining thereto. – James Pitts**

James Pitts – Stated he appreciated our efforts and the response to this has been tremendous. In all of my travels in over eight states and over four thousand miles the rivers and water ways I have crossed have signs letting you know their names. The locals and tourists love it. I noticed that the one here does not have any signage.

DG – Your request is for one standard green sign north of the bridge and one south of the bridge. NDOT is the agency that would put those up. All we can do is submit a letter to NDOT requesting they do it.

Mr. Pitts – Stated that would be wonderful, there are spots for signage to be secured to on the bridges.

DG – Suggested staff draft a letter to NDOT requesting the signage.

Mr. Pitts – Stated that would be a great start; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to send a letter to NDOT placing river signs at the bridges US HWY 95 and to get the GPS coordinates of the bridge so they know which one we are talking about; Second CT; 4-0

h. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to write a letter to the United States Postal Service regarding their failure to deliver mail with a physical address to the addressee's post office box. – Crystal Taylor

Crystal Taylor – Stated that unfortunately since our regular Post Master is not at our office they had two new people come in and they are changing things around, which is fine but they are returning mail with a physical address to the sender with no notice to the person that was supposed to receive that mail.

Ms. Taylor – Gave a few examples of the impact of this practice. One citizen had their Wal-Mart card blocked because Wal-Mart got the statement back, the owner of the card found out her card was blocked when she was in line at Wal-Mart trying to make a purchase, another person had their pension check returned.

Ms. Taylor – Stated she has talked to a Post Office representative with my complaint about everything that has been happening and she suggested getting the Town Advisory Board to send a letter.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Read a sample letter that addresses the complaint.

Richard Stephens – Stated his wife worked at the Post Office until she retired two years ago. Technically they were bending the rules by delivering mail addressed to physical addresses to PO boxes but she and her co-workers knew most everybody in town and if they didn't there is a computer system that allows them to look up peoples PO boxes. The people who are filling in didn't have a password to that program so they couldn't look them up. Also, I've been told in the past the lady who is the Post Master in Amargosa who has been coming and helping up here, she doesn't ever deliver mail that's addressed to a street to a post office box. She always sends it back following strict policy. I hope that as things work out we don't wind up having to follow very strict rules that have been bent in the past. But if you get too many of the bean counters from the Post Office in here they'll do that. We won't be able to use the bulletin board for a lot of things, it being used for things that it's not supposed to now. The fellow from Pahrump has been doing what he can, but he doesn't know whose box is whose.

CT – Stated I spoke with Amargosa Post Master when she was working up here and she reminded me as though that I haven't been in town that there is no physical delivery to your home and I'm not going to look it up; Discussion followed.

CT – They are starting to put a stamp on mail notifying box owners that they need to notify sender of your PO Box; Discussion followed.

Audience – Stated if you use the zip plus four even if it has a physical address it will be delivered.

CT – Stated signs are just going up to notify the public about the zip plus four; Discussion followed.

Audience – Stated I spoke to someone at the Post Office the other day and they said they have a book they can look up your PO Box in, I had a package which is my medicine and they will not send to a PO Box. She said one problem they have is multiple people using one box; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to send a letter to the United States Postal Service regarding their failure to deliver mail with a physical address to the addressee's post office box; Second CT; 4-0

10 General Public Comment

KC – I don't know how many of you knew long time residents Tom and Carol Cox; I worked with Tom for quite a number of years. He passed away Thursday evening.

11 Adjournment

KC- Motion to adjourn 7:13pm; Second RR; 4-0