

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
08/25/2014**

**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
Randy Reed (RR) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 25, 2014.

Item 5 emergency items 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 August 11, 2014.

RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated August 11, 2014; Second CT; 5-0

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; EG; RR; CT; - None

DG- Stated the VFW held their Chili Cook-off on Saturday. Crystal Taylor's daughter, Summer, did a great job with the National Anthem.

CT – Stated that the winner of the Salsa competition and the 1st place Verde will compete at the World competition. The winner of the Red will be representing at the "Last Chance" Cook-off.

7 Presentation; Robert Revert – Town Square property donation in January 2007.

Robert Revert – Stated he is sorry to see Charlie is not here, he invited Charlie the newspaper guy who has written several articles in his paper about the Revert's and the Town Square, his interpretation of it, and I thought I would bring any new board members up to date on what really happened there. The Town Board came to me, they thought I owned that (the donated property) but I didn't my cousin did. I told them that I would talk to my cousin about it and ask them if they would donate it, which they did. It was actually two parcels, one parcel they had and the other parcel belonged to a guy named Mel Eads. The second parcel they paid \$30,000.00 for, but the parcel they got from Elaine Richardson, used to be Revert, they didn't pay a dime. Of course Charlie has never gotten anything straight in his entire life; I was hoping he could be here today to get an accurate count on it. I hope a park goes in there; it would certainly dress up that end of town. I'm sorry Charlie didn't make it.

DG – Stated we are working on that.

EG – Stated she is really glad he came and is really sorry he felt like he had to come. As a Board we all know the history, we know that Elaine was contacted to make that donation. We have been working so long, it is one of the reasons I got on this board. We have received a grant, it's a 50/50 grant, and Carrie and I are working on getting some things done. We do have beautiful plans for the park. It will serve the purpose of welcoming people to Beatty and we are committed to seeing this project through.

Mr. Revert – Thanked the Board for their time and effort.

8 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 \$1,658.96; Second CT; 5-0

9 Reports

a. Secretary

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

Email correspondence from Lorinda Wichman regarding the request to place signs on the bridges crossing the Amargosa River. The response is from Steve Baer Assist. District Engineer, Tonopah. In the interest of public safety they (NDOT) denied the request due to being in an area where a lot of other regulatory signage is in place and statistics show that having too much information or different signs creates a condition where motorists tend to ignore the information trying to be conveyed.

Ms. Radomski – Stated she would like to take a second stab at this and send another letter clarifying that we want the signs on the bridge itself; Discussion followed.

Email correspondence from Kay Tarr expressing her concerns and frustration with the handling of mail by our local Post Office. Crystal (CT) did call Ms. Tarr and talked to her about this and let her know about using the zip+4 to ensure delivery to her PO Box.

Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation issued a water pollution control permit for Sterling Gold Mining Corporation located in Beatty Nevada, if anyone would like a copy it is available at the Town Office.

Notice of Permit Modification for Hazardous Waste Permit #NEVHW0025, for US Ecology if anyone would like a copy it is available at the Town Office.

Jr. Mss. Beatty provided us a copy of the Beatty Middle School Volleyball Schedule, if anyone would like a copy it is available at the Town Office.

10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter regarding the closure of the Washington Federal Bank branch in Beatty Nevada and to select the addressees. – Dick Gardner

DG – Stated he put this on because this will be a hardship for businesses and consumers. We drafted a sample letter.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated she spoke with Washington Federal representative, Lynn Lundahl who sent the Office a copy of the letter that depositors should have already received about the closure of the local branch. This letter has the address of the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency that people should write to about the closure.

EG – Stated she would like the cc's with the first letter, the sample that is addressed to Commissioner Wichman, to go to our State representatives as well as local representatives. The OCC letter is really important because I really feel like we have been duped. This is a company overseen by the FDIC and they (Washington Federal) knew they were going to close it down when they bought it; Discussion followed.

CT – Stated that yes, the bank is saying they will leave an ATM here that can accept cash deposits, but when it malfunctions which it already has, it will take a week for someone to come repair it; Discussion followed.

KC – Stated as a Town Board we are obligated to send the letter(s).

Ms. Radomski – Stated Beatty is not alone in this, they are closing two other locations in rural Nevada. Washington Federal purchased 23 locations in Arizona and Nevada, 10 of those locations were in Nevada and 3 of those 10 are being closed. Those 3 locations serve low income areas with small populations. In the article dated January 24, 2014, and it's stated in the letter, the spokesperson from Bank of America stated, the decision to sell the locations to a Community Bank rather than closing them was made to preserve as many jobs as possible and ensure these communities will continue to be served with convenient local branches. The sale was viewed as a way to save jobs and preserve a brick and mortar presence in these communities.

EG – Stated she read that a representative from Washington Federal said that they knew they were taking on more employees and costs with these purchases.

EG – Stated she likes the content of the sample letter.

RR – Stated he thinks we should send the letter.

CT – Stated she thinks we should send the letter to our representatives and include a copy of the OCC letter.

DG – Stated we have a list of suggested recipients for the letter; Discussion followed.

EG – Asked one be sent to the branches that are being closed, Lynn Lundahl, and all local and state representatives of Beatty and the other closing locations; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated anyone that we send the first one to include a copy of the OCC letter.

RR – Motion decision to send both letters to the afore mentioned agencies and people; Second CT; 5-0

b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to spend up to seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) in registration and accommodation costs to send one or two individuals to the Nevada Unmanned Systems Business Expo on September 11th and 12th at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas Nevada and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Explained this opportunity came to light at a meeting she and Erika attended at the Amargosa Opera House. The Unmanned Systems Business Expo may be a great opportunity for networking and getting the BEDC property information out to this industry. Registration cost is \$250.00 and a second person can be sent for no additional charge, we also have a room discount available; Discussion followed.

Albert Verrilli; BEDC – Stated this is an important opportunity. We are one of six States that have been given Federal approval for this type of testing; Discussion followed.

RR – Motion to spend up to seven hundred dollars (\$700.00) in registration and accommodation costs to send one or two individuals to the Nevada Unmanned Systems Business Expo on September 11th and 12th at the Las Vegas Convention Center in Las Vegas Nevada; Second RR; 5-0

11 General Public Comment

EG – Stated she would like an item on the next agenda to create our own news letter, she will type it up and it that would be published every two weeks. It will include schedules and things happening in town.

DG – Stated If Erika wants to be the editor of the BTAB newsletter he is all for it.

12 Adjournment

KC– Motion to adjourn 7:24pm; Second RR; 5-0