

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
11/24/2014**

**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 - Absent**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of November 24, 2014.

Pulled item 5 Emergency items.

DG – Stated for the record CT is not in attendance.

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 minutes dated October 13, 2014 and November 10, 2014.

RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated October 13, 2014; Second EG; 4-0

RR – Motion to approve the meeting minutes dated November 10, 2014; Second EG; 3-1 KC abstain

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- None; EG- None;

RR- Stated that last night the Lions Club held their annual Thanksgiving Dinner. They had a smaller turnout this year, last year they had over 300 people, this year they only had 90, but we had a good time.

EG – Asked if there is a place you can take old glasses.

RR – Stated that you can take them to the Lions Club.

DG – Stated that the Library needs two board members.

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7 Report on STORM-OV Presentation "Better Living Through Trails" and CBDG application submission by STORM-OV. – Erika Gerling and Staff

EG – Stated that since the entire Board (BTAB) was not present at the presentation that was given on November 11th, there were about 30 people there including the presenters, I thought it was important to bring everybody up to date on this project. It will have an impact on our Community.

EG – Reviewed a timeline of events;

May 8, 2013 IMBA (the International Mountain Biking Association) gave a presentation here, on Mountain Bike riding and trails. They had slides that they went through, it was an informational meeting about the different types of trails and the different benefits; economic and health.

March 2014 an Oasis Valley conceptual trail plan was prepared by IMBA for the BLM (Bureau of Land Management). This is information that has come to us as a result of preparing for this report, not information that the Community saw. In this concept plan, I'm quoting from the plan; Beatty is envisioned as the Gateway to an extensive network of trails radiating from the town itself. Beatty is number one on the list of target zones, it is noted that this could be a system of 100 to 200 miles of single track trails. A bike park/skills area, Beatty river trail connectivity to Rainbow Mountain, Fluorspar Canyon and Rhyolite plus some others were also identified as a priority one zone.

September 2014 STORM-OV received a donation of \$25,000.00 from Barrick Gold.

October 13, 2014 at our meeting during the Commissioners report, Commissioner Wichman stated that she has been working with David Spicer to attract money and find some grant opportunities, and had just sent him the information for the Community Development Block Grant and that she thought it would qualify. David stated that \$40,000.00 had been raised in combined efforts with the County, IMBA and the Town to get mapping and a trail design out. At that time he told us that Barrick had donated the previously mentioned \$25,000.00, and he also shared that he would be hiring a consultant who is a landscape architect.

Earlier this month (November 11th) a presentation was given here at the Community Center on the proposed trails system. At that time the Community was told that the first 13 miles of trails would be built on Spicer's ranch. There wasn't a plan for connecting the Spicer ranch trails to Beatty, as permissions needed to be worked out with property owners and the BLM. It was not clear what the timeframe for connecting the trails to Town would be. That is a question I asked, how are they going to connect and how long it would take, and I was not clear on the response.

The next day (November 12th) Cimarron Chacon, who is the landscape architect, on behalf of STORM-OV presented a request for \$150,000.00 in Community Development Block Grant funding to the Commissioners. The application is titled Beatty Community Recreational Tourism Enhancement project and would encompass Oasis Valley, Public BLM lands, and private lands surrounding the town interface of Beatty as well as select public lands and roads and connections to Rhyolite and Death Valley. The total cost of phase one would be \$300,000.00 and the amount sited in the grant application are \$150,000.00 from the Community Development Block Grant, \$12,000.00 in private funds, \$30,000.00 that had already been secured from local businesses and \$60,000.00 in in-kind labor.

On November 17th STORM-OV received an additional \$25,000.00 from Barrick Gold.

EG – Stated I appreciate and applaud the continued efforts of David through STORM-OV in using Beatty's natural resources and unique history to develop this system and bring more people to our community. I want everybody to know I reviewed the slides from the presentations for the community and the application to the County as well as some other materials that were prepared for the BLM so I could understand what the plans are and where they stand right now. As it stands right now, priorities and zones have been identified, monies have and are being raised, a grant application has been submitted and plans are being developed for the first phase of the trail route. From everything I've read Beatty would be the hub of the trails extending out from the Town to several different zones of various difficulties. The plans also calls for the bike skills park that would be somewhere in the Town. On these plans and presentations Beatty is always listed first on all of them and then I get confused because Beatty is the first zone/target area, but the first 13 miles of trails are actually going to be built out at Spicer's ranch and in these reports the ranch has been identified as ideal for holding large events and it is. One of the questions raised at the presentation earlier this month, and I mentioned this before, was how the trails would be connected to the Town and what the timeline would be and it's not clear how this is going to be accomplished. It could be a big deal for our Community, and while STORM-OV already has a long list of partners, I would like to, and I look forward to finding a way for us the TAB (Town Advisory Board) to also be a partner in this project.

EG – Went on, another area that was noted as important is educating visitors and community members about the benefits of Mountain Biking. At the November presentation it was strongly stated that these Mountain Bikers have money to spend they have expensive bikes and they love everything to do with bikes. I think it will be important that their expectations be in line with the facilities and amenities that are available in our town, and that the residents, we that live here, know the type of visitor that's going to be coming here. We need to know what they expect, if they expect the Four Seasons, they are going to be disappointed, so education is very important. We have a nice Town and we have decent facilities. One of the things that was brought up was that these visitors want bike friendly hotels, outdoor patios and they love their beer. We definitely have outdoor patios and we have plenty of beer, but what is a bike friendly hotel?

EG – Continued, as I stated the project is going forward, I think we all need to be aware of that and I would like to find a way for us to partner with STORM-OV to contribute whatever we can to make it the best we can for our community.

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Report on STORM-OV Presentation "Better Living Through Trails" and CBDG application submission by STORM-OV. – Erika Gerling and Staff

Renie Younghans – Clarified you say that, phase one, the total is \$300,000.00. Does phase one take in a trail from Beatty to Spicer or is that all on Spicer's property?

EG – Stated it depends on which presentation you look at because they have target zones and one to three years. From what I understand from the presentations Beatty was going to start as the hub and the trails were going to go out and that was going to be the beginning of it.

DG – Stated it sounds like it started that way but now all 13 miles are going to be out at Spicer's.

EG – Stated right, which is a good place for events. There is a tentatively scheduled meeting for the beginning of December. A representative of Barrick is coming to Beatty, so maybe we can get some of those questions answered then.

Ms. Younghans- Stated that Barrick's grant of \$25,000.00 is not public money, but the Community Block Grant is public money. Is it your understanding that they are going to ask for \$150,000.00 and spend it all on Spicer's ranch for the 13 miles?

EG – Stated I have the grant here and I can't make any assumptions, what the grant says is; the project will encompass Oasis Valley, Public BLM and private lands, this is from the grant application, and private lands surrounding the Town interface of Beatty Nevada as well select public lands and roads connecting to the ghost town of Rhyolite as well as Death Valley National Park, that is what the grant application says but at the presentation that we had in November (11th) we were told that the first 13 miles of trail are going to be constructed at the ranch (Spicer's), that's what I know.

Karl Olson – Asked didn't he (David) say at the meeting that the first 13 or 14 miles on his property was taken care of, not part of the grant or did I misunderstand him?

RR – Stated he thought David said the first 13 miles are already paid for.

Mr. Olson – Reiterated he (David) said that's already taken care of, the development for 13 miles, did you hear that?

RR and EG – Stated they did hear that.

Mr. Olson – Stated that is not part of the \$300,000.00 to develop the rest of the trails.

EG – Stated it's very confusing, I'm just telling you what the application says, what we were told at the presentation, and I think there are a lot more questions and this is a thing that could affect our Community, this could be a really really big deal. I would just like to see a way for us to move forward, answer the questions and if it's a community thing, we are the representatives of the community.

DG – Stated I would like to see us keep an eye on it and keep attending the meetings but not commit anything to it yet. Just be there to offer support and show that we are interested in it. As far as making a commitment to it I think it's way too early to even think about that.

EG - Stated I agree, even when I came to the meeting at the beginning of this month I didn't know this was a done deal, but it is.

DG – Stated I don't think it's a done deal yet.

Ms. Younghans – Stated I agree with Erika (EG) I would like to see the Town Board become a partner. Erika has a list of the partners that STORM-OV has and the Commissioners aren't a part of that and neither is the Town Board, or the Chamber, they all should be a part of that.

EG – Stated that is my report. If anybody has any questions just call or email me.

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 \$1,449.79; Second EG; 4-0

9 Reports

a. Secretary

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

Email from Bill Marker of the VFW Post warning of an email scam using UPS and FedEx, the email states a package could not be delivered and asks you to click on a link to print a label which will download a virus on your computer.

Members are needed for the Town of Beatty Points of Interest Sign Committee, if anybody is interested please contact the office by December 1, 2014.

There is a food drive to help the Lions Club with their Christmas baskets; it is being collected by the Beatty High School Student Counsel. Students will be leaving bags on your home Wednesday, 12/03/14, students will be picking up the bags Sunday December 7th at 3pm.

Beatty Lions Club Angle Tree is located at the Beatty Lions Clubhouse on 3rd and Ward Street; they are there from 10am to 12pm on Tuesday's and Thursday's from December 2nd through December 18th. There are phone numbers on the flyer if you can't make those times.

The Beatty Volunteer Fire Department will be hosting Santa here at the Community Center on Friday December 19th at approximately 6pm.

Santa's Workshop will take place on December 13th at the Happy Burro from 1pm to 3pm, for ages 0 to 18.

Valley Electric District 3, which includes Beatty, Board of Directors Seat will be up for election in 2015, if anybody is interested the address to send your resume to is on the letter. Please contact the Town Office if you need more information.

At the last board meeting a decision was made to send a letter to Vance Payne regarding the sales and use tax, and one to Tim Coward at the BLM Tonopah Field Office regarding the Burro population in Beatty, both letters were sent.

EG – Stated we did send a letter to NDOT, regarding the crosswalk lighting by the Rebel, and our river sign request.

10 General Business

a. For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to select Beatty Town Advisory Board meeting dates in December 2014. – Beatty Town Office: Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated this is an annual housekeeping item. The BTAB meets on the second and fourth Monday of every month, in December that would put the first meeting on the 8th and the second meeting on the 22nd, with the Holidays coming will there be any issues with having a quorum?

DG – Stated he has no problem with the 22nd but he also has no issue with not holding a meeting on the 22nd.

Ms. Radomski – Stated we are doing this early enough that the Board can pick any date it likes.

KC – Stated he will not be here on the 22nd.

RR – Stated he will be available.

EG – Stated so we can skip it or find a different date; Discussion followed.

RR – Suggested doing the one on the 8th and if we need another meeting we can call another one.

DG – Stated let's not have one on the 22nd, and if we need a second meeting to pay the bills we can schedule one and post it.

Ms. Radomski – Stated the next item in the packet has to do with the Lighting Contest and the flyer says that the winners will be announced at the BTAB meeting on December 15th. Since the flyer is already out there and the Board is only going to meet once in December, do you want to just make it the 15th?

RR – Motion to select December 15th for the day for our meeting in the month of December; Second EG; 4-0

10 General Businesses Continued

- b. **For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to contribute up to \$300.00 for Plaques and prize money for a joint venture Christmas Lighting contest sponsored by the Beatty Town Advisory Board and the Beatty Chamber of Commerce and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce; Ann Marchand**

KC - Motion, so moved; Second RR; 4-0

Ann Marchand – Stated the Chamber will provide the refreshments at the meeting on the 15th.

- c. **For Possible Action – Discussion and deliberation to send a comment letter on the Las Vegas and Pahrump Field Offices Draft Resource Management Plan (RMP)/ Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) to the BLM Southern Nevada District, and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated some of you may be aware that Beatty is part of two districts; the Battle Mountain District and the Southern NV District. Their (the Southern District) resource management plan is up for revision and there a couple of things that are in it that affect us. If anybody has been on the BLM website or looked at the CD there is a lot of stuff on there, and I did not read all 2200 pages but I tried to find the stuff that was critical to Beatty and or Amargosa. Right now there are some areas of critical environmental concern which are already listed for Beatty; the Amargosa Mesquite a Neo-tropical Migratory Bird Habitat, Ash Meadows, the Pupfish, Devils Hole Pupfish, Ash Meadows/Amargosa Pupfish, Warm Springs Pupfish, the Speckled Dace and some on the list I cannot pronounce, some of them are plants some of them are animals, and then Big Dune because of Beetles, these are already listed. Then they (BLM) have some potential ACEC's (Areas of Critical Environmental Concern) that they are going to do in addition to what is already listed, which will add on to the restrictions on the things that I already mentioned. The other thing is that they have four alternatives that they are considering. In summary; alternative one is very restrictive, alternative two not as much, alternative three a little less and alternative four allows for more use and development. The comment period ends January 7th I think that the way for us to look at this is that we want to make a comment that we want to see the least restrictive alternative applied. We don't want them to put more restrictions on the use of the Dunes, for example. Its real complicated stuff and I would like to support Amargosa in what they're position is, but the more people that comment the better it is.

EG – Stated that last week there was supposed to be a meeting in Pahrump for public comment with the BLM and the meeting was canceled, the day of the meeting, and we don't have a new date for a meeting, but public comment on this closes on January 7th. You can submit a comment on the website, where you can view this whole thing, or send a letter or go to the meeting, which I would like to go to the meeting, there are several ways you can submit a comment. On December 1st the Commissioners are holding a meeting about this, Darrell Lacey from the planning department has placed the item on this agenda that says; discussion and deliberation regarding the draft resource management plan/EIS for Vegas. This is a County meeting not the BLM's meeting.

Renie Younghans – Stated that from what she read in the paper, she thought that the Dunes were a new ACEC. Are you saying that those are already ACEC's now?

EG – Stated she can tell you what partly exists, this is from the CD that the BLM distributed, what is currently listed Amargosa Mesquite 6,785 acres, Ash Meadows 27,673 acres, and Big Dune 1,916 acres.

Ms. Younghans – Clarified those are already ACEC's?

EG – Stated yes, and what has been nominated, this is just our area, Grapevine Springs Water Shed 85 acres, Lava Dune 437 acres, Mt. Schrader 283 acres, Pahrump Valley Mesquite 49,829 acres, Spectra Hills 5,420 acres, Stewart Valley 5,204 acres, that's what the Nye County Pahrump Field Office wants. Then, Amargosa Mesquite 2,865 acres, Ash Meadows 529 acres, Big Dune 540 acres.

Ms. Younghans – Stated so they are adding.

EG – Stated yes.

DG – Stated he agrees with EG. We need to say leave it alone, let us use it as it is.

RR – Agreed.

Karl Olson – Stated it's more important than that. I spent four hours reading this whole document; I took the disk and read it as comprehensively as you can. It gets pretty convoluted over the areas and one of the most difficult things you have to understand is that you have to keep switching back and forth between the maps and what they (BLM) wrote, but the most important thing, I think for our Town I think what Spicer is doing is great, I think our Jeep thing is great, we already have planned four more routes planned for the Jeep thing based on historical and geological tours, not just going out there ram-rodging around. We are the next area down and I think it's really important that our support, not just a letter to the BLM, but our complete support goes to Darrell Lacy and goes to the County Commissioners. He (Darrell Lacy) is actually putting up a good argument. I don't know how many folks know but when it gets titled an ACEC it opens the door for anybody who finds a flower, beetle, bug, this is nothing new the environmental groups have been doing this for years.

General Business Item 10c Continued

If you read the document and you look really carefully that area down there (southern Clark County), and we're not going to get into the Bundy situation, but that whole area where they wanted Bundy kicked out that's all marked down for wilderness. There are areas on that plan, and it's going to affect us in our own area, it's going to come right up to us. There are some areas that they've (BLM) put up for wilderness that they even say in their own report, it doesn't meet the criteria but it is buffering against National Park Wilderness, and they think it will provide another buffer. If you start looking at our area if you look at all of our trails, including what Spicer's trying to do, never mind just putting the jeep events together, all the way up through Gold Point, I think it's really important that every group in this Town (Beatty) write your support to Darrell. The problem with answering (a document like this) is you can only address the item for example Neo-tropical birds, you can only address the Neo-tropical birds, so in my comment I wrote what birds? I'm a bird watching enthusiast, when you read the document it just says Neo-tropical Birds it doesn't say what bird(s) it is. When you address that you can only address that one thing, as a private citizen you can't write them and say, I want you to clarify this whole thing, you can only ask them to clarify specific item when you comment and it makes it extremely difficult for a lone person.

EG - Clarified, you mean doing it on the website where it says comment on this?

Mr. Olson - Stated you can make your comment, you can make a written comment but you can't comment on the total plan (as an individual), like the BTAB can. The BTAB can write and say we don't want any more ACEC's. It really is hard for an individual to comment the way it's set up. If you see a road closure some where you can only address that road closure you can't address how it affects the next 50 acres. I thought with the help of the Board, I don't know how far you want to go but, I've never seen anybody in this Town do a petition. I'm really serious I really think this affects us.

EG - Stated the Northern one, the Battle Mountain one is going to come up and that's going to be even more important for us.

Mr. Olson - Stated they are watching this process and if the environmental groups; The Center for Biological Diversity, The Friends of the Nevada Wilderness, they made their statement about what they want. I'm a conservationist, I really believe you shouldn't rip the world up but this kind of thing affects public use.

EG - Stated we need to send our letter to the Board of County Commissioners and the BLM. What I would like is for Karl to help me with this, to comment on this, stating that we want the least invasive or restrictive alternative.

Ms. Younghans - Asked why do you have to pick any of the alternatives? Why can't you tell them to leave it as it is?

EG - Stated they (BLM) have four alternatives and they are going to choose one of them.

Mr. Olson - Stated one of the alternatives is that there is no change; they always put that on there, but whatever you look at in the document leads you to the one they want.

Ms. Younghans - Agreed and stated they want the most they can get.

Mr. Olson - Agreed and stated but they have to give the public alternatives.

EG - Stated alternative number four, instead of just leaving it alone allows room for development and more access.

Ms. Younghans - Stated you (EG) said alternative four was the least invasive. Why can't you in your letter say that you don't want them to do anything that they haven't already done?

EG - Stated let's do this, if we can have a vote that we can work on a comment, then we can work on the comment and then approve the letter.

DG - Stated I don't think we have to do that, if EG and Karl work on a letter and submit it at the next meeting.

Ms. Younghans - Stated the BLM is really good at this, putting in ACEC's and they are making you believe that there are four alternatives but they want you to pick one of them, the fourth alternative is going to restrict something additional. So I'm saying if you don't want any more restrictions that is what the letter should say. Not that I'm going to pick number four because it's the least restrictive, you want to say I don't want any (restrictions).

EG - Agreed and stated and if anything we want these removed.

Mr. Olson - Stated one more thing, everybody says it's the BLM but it's not really the BLM it's the Center for Biological Diversity, and it's the Sierra Club, and it's The Friends of the Wilderness. They helped write this and that's fact, so that's who really wrote this, we're not going to address the letter to them, but I agree with Ms. Younghans, we're not going to pick four or three or one.

RR - Stated he agreed we don't want any of them, we want it left alone.

Mr. Olson - Went on, we want to give our support to Darrell, because what he's saying is; do it (the plan) again, and that's what they should be forced to do. They are rewriting our plan up north because of the Sage Grouse.

DG - Stated the next meeting would be the 15th, can you (Mr. Olson) and EG have a rough draft ready by the next meeting?

Mr. Olson - Stated they could.

General Business Item 10c Continued

DG - Stated we will table this item until we get a rough draft, this item will be tabled until December 15th.

Mr. Olson - Stated we should try to get the written draft.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary - Stated that when she requested the CD's she asked for a written copy. The BLM said they would not send it to the Town but they may send one to the Library. She will call and find out if the Library did get the written copy.

d. For Possible Action - Discussion and deliberation to spend up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2, 000.00) for decorative flood lighting for the Beatty Community Center and the Beatty Town Tree. - Erika Gerling

EG - Stated that it was brought to her attention that we cannot put lights on the tree anymore it is just too big. So we started looking as some alternatives to light the tree and the Community Center. The Sprite Green light looks to be the best for lighting the tree; it will put small green lights on the tree. There are red green and blue and you would need more than one light. The other lighting for the Community Center would be colored floodlights and we could us that for all of the holidays. I would like the approval to make the purchase and Carrie and I will make a fiscally responsible purchase.

DG - Asked how many lights will you need around the tree and how many around the Community Center?

EG - Stated I think four for the tree and I'm not sure how many around the building; Discussion followed.

KC - Stated the Sprite Green light has a warning about being a laser and being within 10 nautical miles of an airport.

DG - Stated its kind of late for the tree anyway and suggested working on the lighting of the building for this year.

EG - Stated we may be able to get the tree lit for the Christmas; Discussion followed.

KC - Motion to spend up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for decorative flood lighting for the Beatty Community Center and the Beatty Town Tree; Second RR; 4-0

11 General Public Comment

Diane McGinnis; Beatty Clinic - Stated that the Doctor working in Amargosa has been out ill so she has been covering the clinic in Amargosa which has caused limited hours at our clinic. There will be a provider from Elko coming down to cover but tomorrow I will have a half and half day and after that I should be back to Beatty full time. We have a new student starting in the beginning of December they will be here a few days a week. The Mamo Van was here today and it's in Amargosa tomorrow. It was very busy here and I believe it's sold out in Amargosa.

Diane McGinnis; Boy Scouts - If anybody is interested in taking the Black Powder Rifle instructor course it is January 10th and 11th it is a fourteen hour course and it costs \$50.00, you usually have to pay \$150.00 for an NRA certificate from this class. You do not have to help out the Boy Scouts to take the class. The location of the class is to be determined. The hope is that those that take the class will help with the Boy Scouts event that is on Saturday February 7th during daylight hours. They are hoping to have 37 stations open for black powder rifle for the Boy Scouts. You do not need to bring anything the instructor will have the rifles and all the materials needed for the class. If you are interested please let me know I need your name and a valid phone number. I want to thank the Lions Club for dinner last night; they invited the whole Fire Fighter 1 class over for dinner.

12 Adjournment

KC- Motion to adjourn 7:40pm; Second RR; 4-0