

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Teleconference Minutes
07/06/20**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.
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**Dick Gardner (DG) – Chair
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice-Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order 6:00 pm

2 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.

Marty Campbell – Stated we're going to be working on our thrift store, we're working on it already, and I just want to make a comment about the individuals that are working there; site manager and the cook and the dishwasher. That they're doing a good job at the moment with the situation that we have going on with this COVID virus going on that they're doing the best they can and that they're doing a good job.

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of July 6, 2020

Staff pulled item 4 emergency items and item 6 consent agenda.

4 Emergency Items

Pulled

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

RR – None; DG - None

EG – Stated I just want to mention today is Chief Harmon's tenth anniversary of his service with the Town and if you see him please tell him thank you for his service and my list of people that we need to recognize and award is getting longer and longer because we can't do anything in person but I'm making my list and we'll get to those when we can do it and make it special. I just wanted to mention this, something I read in my news feed, that the Governor says the State now has a 1.2 billion dollar shortfall, that's where we're at. So, I just want us to be cognizant of that because as the State is short, the County's short, and then we might be getting more things (financial responsibilities) so just keep that in mind.

PF – Stated, I want to thank my fellow Board members for allowing the change of the beginning time from 6:30pm to 6:00pm It has helped me drastically. I have with the greatest pleasures of recognizing Chief Mike Harmon's 10th anniversary of being the paid fire chief of the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department and also his devout activities with the ambulance service. Mike, I don't know if you're in attendance but I sure want to say thank you and I applaud you for your actions, your desires, your ambitions, your professionalism, and your dedication. It's greatly more than what I ever would have expected as a Board member; there are no words to express my total sincerity and my appreciation.

PF – Continued, Randy Reed and I have been working with a project for out there in the mining area looking at dirt roads that might be impacted, eco-tourism, what local impacts, air quality issues that we may have, and stuff. Right now we are kind of premature to let you know anything but he's busy this week during the time I've got to work with him so I won't be able to work with him until Saturday. Carrie, I'm going to type out a presentation on my laptop Saturday night of what our concerns and ideas and projections might be and send it to you. It'll be on your computer for you Monday morning and I hope that what we're going to come up with might be assessed and accurate. I noticed in the news a couple of days ago that there's 885,000 acres of land withdrawal by NTR, I don't know what it all entails, I don't know if anybody else noticed that.

DG – Stated we've hashed this out several times. It is in the assembly and the congress and their thinking about passing it on to the senate. We're past public comment on this.

EG – Stated I'll follow up with you Perry, in the next couple of days.

6 Consent Agenda Items – These are items that Staff recommends for approval. The Board reserves the right to move any consent agenda item to the regular segment of the agenda should issues arise that need to be addressed.

Pulled

7 Reports

- a. **Secretary – None**

8 General Business

- a. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter of support to The Nature Conservancy to be included in their North American Wetlands Conservation Act Fund grant application and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated, since we do have Len here, Len would you like to say anything? We did get some information and I read through the wetlands act but if you'd like to say something on behalf of the Conservancy, why don't you go ahead and do that.

Len Warren – Introduced himself. I work for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Nevada and I work for TNC in the Amargosa portion of California as well, so my job title is the Amargosa River Project Manager for TNC. I'd like to say thank you for considering our request for your support of our upcoming project. I want to, first of all, make sure that everybody knows what it is that we're up to and I think Michael explained it pretty thoroughly. I wasn't on the other call and so if there are any specific questions about what we're trying to accomplish I'd be happy to go over that. It's basically, the idea is trying to enhance and restore the riparian wildlife habitat wherever we have the opportunity to do so and he probably gave you a list of the properties where we were considering the project on and we're hoping that the Town of Beatty might want to help us with a letter of support towards those goals.

EG – Stated, thank you, Len. So, my understanding is, this grant is going to piggyback off of a previous grant to plant some tens of thousands of trees to enhance the bird habitat, do I have that right?

Mr. Warren – Stated yes that's pretty much what... we already have in hand the funding and the grant for the first 30,000 trees and we already have in hand the money for the labor to do the planting now. We also have an agreement for the next, total 60,000 trees, so this grant that we're seeking is basically the labor to do the planting on the remaining 60,000 trees, and this would be over a three year period of time.

EG – Stated right, thank you. Okay, so the letter, have you had a chance to read the letter or do you know if Michael or any of your Board of directors has read the letter. Well, probably not. Let me read the letter I think that will be good and the Board can amend if there is anything in here that is not agreeable.

EG – Read the letter.

EG – Stated it think it's a great process, I think we should support it and in the conversation that we had with Michael, a lot of working together depends on educating people that don't really understand how it is out here. That's the letter, I'm good with it and you know we extend a hand and I hope they will too when it comes back around that we need a hand.

PF – Clarified, you were counting up to 90,000 trees where are all of these trees going to be planted?

Mr. Warren- Stated, well we have quite a few properties in Beatty and so we have the 900 acres 7J Ranch (old Coffey ranch) and what we would like to do up there is try to design a beautiful balance between grazing, we work with Hank and Joey Brackenberry, and not that we know exactly what to do but our goal is to create a flagship place where you can show a balance between grazing and habitat enhancement and restoration. So, a lot of trees will go there. Torrance Ranch is our next property downstream from there and we've been already doing quite a bit of habitat work there and this project will plant quite a few trees there. Parker ranch just downstream from Baileys Hot Springs is a large area that has the potential to handle a great deal of increased habitat density and canopy. So, the goal is to increase size and density of avian canopy and then right behind Stagecoach Inn, the property that Ed Ringle donated to us, has quite a bit of habitat in there now but it is still a very open area so we want to enhance that one and then downstream at the very end of town across from Bombo's Pond, there's, we call it the Beatty Narrows but it's a small portion of the Beatty Narrows that we bought a couple of years ago. That last year we had all of the Tamarisk removed and we'd like to replace the Tamarisk with native trees there. Further downstream is Ash Meadows and then in Shoshone California is what we call Shoshone Wetlands, it's really not a wetland, it's a large Mesquite Bog and then down in Tecopa is the Amargosa Canyon which there's a huge potential for enhancement as the BLM's done thousands of tons of Tamarisk removal there over the years without any particular replacement of trees. So, that's the basic... oh, and China Ranch as well which you probably all know about, so that's another one.

8a General Business continued

PF – Stated so the 700 acres, the Parker Ranch, the Torrance area is the way I’m picturing it, they’ll be kind of planted, shall we say, orchard style?

Mr. Warren – Stated I would say it will be a little more... it would look a little more disorganized than an orchard. We would follow the streambed and enhance the banks of the streambed and we know that trees will grow right adjacent to a streambed because the soil will be damp there. So, year number one we would like to make the most that we can along the streambed. Year number two we would try to thicken that line of trees to the outside on either side and then year number three we kind of intend to follow our nose. To follow where trees are growing successfully, we know that not every tree we’re going to plant will survive so the third year we would want to do the best we could to use the success stories of year number one and two and before we plant year number three spend time to make a really good plan based on what we’ve already done so that year number three would be following the success of year number one and two. I hope that makes sense.

PF – Replied, yes it does. I would like to bring to your attention the Parker Ranch area, when we had the two big floods, an eight to fifteen-foot wall of water, that are right there between the highway and the Parker residence was very widely spread out with flooding and I just want you to be aware of it so when you plant your trees you might want to take that into consideration. I’d hate to see you go through the effort and expense and then watch it going downstream. We’ve got some trees in our riverbed that are currently growing through Beatty. I was wondering if you could take some of those trees out and then re-plant them elsewhere to enhance your operation.

Mr. Warren – Stated, I would love to look at specific areas anytime. That’s part of what we have been trying to do on the Stagecoach property, the one Ed Ringle donated to us, is to remove the Cottonwoods from the actual streambed and plant them in the outer areas that are in the more of what you call “high and dry”. So, micromanaging the details of all of this is kind of what I am charged to do and I’d be happy to talk about any ideas about where trees should be put or removed with anybody that would like to talk to me about it.

PF – Stated, okay I appreciate your answers there. If you would like my telephone number, if you would ask Carrie for a business card she’ll make you up one with my name and phone number on there and I welcome your phone call if you should ever want to call me.

Mr. Warren – Stated, yes I will, I’ll get your information from Carrie and we’ll get to meet and go over some of your ideas and we’ll take it one step at a time.

PF – Stated, I appreciate that thank you so kindly.

DG – Asked for other questions, there were none.

RR – Motion to send a letter of support to The Nature Conservancy to be included in their North American Wetlands Conservation Act Fund grant application; Second PF; 4-0

9 General Public Comment

None

10 Adjournment

RR - Motion to adjourn 6:26pm; Second PF; 4-0

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