

Beatty Town Advisory Board  
100 A Avenue South  
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Beatty, NV 89003

Minutes  
07/13/20

THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 PM IN THE BEATTY COMMUNITY CENTER.  
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THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS HEREAFTER WILL BE REFERRED TO AS THEIR RESPECTIVE INITIALS.

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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.**

None

**3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of July 13, 2020**

*Staff pulled item 4 the minutes and item 5 emergency items.*

**4 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; May 26, 2020, June 9, 2020; June 22, 2020, and July 6, 2020**

*Pulled*

**5 Emergency Items**

*Pulled*

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

EG – None; PF – None; RR- None; DG - None

**7 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.**

*RR – Motion to approve the town vouchers in the amount of \$2,094.92; Second PF; 4-0*

**8 Reports**

- i. **Beatty Chamber** – None
- ii. **Beatty Habitat Committee** - None
- iii. **Beatty Library** – None
- iv. **Beatty Medical Clinic** – None
- v. **Beatty Museum** – None
- vi. **Beatty Senior Center** – Marty Campbell – Stated I just wanted to say that the Senior Center workers are putting out some delicious meals; people are missing out on them. We had a French Dip today that was compared to anybody's that I've been to, some of these restaurants, and they're doing it with just three people. They're delivering meals to the home bounds, so they're doing a good job and I just want to say that hopefully one of these days we'll have the Senior Center back up and running. Right now with this COVID going on, right now, it's putting a lot of strain on these workers. So, I just want to say that they're doing a good job. We're also working on our other projects that we're trying to get done. The thrift store will be opening up on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of this month and anybody that has any stuff that they want to drop off if they would just get a hold of me my phone number is 917-6332. I'd be more than happy to meet you up there at the store. It's going to be behind the Senior Center in the old thrift store (location).

DG – Asked are they open 5 days?

Mr. Campbell – Stated I'm not sure I think they are going to have it open on Thursday, Friday and Saturday but I'm not sure on those dates yet, I'll have to check to make sure but it's only going to be open for a few hours until we get some more volunteers to help out with the actual.

DG – Asked what about the meals? Is it open 5 days?

Mr. Campbell – Stated, well the meals are open 5 days, yes. Monday through Friday you can pick them up at 11:30am and what they do is they meet you out there at the parking lot and they bring the meals out to you.

PF – Stated I don't go to Facebook, I don't like it. Have you advertised the situation up at the Senior Center on Facebook and put flyers around town so that people know.

Mr. Campbell – Stated there are flyers, there should be flyers out and we also have it on the Beatty News site (Facebook).

Unidentified Audience – Asked are they in disposable containers?

Mr. Campbell – Stated yes, they are in disposable containers. Usually, the meals consist of a minimum of a main course, two side courses; sometimes we'll have desserts, fruits of some type. They're really good meals and we hope that people will get back into the swing of utilizing the Senior Center once we get back...

Unidentified Audience – What is the pickup time?

Mr. Campbell – Stated the pickup time is at 11:30am. They're open between 11:30am and 12:30pm. If you do know of any homebound person, that cannot get out, get a hold of the site manager there and she'll hopefully get them on the list, homebound.

- vii. **Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance** – None
- viii. **Commissioner's** - None
- ix. **Desert Hills Cemetery** – None
- x. **Nye County Emergency Services** – None
- xi. **Nye County Sheriff's Department** – None
- xii. **Ordinances** – None
- xiii. **Other**

**Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC)** – None

**Beatty General Improvement District (BGID)** – None

**Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD)** – None

**Beatty Boy Scouts** – None

**Beatty Health & Welfare** – None

**Valley Electric Association**

**Other Community or Civic Organizations** – None

- xiv. **Secretary** – None
- xv. **Treasurer** – EG – Stated I don't have a report but if anybody is interested in any numbers Carrie can pull a report.

**9 General Business**

**a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to appoint one Beatty Town Advisory Board Member to fill the vacant seat due to the resignation of Rob Shirley. Term expires on 12/31/20 – Beatty Town Office**

DG – Stated we had two letters of interest; one from Kelly and one from Willem and Willem sent a letter in stating effective immediately I withdraw my interest in serving on the Beatty Town Advisory Board. So, we're down to one.

*RR – Motioned that we accept Kelly's letter of interest for the Beatty Town Advisory Board and send it up to the Commissioners; Second PF; 4-0*

PF – Stated Kelly, thank you for your interest and your willingness to serve. I've never served with you before but from what I understand it's been a pleasure having you on the Board.

**b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to support the use of County Roads for the "Vegas to Reno" event on Friday, August 14, 2020. – Donald Jackson, Best in the Desert**

Donald Jackson – Thanked the Board and stated, I'll just jump right into about the route this year, not using the Nature Conservancy (TNC) route and instead going on the opposite side of HWY 95. The route we used in the past in 2008. I know one of their representatives (TNC) expressed how happy they are with our rehabbing the road and returning it to its current condition or better (following last year's race). I made the commitment to the Town and the BLM that the roads will be repaired to a better condition than it is currently. I'm talking about from where David Spicer and his company went in and did all of the rehab for the Toad (Amargosa) habitat there at Indian Springs, the road that goes through the hills there, Pioneer Road, that's the section that I'm talking about, that we'll be rehabbing. The race this year, because we couldn't get approval from TNC, it will start down at the Lathrop Wells Airport on the map it's known as the Jack Ass Airport, pit 1 will be at Mojave Station, we will cross Beatty just to the east of town, there about the 40 mile an hour speed zone, at the old Railroad Grade, and then catch that road that I just described, going to Pioneer Road and going up to the exit, Nye County at Bonnie Clare will be down into the Esmeralda County section. There will be a rehab. There have been a lot of questions and concerns; why didn't you deal with TNC on trying to use their property and under our talks last year, and everything that I got from our conversations, they basically said; we're letting you use it this year because we bought it in late May, early June and your race is in just two months so we'll work with you this year but please don't ask again. That's why I didn't pursue it; however, Carrie brought it to my attention that the Town would be willing to offer support to get that route back approved for future events and will support us in trying to work with nature conservancy. So, for the future, I'm definitely open to that opinion if that's something that the Town wants to do.

EG – Stated that's one small area, now we have more areas for this current route and yeah I think that would be a good idea and I'd like to help with that.

Mr. Jackson – Stated one thing that changed from our previous route that we used in 2008 we were right by, in Indian Springs, the toad habitat and I found a route a little bit further to the South of there, so we can stay about a ¼ to ½ a mile away from the toad habitat up above. So, we'll be using a route that's a little bit south of there and tying in right before it goes over the pass and about a ¼ mile north we tie back into it.

EG – Clarified, everybody saw the modified route, right... BTAB?

DG – Stated, yeah we've got it here in front of us Erika.

EG – Stated, I just want to say to Donald that we are asking... I guess we're being a little stricter this year just because we have so much going on and we are really trying to develop our eco-tourism plans. So, we're asking that you really do a good job on the restoration and I know you've committed to that and we will have a BLM representative and a local representative do a pre-race, post-race, and after the restoration inspection. If everything's good, everything's great, if not we will ask the BLM to hold onto the bond until the work is done.

Mr. Jackson – Replied, okay and I'm fine with that. I'll tell you flat out we're going to grade that road and it should be done by Sunday after the event. The event takes place on Friday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, barring any mechanical issues getting there, there should be no problems getting that road repaired by Sunday afternoon. The BLM will come back out with your representative, whoever you guys appoint, and go look at it again once the race has gone through and we've done the restoration. I don't know if there's really a need for you guys to try and drive it right after the event because it will be beat up. I won't lie or try to minimize that situation, there will be deep ruts and I'd hate for somebody to get stuck or compromise their vehicle trying to get through there so I think it's best to wait until Monday, to wait until the restoration has taken place to go check out the route. Again, whoever the local representative is I would advise that they go drive it now before the race. If they don't agree with me, that they're pretty bad in the shape they are then maybe one of you guys should go drive it because it's in bad shape right now.

**General Business 9b continued**

EG – Replied, okay good point.

PF – Asked, have you driven that area, Don, by Crystal Spring Road and places up in that area, recently?

Mr. Jackson – Replied, I don't think so, I drove this route a few months ago, the route we're currently using but I don't recall the Crystal Springs route. You'd have to refresh my memory on that.

PF – Stated, let me ask Randy... Randy where was the section of road at that you were talking about that might need a couple of trucks and a dozer?

RR – Stated it was going up Crystal Springs Road up from the Indian Springs. That road is pretty bad with rocks and everything so I'm not sure you'd even be able to put a blade on that so that might have to be fixed with a dozer (bulldozer). Another thing I'd like to see, especially around the Beatty area, when they are blading that stuff to help pack it is to have some water trucks out there too.

PF – Asked, Randy what's your opinion on that section of track? Would you consider that safe for racing or would it be kind of rough for the race coming up?

RR – Stated, it should be fine for the racing but you know it's just going to get worse. The way that thing is rocky and everything I don't know how you can stick a blade on there now. I wouldn't try it.

EG – Stated, one more thing Donald, on that section that changed the latest one, we would like to slow the participants down in that section and we are willing to get some volunteers to get out there and help however we can with that.

Mr. Jackson – Asked what specific section are you talking about?

EG – Asked Carrie to explain it; discussion followed.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Read from the letter, BITD had to make some modifications to their route originally proposed on their request to the BLM. The route that is now under review and consideration by the BLM will continue north on Crystal Springs Road past Crystal Spring, continue past the Mayflower and Pioneer Mines reconnecting with the originally proposed route at the "junction of the Historic Road to the Mayflower and Pioneer Mines." It then continues on the originally proposed route over to Phinney Canyon Road. The area described is the same area that was photographed in 2016 due to being identified as significant to Beatty's outdoor recreation planning because of its interesting historical mining site remnants and geology. The BTAB requests that a reduced speed requirement of 25 miles per hour on the new/alternative route be a condition of the BLM's approval of the permit. The BTAB offers its help and commits to identifying volunteers to monitor the race participants for compliance of the restriction(s) on the day of the event. Is that what you were looking for Erika?

EG – Replied, yeah, I want Donald to understand which part of the route that is.

Ms. Radomski – Stated, so it's the newly adjusted (route) and Donald will get a copy of the letter and the map.

EG – Clarified, it's the orange part on the map?

Ms. Radomski – Stated yes ma'am.

EG – Replied okay.

Mr. Jackson – Asked roughly how long is that stretch, does anybody recall?

Ms. Radomski – Replied in mileage, I don't know but I bet Allie can help us out with that.

DG – Stated it is probably a couple of miles, going by the scale they have here.

Mr. Jackson – Stated, this is after we make the little loop down to Pioneer along the side of 95 (HWY) we come back paralleling Pioneer Road and where we jump on the good road to go toward the... I think David Spicer called it the Brown Mine, is that what you are talking about? There's one house over there. Is that the section?

Ms. Radomski – Stated there's a section, where originally you were going to veer off on the map, to right but you are staying to the left and you're actually going on the "old stagecoach" road the whole way and it shows you going past the Mayflower and Pioneer Mine, it's that road, that shift.

Mr. Jackson – Replied, okay well I'll get a copy of the map from you guys and then we'll definitely adhere to the speed zone that you guys put in there and we greatly appreciate any help we can get, helping monitor that, that'd be awesome. Mainly what we're looking for is somebody to help at the start of it where we slow to 25mph and then at the end where they resume race speed. Just two volunteers would be great.

EG – Stated we'll work on that thank you.

PF – Stated, Donald, I'd like to say thank you for your understanding.

Mr. Jackson – Replied, you're welcome. I hope I can better understand it when I get the map but again we'll work through whatever we need to. Kind of like last year, this is our only route so if we've got to do some different things to make it happen... welcome to COVID19 year.

**General Business 9b continued**

DG- Asked for audience comments, there were none.

*RR - Motion to support the use of County Roads for the "Vegas to Reno" event on Friday, August 14, 2020, subject to the modifications; Second PF; 4-0*

**c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to approve setting up a computer and antenna at the Beatty Community Center that can broadcast the Radio Goldfield station KGFN from the internet. – Radio Goldfield; Patricia and Carl Brownfield**

Carl Brownfield – Stated, thank you for allowing us to be on your agenda tonight. Subsequent to our last approval of broadcasting Radio Goldfield on your translator 99.5fm, upon investigation of the whole situation that signal... I don't know if anybody listens to 99.5 on their radio here in town but it's horrible. It's got hiss and crackle and part of that reason is because it's on Bare Mountain and it's hidden from a lot of the Town as far as a direct signal. Norm Powell, the engineer for your equipment has suggested that what we do is move the translator and the antenna and put them on the building here and house the translator in your computer room, all you need is a small space for a small computer and of course and the screen and keyboard. Once we are set up and plugged in basically we just run the signal from the computer, we stream 24/7, we use Valley Communications in Goldfield for our main source of internet for our incoming and outgoing information for the station. We're very comfortable with them, they're very solid, they seldom have an issue and they have offered to provide KGFN with the internet access here at the Community Center. As far as Norman Powell, he thinks this is the best way to get our signal throughout the town and the right fashion is to have the transmitter here and the antenna on the top of the roof. We, as Radio Goldfield, aren't all that concerned about getting up and down the highway, of course, we'd like to have people listen to us but our main concern is getting our signal broadcast to the folks that live in this town. So, we've got offers of spaces to put in our studio subsequent to our getting our broadcasting done. My only concern about the whole thing was about power, if there's a lot of blackouts here, if the power goes out from time to time. Carrie said she can't remember the last time that the power went out and shut all of the computers off so anyway I'm assured of that and I feel good so I'm asking the Board to give permission to Norm Powell to bring the translator down to the Community Center, it would still be under your control, and put up a small mast for an antenna and broadcast from the Community Center throughout the town. Any questions?

DG – Asked, who supplies the antenna?

Mr. Brownfield – Stated Valley Communications is going to provide the internet.

DG – Clarified no, not the internet, the antenna.

Mr. Brownfield – Stated Norm will; discussion followed.

DG – Asked how big of an antenna?

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated we will work out all of the logistics with Norm. Once you guys give permission to put the stuff in the room, Valley Electric (Communications) agreed to provide the fiber to the community center. I'm working with Beth on that, one year for free, and then prorated thereafter. Once we do this and I get the wireless worked out with Valley Electric then I'll get with Norm to schedule an appointment for him to come down and he'll buy whatever equipment he needs, he'll bill us, he'll move the translator, install the antenna and then you (Carl) can bring your computer down, hookup and broadcast.

Mr. Brownfield – Stated apparently he's telling you different information than he's telling me. Because he told me he already had the antenna.

Ms. Radomski – Stated maybe he has an antenna; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated I can't hear any of you.

Ms. Radomski – Stated there's just a little confusion, the item is for putting the computer in the Community Center.

DG – Clarified the issue is to put something down here in the Community Center.

EG – Agreed, yes the computer and the antenna.

DG – Stated yes that's it, in the sound room back there.

DG – Asked for audience comments. At a previous meeting, in January, we approved \$2,500.00 for this project. Right now we're just approving to use the Community Center most likely in the sound room.

Marty Campbell – Asked will you be able to get this on your computer at home then?

Ms. Radomski – Stated you can get this on your computer right now. This is going to allow it to broadcast via radio so you'll be able to pick it up in a car or on your home radio. You can actually get it online right now.

*RR – Motion to allow RadioGoldfield to set up a computer and antenna at the Beatty Community Center so that they can broadcast their station from the internet; Second PF; 4-0*

**d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a comment letter to the Bureau of Land Management Battle Mountain District, Nevada regarding the Coeur Sterling, Inc. (Coeur) Crown Exploration Plan of Operations (EPO), located about four miles southeast of the town of Beatty, in Nye County, Nevada. Environmental Assessment #DOI-BLM-NV-B020-2020-0016-EA. Comments must be received no later than July 16, 2020. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated I hope you guys all a chance to read the letter. This letter is a little bit more detailed than what we have done in the past. We tried to lay out all of our things, my issue right now is there's so much exploration going on and it's really leaving a lot of ugly stuff and people have already been complaining. So, in the hope and I don't know what the result will be but as long as we say... if we say what our issues are maybe there are some plans that this whole list of places that we have, that extra care and attention can be given to those places or maybe there can be some ongoing mitigation. I don't know if that's possible but that's an ask in the letter as well.

DG – Stated, it's a very well written letter. I know you spent a lot of time on it. Is there anybody on the line from Coeur Sterling? Hearing none.

EG – Stated I thought I heard Allie.

Allie Bettinger; BLM – Stated I called in for the Best in the Desert but my phone wasn't working for that portion of the discussion; Discussion followed.

DG – Stated we're just sending a letter of support and concerns. I thought I read somewhere in there a concern about cleaning up afterward when they move out and I can say with having seen in a couple of places... Up in Winnemucca where a mine moved out and there was a pit over there bigger than what we have over here at Rhyolite and when they moved out you didn't even know there was a hole in the ground. So, I know that they take care of this stuff; I think they have to because of Federal law.

EG – Stated yeah, there are reclamation plans for when they're done but with all of this exploration going on. I mean, I've lost count of the number of exploration companies that we have here now and it really leaves some scars. It's been a few months and people have already complained about it so you guys read the letter, I stated what our concerns are. I hope that all of you are in agreement with what's in the letter and all we can do is state our concerns and hope that they are addressed.

PF – Stated I have a question, Carrie I don't remember what all is in both letters. Is there a way you can address the little minor reclamation actives around the drill sites and kind of dress it up and kind of make it not quite so obvious that it's a drill site?

EG – Stated, well that's what I put in the letter. I'll read this part.

EG – Read a section of the letter relating to mitigation.

EG – Stated if they can do something that's ongoing instead of waiting twenty years or however long their mine operation is and do some of this while they're doing the exploration I think that you know, that would be a really great thing, so that is in the letter.

PF – Stated okay, I couldn't remember all of the details, thank you for reminding me.

DG – Stated I know they clean it up. When they're working out there... we say here we're out there looking for them to come in to possibly spend money in town and help the town and all of this good stuff and in other ways, we try to hold them back so... I think I don't know if this letter is a happy medium trying to make both work. I mean if they can't make any money on this, they'll pull roots and leave.

EG – Stated well, here's the thing. That's going to dictate everything right?

DG – Stated that's right. If they don't make any money or they can't make any money, Erika, they'll pull out and they'll leave and then we'll be back to where we were trying to find people to come in and do stuff. I think the letter is good, I think you did a great job on the letter and all of that. I'm willing to proceed and sign it and agree with it but just remember that it might not be right now, maybe five or ten years down the road they'll say we're leaving. I came from the Winnemucca area where there's lots of mines and maybe they don't have the same historical artifacts out in the hills but they have some pretty good sized mines out here and they come in and they doubled the size of the hospital and when I was on the ambulance core in Winnemucca we had two ambulances and one of them was a 1949 Packard hearse and when I went back up there and visited just a couple of years ago the hospital must have had ten or twelve ambulances and they had a helicopter that sits right there at the hospital. All paid for by the mines so you know we can throttle them all we want or we can help them all we want. I don't think that they can go in there and tear everything up we have out there in the hills but....

**General Business 9d continued**

EG – Stated just let me add this Dick. That's why at the end of the letter, you know we have that list of the sites and things that are important and that we want to see preserved. You know, they've got a huge area and if you look at the map, I don't know if you have that map. In doing the research, their whole footprint is inside what the BLM has designated as recreation, you know. So all our trails and everything we're working towards their footprint is inside of that. If there is something you would like to change, if you would like me to try and soften it up a little, I don't think it's too harsh.

DG – Clarified I don't think, no I'm not saying to soften it up. Just that they have a mining permit and they have the go-ahead from the BLM, Department of Interior, whoever to drill. So...

EG – Stated and they will.

DG – Agreed they will. If they can satisfy all of the laws and the regulations and the rules that have been put on to them that are legal, okay, then I have no problem and I don't think they will have any problem.

EG – Stated I don't think they will either but if we don't say what is important to us and what we would like them to do then you know then just let everybody do what they want. Maybe we get some concessions and they are more careful with what they are doing or they do some as they go or they try to avoid some of these areas. So, there are a few options.

DG – Stated I said my piece. Is there any public comment?

Marty Campbell – Asked if you could put a copy of the letter someplace showing that you guys are helping the Beatty Town here, put it someplace where people could read it.

Richard Stephens – Stated I want to say something, it's kind of counter to what you were saying, Dick. You were talking about in Winnemucca how they filled a big pit there. I haven't seen any pits filled here. The other day I was hiking out around Bare Mountain, there's a pit out there, a real steep thing, Fluorspar Mine, a real deep thing, if you fell in you'd be hurt and the Daisy Gold pit hasn't been filled it's there but that's not really the issue to me. The thing to me is, yes mining can bring money into the community but its boom or bust, it comes and goes. If they in the process of bringing some new money into the town for a few years destroy things that we've got to live with forever that's what bothers me.

DG – Stated I'm not arguing about that. You're right it's a boom or bust situation.

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**10 General Public Comment**

None

**11 Adjournment**

*RR - Motion to adjourn 6:51pm; Second PF; 4-0*

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