

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
09/26/2012**

**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 6:35pm

2 For Possible Action -Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of September 26, 2012.

RR – Motion to approve the agenda of the Beatty Town Advisory Board for the meeting of September 26, 2012, and to pull number 6 emergency items; Second CT; 5-0

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.

Mike Wehmeyer Assistant Coordinator; Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service – Stated the service has questions about the Tough Mudder event, emergency services, and transport services. Attendance numbers we've heard are 14,000 people are expected in town. The staff that will be on site is not licensed to transport in Nevada.

David Spicer - Stated this will be 2 days with 2 events, 6500 entrants for Saturday and 1500 entrants for Sunday. Tough Mudder has its own staffing and emergency services contractors. The emergency services contractors will be contacting Beatty Emergency Services about the event logistics. Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) will have 2 extra patrol vehicles by the site; Discussion Followed.

4 Presentation – Corvus Gold Inc; Carl Brechtel

Carl Brechtel; Chief Operating Officer – Introduced himself and the company; it is a small company with offices in Denver, incorporated in Canada due because it is easier to raise investment money to conduct our business there.

Mr. Brechtel – Displayed the investment disclosure statement or fine print.

Mr. Brechtel – Introduced who Corvus Gold is, in attendance this evening is his wife Susan, Eric (last name inaudible) who helps with community relations and Mark Rushman Geologist, he also runs the local operations here. Mark has been here a lot this year and previous years during the discovery phase. He is the local contact if you are unable to get a hold of Corvus. He went on to introduce additional corporate officers that are pictured in the presentation. Most of the corporate officers/directors are Canadian citizens but all the operating people are US citizens and are currently in Denver Colorado.

Mr. Brechtel- Described the area his group is working in; North Bullfrog is North across 95 from Dave Spicer's place on the west side of HWY 95. They hold a large land position including private patents dating back to the early 1900's as well as federal mining patents. There are three different resource areas; Sierra Blanca the largest containing 800,000 oz of gold, the Jolly Jane is approximately 150,000 oz of gold, and the Mayflower with 120,000 oz of gold with a combined total of just a little over one million (1,000,000) oz of gold making this a sizable mine prospect. These discoveries are not new; they are known deposits but were not viable. The price of gold makes these discoveries viable, over 1 million ounces per ton, in April of 2012 a feasibility study began. The Mayflower project is unique because it is entirely located on private land and can be permitted with the state of Nevada, federal permitting is not required. Corvus will be focusing on this property first due to the requirement of state permitting only.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated a new commercial operation has needs; water, power, engineering, community and permits. The first priority is infrastructure, which is primarily in place in Beatty, highway access, electrical access, skilled workers, and equipment, the latter two are available due to the mining industry in Nevada. The second priority is people, industry and community working together. The third priority is the resource, gold deposits. Corvus has been drilling steadily since January of 2012 and is waiting for an expanded permit from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) which they expect to receive some time in the beginning of 2013.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated representatives from Corvus will be in town.

Jim Moore – Asked about the projects expected water use, and asked if Corvus is aware of the sensitivity of the springs and the unique species that live in and around Beatty and the project area.

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Presentation – Corvus Gold Inc; Carl Brechtel Continued

Mr. Brechtel – Stated the project will use a lot of water and Corvus is doing preliminary work on water rights. They (Corvus) are keenly aware of the springs and species. We are at the beginning of this and right now are working to define what they call “the water balance” which is how much water is needed on a daily basis; the next step in the process is for Corvus to approach parties that have water rights to discuss leasing those rights, and the construction of the needed infrastructure. We understand that water is a limited resource in the area and that we will not be a minimal impact to that resource. We need to work closely with the community and local land owners to ensure that the impacts are acceptable. There will be more conversation/discussion for this project.

John Wirth – Asked if Corvus will be drilling for water.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they are drilling on their site now to define the availability of water on the site and we understand that some areas are sensitive. This is a key issue but we don’t have all of the answers yet.

Shirley Harlan – Asked if they know the number of gallons of water that will be used per day for the project.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated it will depend on the size of the project, it could range anywhere from 300 to 400 for the Mayflower project in the beginning and up to 1200 gallons per minute as the project(s) progress.

Ms. Harlan – Asked if they will be blasting for water and if they are aware of the potential impact of blasting on the water resources.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they will be blasting, and it will not impact the local water resources; Discussion followed.

Christiana Manville; US Fish and Wildlife Service – Asked how deep the mining go will and about the number of jobs Corvus anticipates creating for the community.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated the anticipated depth is 300 to 350 feet below the surface, but a lot of the deposits are being found above ground level on the sides and tops and the hills.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they will be creating jobs that will attract people from the local community.

Ann Marchand – Asked if they have permits in place.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated all work they do is under Nevada or federal permits, work began in July 2012. They are in the process of completing environmental assessments required by the BLM. That environmental assessment will lead to an allowed disturbance on federal land. When the permits are received from the state and federal governments Corvus is required to put a cash bond in place for reclamation. There is a substantial bond in place with the state of Nevada for the current exploration permit. It is important to understand that our permit is not to mine; it is for exploration, so we can gather the information needed for design. When that is complete we are required to submit a plan of action; what, how, and the impact of what we are going to do. A federal mining bond is years away.

Richard Stephens – Asked about the number of jobs and the length of the project.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they anticipate 150 to 200 full time jobs at the whole project with an anticipated 13 year life span; the life span could be longer depending on the deposits discovered.

Kay Handy – Asked if Corvus has investors for this project.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated they do not have all of the money needed for the project that is one reason that we are in Canada. In Canada we are allowed to raise the money to finance these kinds of ventures where as in the United States we would not be allowed to do that. Jeff Pontius the CEO’s job is to look out to the investment community generate enthusiasm for the project and find investors; they are looking to raise the needed funds in the next twelve months. Currently there are three major share holders; they are very large investment funds and corporations. Ten percent of our company is owned by AngloGold Ashanti which is the 3rd largest gold producer in the world. It is a company that has all of the major gold mining activities in South Africa. Corvus is also back by The Tocqueville Fund which is a large mutual fund in New York, they have approximately 13% of Corvus, and then there are a couple of other major investors who represent multiple funds in Canada and the United States. We also go around the world talking to investors about what we do. We have a long way to go in this area. The viability of this project along with concerns about inflation due to governments around the world printing more paper money is making it easier to attract investors to the project. This is important to us because this is a low grade deposit and it requires these high gold prices to make it viable.

Allison Henderson – Asked if the public would continue to have off-road access to Pioneer.

Mr. Brechtel – Stated that on federal lands Corvus cannot block access to private individual, but there may be some places that Corvus won’t want the public to go, and some places where there will be rules to follow. We will not be able to close access to public lands.

Mr. Brechtel – Thanked the Board and Community for its time.

5 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; September 12, 2012.

RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated September 12, 2012 with Erika’s correction; Second CT; 5-0

6 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item Pulled

7 For Possible Action – Board Member’s Comments (This item limited to announcements or topics/issues proposed for future workshops/agendas)

KC – None; EG – None; CT – None; RR – None; DG – None

8 Secretary’s Report

a. Carrie Radomski – Stated that the Town is trying to get a Sign Committee together that will; identify points of interest in Beatty, sign location, and sign design. The letter of interest period ended yesterday, one letter was received, from Randy. The interest period will be extended until October 10th. If you have questions please call the office, we are looking for 5 to 7 members, meeting dates and times have not been selected.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that there is a vacancy on the Library Board. If you are interested please contact the Library.

Ms. Radomski – Reported that the BOCC approved the contractor that was selected to do the work on the New and Old Fire Department buildings. The BOCC also approved the replacement of the Beatty radio translators.

Ms. Radomski – Confirmed that there will be a meeting on Monday October 1st at 6pm in the Community Center large room. Representatives from Tough Mudder will be here to give the local businesses a quick 30 minute presentation about what to expect from the event.

9 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 pay the bills in the amount of \$653.88; Second CT; 5-0

10 General Business

a. **For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve the use of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) being held for use on the Habitat Trails. – Shirley Harlan, Beatty Habitat Committee**

Shirley Harlan – Introduced Christiana Manville of the US Fish and Wildlife Service and Jim Moore of the Nature Conservancy. Jim and the Nature Conservancy have been working with Beatty for 17 years and is the project manager for Oasis Valley Toad Project.

Ms. Harlan – Stated that Jim will be doing a power point presentation about a project that started in small pieces and thanked Ed Ringle for the donation of land behind the Stage Coach going north to Angels Ladies.

Jim Moore; Nature Conservancy – Stated this project started several years ago and has been progressing in bits and pieces. Thanks to the generous donation by Ed Ringle, of the river properties behind the Stage Coach hotel casino about a mile north to Angels Ladies, we are able to kick start this project and fill in some of the gaps over the years between this project and the pocket park that the Amargosa Conservancy donated to the Town of Beatty. The presentation will describe the restoration project, why we are doing it, the implications for the Town of Beatty. Why we are asking for matching fund assistance, which is required by some state and federal funding sources we are working with.

Mr. Moore- Introduced some of the partners in the project; Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of Wildlife, Nevada Environmental Protection Agency, Natural Resource Conservation District, Bureau of Land Management, STORM OV, and the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Moore- Put the project in perspective; the Amargosa River crosses two states, beginning above the Coffey Ranch; the Christy Canyon Water Shed, and continues down 125 miles into California and terminates at Bad Water. Most of the system is underground, from time to time over many decades it has run from start to finish above ground; in 1969 or 1970 is was observed running entirely from Beatty all the way to Bad Water.

Mr. Moore – Described the project location; Beatty at the top of the system, the Amargosa River is characterized by this 125 mile length, infrequent high flow events, and mostly underground limited above ground extent. Most of the above ground extent is in Beatty, it disappears and Ash Meadow contributes water to the system, flow off the Spring Mountains and it goes into the system, the water does not appear again until Shoshone and Tecopa, Willow Creek, Salt Creek and terminates in Bad Water. Mostly it is also characterized by over allocated ground water basins, we are talking about a system that is taxed beyond what engineers have said is capable of natural recharge. It could be threatened by future human communities, the development of agriculture, and renewable energy projects, if conservation measures are not taken. The water comes from the Oasis Valley into the Town of Beatty, the Stage Coach is the first property that is really hit by the flood waters, and this area is a pinch point of the system flow. In 1970 the road department bulldozed a large berm into the middle of the river in an effort to divert the water so that it would no longer damage some of the properties down river. This was a typical approach during that time period; the thinking was to confine the water into smaller areas and get it to flow through town as quick as possible, this was done around the country.

Item 10a –Continued

Over time it has been learned that this approach did not work, forcing a very large amount of energy into a very small channel that further exasperate flood damage to private properties, and eliminates ground water recharge, sending all of the ground water out of Oasis Valley to Amargosa Valley, instead of allowing it to spread out and percolate into the ground water that Beatty depends on.

Mr. Moore – Spoke about the berm and the resulting water diversion, the goal of the project is to remove the berm, and restore the channel to its natural state, which is much wider. In addition to removal of the berm and clearing, indigenous plants will be planted along the project area. The Nature Conservancy is concerned about the native species of plants and animals habitats that are found in the Amargosa River/Oasis Valley; Amargosa Toad, Speckled Dace, migratory birds and others. A habitat trail project has the potential to attract bird watchers and others to Beatty contributing to the local economy while conserving and protecting natural resources and species.

Mr. Moore – Stated that this project started as a Twenty Five Thousand Dollar (\$25,000.00) project and has grown to a Quarter of a Million Dollars (\$250,000.00) which are being brought into this community by this restoration project.

Christiana Manville of the US Fish and Wildlife Service – Stated that this project started off small because they were looking at a part of the berm, but realized it does not make sense to remove only part of the berm. The US Fish and Wildlife Service paid to have a hydrologic assessment completed by Otis Bay in an effort to determine if harm would come to Beatty by the removal of the berm. The results indicated that removal of the berm, will decrease flooding risk to the Town up stream, the bridge in town is still a restriction point so removal of the berm will not have much impact downstream. They also recommended that the fill be removed from the riverbed, the project would be less costly if the fill was pushed off to the side, but that is not what is recommended. The fill will be removed off the property.

Ms. Manville – Reviewed the partner contributions hand out provided and described some of the match requirements of the partners, and stated that the project is about Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) short, and that is where the Beatty Town Advisory Board can help out by providing a non-federal match.

Ms. Manville – Reviewed items included in the budget and the properties that the work will be completed on; Discussion Followed.

DG – Asked what the funds would be used for.

Ms. Manville – Stated that the funds would be used to purchase trees, pots to grow trees from seeds; it is the re-vegetation and maintaining it; Discussion Followed.

EG – Asked if the Sullivan property has been donated.

Mr. Moore – Stated that it has not, but the Sullivan's have agreed to allow the work on their property.

EG – Asked if it would be an issue to submit bills for specific items for payment to the office.

Mr. Moore – Stated he did not believe it would be an issue.

EG – Recommended that they consider the off roaders that use the area currently as a trail, and find an alternative for the community to use.

Mr. Moore – Stated they are aware of the off-road use of the existing channel and are working on public education about the project and responsible off-roading.

EG – Motion to approve the use of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) being held for use for the Habitat Trails Project from the Tourism fund; Second RR; 5-0

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b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve the purchase of three (3) solar Multi- Purpose 108 LED Flood Lights/Sign Lights for the mural in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$1,450.00) – Randy Reed

RR – Stated he put this on the agenda because people had suggested night lighting for the mural. He has done some research and this is what he came up with.

DG – Stated he believes the wattage should be at least 20 and asked how the lights would be installed.

RR – Stated he would build the brackets and install them with some help.

DG – Stated he has concerns about home fabricated brackets, and suggested we look at extensions (brackets) that are commercially available. He also mentioned cleaning, maintaining and adjustment of the lights/panels in the future; Discussion Followed.

KC – Asked if they would be top mounted.

RR – Stated they would.

EG – Asked if the lights would shine down on the mural.

RR – Stated they would; Discussion Followed.

EG – Stated she thinks it is a great idea, but would prefer to go with items that are manufactured for this purpose.

CT – Suggested more research be done.

Item Tabled

c. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to update the Community Center page on the Town website and all matters pertaining thereto. – Randy Reed

RR- Stated the Community Center page has not been updated since it was created and described some of the information he would like to include on the page; Room Capacity, Dining Ware, Sound System and other amenities available. He also would like to include updated photos and possibly photos of the rooms.

RR – Stated that Suzy McCoy, who maintains the Town website, confirmed there would be no additional charges for these updates; Discussion Followed.

EG – Stated she thought it was a great idea.

RR – Motion to update the Community Center Page on the Town website; Second CT; 5-0

d. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to select up to seven (7) members to make up the Beatty Sign Committee. – Randy Reed

RR – Stated that his was the only letter of interest received, and will extend the advertising for the committee through October 9th and requested the item be tabled.

Item tabled

e. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve having a float in the Beatty High School Home Coming Parade on Friday October 5th. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated she believes BTAB should have a float in every parade.

EG – Stated she contacted Teresa about having a float in the Home Coming parade, and was told that the parade may just be for the students, she is waiting for a return call.

EG – Stated the float will not cost anything, she will use the materials from last year's Beatty Days float including the BTAB banners that were purchased.

EG – Requested approval of the item in the event BTAB is allowed to have a float in the parade, since there is no cost; Discussion Followed.

EG – Motion to approve having a float in the Beatty High School Home Coming Parade if it is approved by the High School; Second RR; 5-0

f. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to approve having a float in the Beatty Day's Parade and funds to construct/decorate in an amount not to exceed \$400.00. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated the materials for last year's float cost \$200.00 and she really does not anticipate spending the whole \$400.00 requested.

EG – Described the float design, which will incorporate nature and the Amargosa Toad, and the materials needed to create the float; Discussion Followed.

EG – Motion to approve having a float in the Beatty Day's parade and funds to construct/decorate in an amount not to exceed \$400.00; Second RR; 5-0

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11 General Public Comment

Dr. Diane McGuiness; Nevada Health Centers – Stated that she will be out of Town this Friday and the clinic will be closed. The bid process to paint the clinic is complete; it was awarded to a local. She has paint samples if anyone would like to see them.

12 Adjournment

KC- motion to adjourn 8:18pm; Second RR; 5-0