

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
02/08/16**

**THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 5:30PM 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 - Absent
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Randy Reed (RR) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) – Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

DG – Stated for the record KC is working and will not be here.

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 February 8, 2016

Staff pulled item 5 Emergency Items

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the Minutes dated January 25, 2016.

RR – *Motion to approve the minutes dated January 25, 2016; Second CT; 4-0*

5 For Possible Action – Emergency Items

Item pulled

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

EG – Stated I would like to schedule a budget workshop for our first meeting in March. We could do it an hour before and then have the regular meeting. We haven't scheduled with the Comptroller but we didn't have her at our last one either, so I think we will do okay. If we get the inputted numbers great. If we don't Carrie and me, mostly Carrie has experience from doing that last year.

DG – Clarified in the large room.

RR – None

CT – Stated that on Facebook it is still ongoing with loose dogs. I'm trying to let everybody know to call animal control. It was said by Allen on Facebook if you see a loose animal and you know the description, all of the information and you know the owner call the Sheriff's office. You can call and write your own citation in regards to loose animals and start citing the people that are letting their animals out or that their animals are running. They can get cited, go to court, you say yes I saw them on such and such date at such and such location, I know this dog belongs to this person. Make sure that you include the Sheriff's office, calling them to be the dog catchers isn't a great idea, it's not their job. They can write the citation if you know who the owners are. Just keep in mind, if you know the owners call the Sheriff's office sign the citation yourself.

EG – Clarified so I can say this dog has been loose around my house and I want you to write them a citation?

CT – Stated if you know the owner of the dog. You can call the Sheriff's office and say so and so's dog has been on my property and I want to write a citation you can sign the citation. You are still responsible for going to court and everything else.

DG – Stated this is like a citizen's arrest.

DG – Stated 6:30 in the big room is this meeting with the Sheriff and Vance for going over what happened at US Ecology with presentations from the Nevada Division of Emergency Management, Nevada Fire Marshall's Office and Nevada Radioactive Material Program.

7 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 – RR – Stated he guesses the Project Council made about \$200.00 on their spaghetti feed. Our garbage disposal and our dish machine decided to die. They are supposed to be here tomorrow to take a look at it.**
- vii. Beatty Town Square – DG - Stated we have received concrete quotes.**
- viii. Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance – DG - Stated Chief Harmon is on a call.**
- ix. Commissioners – None**
- x. Desert Hills Cemetery – DG – Stated we will be having a clean up there in another week or two.**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated we have a Saturday cleanup scheduled with the kids from Close Up. It will be part of their community service so they can earn those dollars (Barrick/Storm OV donations) to fund the trip to Washington.
- xi. Nye County Emergency Services – None**
- xii. Nye County Sheriff’s Department - None**
- xiii. Ordinances – None**
- xiv. Other –**

Beatty Economic Development, Inc (BEDC) – Albert Verrilli – Stated we are changing direction a little bit. I’ve re-visioned the property and I’m going to get a lot more ideas together and present them to the Town Board. That’s because we’ve mostly been focused on solar, as everybody knows and it turns out this deadline was kind of extended and it’s putting pressure on the different solar companies to go ahead and get in or not get their rebates, that has been extended. It doesn’t seem like anything is happening, I was going to go this far to 2016 when that expires, it looks like the solar projects aren’t going to work. The other thing that is going on is it’s apparent that solar really is not going to work out there without the cooperation of the utility and we don’t have that. We sent them some top scale people and ideas and proposals and they kind of take them and digest them and are going about their own plans to build a similar facility of their own and that’s, I thought that was just kind of a local deal here but now it’s very clear to me it is not. NV Energy and Solar City and all of the solar panels in Las Vegas, the jobs are being lost because they are taking back all of those rebates for that. NV Energy knows, I think, that in the end this is going to eat their lunch, some of these solar programs going on. The PUC down there really ruled against the people who have already invested in these long term deals with solar on their roof. They cut the reimbursement rate from the utility and the charges to stay connected have gone way up. So people who have really invested a lot of money in these deals, supposedly at no cost to them because it would pay out over twenty years, they were going to make some money and save a considerable amount on their power at the same time over that period, that deal is gone and it’s retroactive back to the people who just installed them. I have people in my neighborhood, in Las Vegas, just in the last six months I saw two or three big houses up there put those on and I’m thinking well they are thinking of the deadline but all of those people are sort of now left out in the cold. It’s the subject of a lot of lawsuits some of that may be converged, what it is, is you are seeing utilities in general starting to fight back against that because that’s their bread and butter. I guess if it was my business I’d probably do the same thing, so anyways, because of that I am changing direction out there and am starting to look at the property more as something to be developed for Town use. The main advantages I see out there its ties into Beatty, Death Valley, and Rhyolite. There is a significant amount of traffic that comes up from California and other places everyday back and forth and we think there is a lot of opportunity there as a commercial corner property and we are thinking that there are a number of things that could be developed out there. When I finish my thought process and get some more information it will be a subject for the Town Board and I want to get some feedback and invite others to collaborate.

Beatty General Improvement District (BGID) - None

Beatty Water & Sanitation District (BWSD) – None

Boy Scouts – Diane McGinnis – Stated there were close to two thousand, twenty three hundred with staff, at this year’s Mountain Man Rendezvous. We think that is actually a decrease of three or four hundred from last year. There were two conflicts, Super bowl and an event called Scout Sunday where the Scouts are supposed to be reverent and participate in their local church services. A lot more people turned out Saturday than last year; several more people spent the night. They are looking at changing the date; last year it was really windy and extra cold this year. They don’t know what date they are going to come up with because if they go into March they eventually run into conflicts with Easter, Spring Break and things like that. So they are going to try to work and see what they can do to try and get it just a little bit warmer for the people. I talked to a lot of people as they were leaving that said that they would be back next year, they really enjoyed it, they like this venue. Pretty good event, we had one medical emergency that the on-site staff was able to take care of, it was an emergency the patient had to be helicoptered, it was an accident, kids being kids. The Scouts are going to make a change to try to help prevent that next year. They are planning to keep coming back. Linda from the Chamber made 110 bags with information about Beatty in them, we got about 10 bags back, so 100 bags went to Vegas to advertise the area. Hopefully that will get some people to come back out. We wanted to thank the Town for loaning us the sign (reader board).

DG – Asked if Karl did his orienteering class?

Ms. McGinnis – Stated I don’t believe there was an orienteering class out there during Mountain Man.

EG – Stated I think that was something for our troop.

Ms. McGinnis – Stated the troop (local) is also getting ready to go camping down in Death Valley this upcoming weekend. I’m not sure if he’s done the orienteering class yet. Chief Harmon is going to do a fire safety class. So we’ve got some things going on.

Beatty Health & Welfare - None

Other Community or Civic Organization – DG – Stated the VFW Auxiliary is having a Valentines dinner down at the post. They have sold 48 tickets they are total sold out.

CT – Stated they also have the Valentines basket raffle, all proceeds go to the Senior Center.

xv. Secretary

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported that on Saturday February 20th the Democratic Caucus will be the Community Center from 9am to 3pm. Tuesday February 23rd is the Republican Caucus from 4pm to 9pm in the small room. If you would like contact numbers for either party please let me know and I will provide them.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Reported monies collected by the office for services collected in January and sent to the Treasurer for deposit to the town accounts;

Notary \$55.00; Photo Copy \$4.90; Fax \$1.00; for a total of \$60.90.

The NSSAB, the Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board wants you; they are looking for rural members for their Board.

On Friday January 30th David Belling the President of Bullfrog Gold Corporation stopped by the office and introduced himself and wanted to let us know that Bullfrog Gold Corporation acquired strategic lands next to its Bullfrog project in Nevada. They acquired two strategic land positions adjacent to its project located 3 miles west of Beatty and 120 miles North West of Las Vegas Nevada. The office has the press release if anyone would like a copy.

We received correspondence from Tim Carlo of Nye County Public works letting us know that the RTC (Regional Transportation Commission) looked at the list of roads submitted by the town (Beatty) and he will be adding them to their (Public Works) overall list for county wide. They did make some changes to include slurry seal instead of chip seal and they need to research some right of ways. Once the list is finalized he will send it out to us. They are incorporating our requests into their plans.

DG – Stated at least they listened to us.

EG – Stated yes and Carrie sent him a nice thank you.

xvi. Treasurer

EG – Reported 58% of the year elapsed as of January 31, 2016.

Department	Expenditure	Balance	
Admin	\$87,436.10	\$398,166.90	18% of the budget used
Translators	\$1,365.97	\$3,634.03	27% of the budget used
BVFD	\$81,812.24	\$108,305.76	43% of the budget used
Cemetery	\$1,754.22	\$8,245.78	18% of the budget used
Com Cnt Serv & Supplies	\$11,736.73	\$188,263.27	6% of the budget used
Chamber	\$22,974.45	\$16,361.55	58% of the budget used
Museum	\$18,393.22	\$20,942.78	47% of the budget used
Town Tourism	\$225.00	\$117,784.00	0% of the budget used
Capital Projects	\$0	\$489,328.00	0% of the budget used
Special Capital	\$0	\$149,255.00	0% of the budget used
Room Tax Capital	\$8,862.92*	\$158,058.08	5% of the budget used

*Town Square project expenses

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 pay the town vouchers in the amount of \$170.94; Second CT; 4-0

9 General Business - None

10 General Public Comment

DG – Stated I see that our Commissioner has arrived; does anybody have any questions for our Commissioner?

Richard Stephens – Stated I might, it’s mostly about what Randy was saying last time, we were talking about we can’t get a contractor to come out and do the kitchen. It’s a small project and they don’t want to come and do the kitchen. Is there any option for the town or any County project where you can’t get a contractor to come, can anybody else to do it?

DG – Stated I think what Richard is talking about, Commissioner, is that we wanted to update the kitchen.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated I know that you’ve been working on that.

RR – Stated yeah, we could never get a contractor to actually come in and take a look at it.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated because it’s too small of a job.

RR – Stated it’s too small of a job, yeah.

DG – Stated too far away and too small.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated I think that’s the same problem that Gabbs is having. I don’t have an answer for you but I’ll track that down.

Mr. Stephens – Stated if there isn’t one maybe the County could develop some kind of legal option.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated I’ll check into that, I’ll see if there is something we can do.

DG – Stated we actually ran into that problem when we were doing the fire hall and the ambulance barn. I got on the line with the District Attorney, Brian at the time and Fanning was on there I think. There are enough people in this town that have the expertise to do stuff. We even offered to let us do it and then you guys, buildings and grounds come up here and inspect it and we’ll just wait and do it this way. That thing sat there empty for two years I bet.

EG – Stated longer than that.

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Commissioner Wichman – Stated I'll check in on that.

EG – Stated the other issue with the kitchen is it depends on the extent of the work that we want to do. It's a County Building, are we going to have an engineer look at it, is there electrical that has to be reworked? Which we know that there is and water, sewer, right?

DG – Stated but once again we were willing to do the work but let the County do their inspections. Because when you go out on the construction sites, like down in Vegas, a lot of those kids that are working for contractors down there, they are not contractors but the contractor stands if anything happens but he has to get the inspector to come out and look at it but in this case so far out I don't know why, and once again Brian at the time, I was sitting here at the office with Carrie and we were asking him about that and he had no problems with that, but Fanning wouldn't go for it.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated and Fanning at that time, you're not talking to public works you're talking to the County.

EG – Stated yeah, buildings and grounds.

DG – Stated I thought it was Fanning, maybe it wasn't, but it was somebody from building and grounds.

Commissioner Wichman – Asked staff to send her an email.

EG – Stated they want to know about how to get the work done in the kitchen because it's such a small job, contractor versus can we do the work and have the County inspect.

DG – Stated much like we were trying to do a year or two ago.

CT – Stated like we did with the Ambulance Barn.

DG – Stated yeah, that's where that whole thing came about, Commissioner, was the Ambulance Barn the thing just keep sitting there and sitting there and nothing was getting done.

CT – Stated we were on budget cut with the grant too and that's what helped push it through, because the grant was going to end and if we didn't and act.

Commissioner Wichman – Asked and you were legally able to get that work done?

EG – Stated yeah.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated buildings and grounds did most of the work on the Ambulance Barn with the assistance of Mike Harmon, Beatty's paid firefighter.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated but this is a little different.

DG – Stated I think the big concern came about volunteer, volunteer labor but I wish they could work something out because there is so much that we could do up here if we had that....

Commissioner Wichman – Agreed absolutely; Discussion followed.

DG – Asked if there were any other questions for the Commissioner.

Albert Verrilli – Stated regarding the points you were just making, the department of manufactured housing under 118b, those kinds of ordinances, today established to make it mandatory to have a special contractor to work on manufactured homes.

DG – Stated that's right they do.

Mr. Verrilli – Went on, and there in Pahrump NDOT licensing, those people are probably licensed contractors in others but they are tested specially and they have contracts just for that, but they typically do smaller jobs like water heater installations and according to 118b if you have a manufactured home you are supposed to use those contractors.

DG – Stated if it's a manufactured home yes.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated they also maintain a list of contractors, manufactured housing does and I'm sure there would be some of those in Pahrump and their license may cover what you want to get done as well.

DG – Stated I can tell you with absolute certainty, Albert, that I was planning on getting an inspection done for a house we were trying to sell and I did the work and they thought that I was a war criminal and I had to pay these guys from Pahrump to come up and inspect it and there was nothing wrong with the work. There was only two or three of them down there in Pahrump that will even come out of Pahrump. They don't even want to come out, it's the same problem but we are not talking about mobile homes here or manufactured housing.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated I know, I just thought that might be a pool of people with sufficient licensure to handle this kind of work.

EG – Stated that might to a smaller job. That's a good suggestion.

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DG – Stated I see the Sheriff is back here. Sheriff would you like to say a word?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes I would, when I came up to talk to you last time we were talking apples and oranges and this little lady here (Commissioner Wichman) explained to me why, and I want to thank you (Commissioner Wichman) for that. I had no idea that we had gotten a second opinion from the AG's office. I didn't have that information because Ms. Bellow didn't share it with me.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated but I did.

Sheriff Wehrly – Continued, after the fact.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated after Erika sent it to me.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated so therefore I was talking with what I knew, and not with what you knew.

EG – Stated we didn't know then, we knew after. We knew after you were here. Remember when you were here and I said well I'm going to find out about this because I want to understand this whole public safety tax thing?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated see the thing is we didn't understand it either because we didn't have that information.

EG – Stated well we didn't when you were here but the next day or within a couple of days Carrie and I sat down, she sent an email on my behalf and we got the stuff back and then also she went to the Attorney Generals website and it was on the website.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated unfortunately though Erika the one thing you had an advantage over the Sheriff with is that you had some of the counsel from Brian (Kunzi), back when this was beginning.

EG – Stated but I mean we didn't have, and that's really unfortunate that that information was available and it wasn't shared with any of us and that we had to Here's the thing you had asked for it the day that you were here right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated yes.

EG – Stated we asked for it in the next couple of days and immediately it was emailed to us, and that's unfortunate.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated our conduit is different. Our conduit is... you went directly to the AG.

EG – Stated, no, no, no.

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated I went to the DA.

Commissioner Wichman – Clarified you got it from the DA?

Ms. Radomski – Confirmed I got it from the DA. I sent an email to the District Attorney and left her a message; Discussion followed.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated since then I have had a meeting with Mr. McArthur and he explains it to a T and so now if he has figured out a formula that we can use, hopefully that will go forward but that's between he and Angela (DA) right now.

EG – Stated we had some communication with him and we are waiting for the formula, we are waiting for that and we are waiting for the Sheriff and Fire lines to show up in our budget. Good, so we are kind of on the same page now right?

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated almost, we might get there eventually.

CT – Stated, Sheriff, I do want to say that I have had the opportunity to meet Deputy Beard, very nice deputy.

Sheriff Wehrly- I thought he'd be a good fit.

CT – Stated I work at Denny's graveyard so he comes in.

Sheriff Wehrly – Asked have you met Deputy Sweet yet?

CT – Stated I have not.

EG – Stated Carrie and I met him in Amargosa.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated you'll have one more when that one gets through the back ground and then we will have the one, hopefully, from the sales tax and then I will have two reserve officers that will augment, so we are coming along.

DG – Asked if anybody else had a question for the Sheriff?

Diane McGinnis – Stated I just want to thank both Officer Connelly and Office Lamb; they did come out to Mountain Man Rendezvous and made rounds.

Sheriff Wehrly – Stated I would have been there but I got sick.

DG – Thanked the Sheriff.

RR – Stated April 1st I'm doing the Gong Show for anybody who wants to get up and do whatever. Signs are posted around town and it's on Facebook.

Audience – Stated there is a lady that comes into my establishment maybe once a year. She's coming back April 1st, she happened to have won The Gong Show, and she's coming back for the event.

CT – Stated she was on with Chuck Berry and the whole nine yards.

EG – Stated I want to report that Carrie and I did attend the last Amargosa Valley Town Board Meeting. They had an item on there about the fire departments and since our fire department was specifically mentioned on their agenda, we thought we would attend. The National Fire Safety Board, they are not laws but they are guidelines and that's what all our firefighters are supposed to be trained to. They (Amargosa Volunteer Fire Department) are out of compliance with a lot of things and there was some issues not sending other guys down to work with them because they were not trained, problems with the equipment, anyway they have promised to come into compliance.

11 Adjournment

RR– Motion to adjourn at 6:08pm; Second CT; 4-0