

Beatty Town Advisory Board  
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Minutes  
07/15/19

THE BEATTY TOWN ADVISORY BOARD MET IN REGULAR SESSION AT 6:30 PM 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  
Randy Reed (RR) – Vice Chair  
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer  
Perry Forsyth (PF) – Member  
Rob Shirley (RS) – Member - Absent

**1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Meeting called to order 6:30 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.**

John Dyer; US Ecology Environmental Compliance Manager – Introduced himself and stated that he has an item of interest for the Board. We do have out a public comment on an action that we want to do, which is to build another structure out there for container management. It's the same thing we do all the time, we're just full. So, we are in a public comment period under the permit regulations and on the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month we'll have a public meeting from 6pm to 7pm in this room, for anybody to come in and comment or ask questions, give us some feedback if they want to.

**3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of July 15, 2019**

*Staff pulled item 5 Emergency Items*

**4 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; June 24, 2019**

*RR – Motion to approve the minutes dated June 24, 2019; Second PF; 4-0*

**5 Emergency Items**

*Pulled*

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

RR – None

EG – Stated just to remind everybody, the grant for the EPA for professional help is going to be awarded at the end of the month. Also, I need to follow up with the BLM, just to keep in contact so we keep up on the changes that are being made, who the new District person might be, just so we keep that open. Also, I haven't heard when the next Beatty Water and Sanitation District Board are going to meet, so our item to be a cooperating partner is waiting. Something for everybody to think about the Governors' Global Tourism Summit is going to be in November in Las Vegas. Also, the BoCC is going to be having public hearing for the licensing fees for marijuana AB533. I'm not sure of the date but it's coming up pretty quick, from what I read it's just a public hearing, I'll get more info that. What they want to do is they're going to take some and we get 60%. For Beatty right now it's not that much money but it's something I'm keeping my eye on; Discussion followed. I really want to congratulate Chief Harmon and Allison from the Ambulance on the training that they did with the volunteers for EMT. They had passed 6 out of 7 people, passed their testing and one is retesting. So, congratulations Mike, you guys do an amazing job; Discussion followed.

PF – Asked, can I make a suggestion that we send a letter to the Service thanking them for the classes and the increase in the EMT's, for a job well done?

**6 Board Member Comments Continued**

PF – Stated what I was wanting to put on the agenda was, at our last meeting I mentioned the idea of an involvement with Yucca Mountain and trying to actively find out what is going on with Yucca Mountain and why the licensing has been, shall we say, stopped, licensing proceedings. I would like to find out why the licensing proceedings have been stopped but when I say I, I don't want the Board to think I'm acting with the Board's authorization because it's not been an agendized situation and what I was going to have on the agenda was to establish the fact... first of all even if we want somebody to represent the Board, representing Yucca Mountain and the second thing is who would you want to be the perspective liaison officer with regards to the Yucca Mountain project.

DG – Stated I can tell you right now we do have a board it's called the NSSAB (Nevada Site Specific Advisory Board). There's about 20 members on that Board, 2 of them right here in Town, myself and Amina (Anderson). They are six year terms, Amina has two years to go, I've got four. They are the ones, they are an advisory Board, that talks with the Energy Board and those people who are working out there at the Test Site and as it is the next full Board meeting is down in Vegas on Wednesday at 4pm down there at the Atomic Testing Museum. It's open to the public, you are welcome to sit down, there is a time for public comment. If you are talking about something like that, I would start there.

PF – Stated okay and I respect your position on that. When you have time would you send me that information, date, time and location?

PF – Stated at this time I would like to withdraw my request for my subject matter, to be withdrawn from the agenda.

EG – Stated, can I add something... So, what I would suggest, Perry is that you impartially gather information and then you can report that information to the Board. Just as a fact finding thing, as impartially as possible, no opinions one way or another and then report back to the Board. Because is we're going to have a Board decision, we're going to have to get community input, which is workshops or surveys or whatever. To see what the community thinks before we make a decision.

PF – Stated I think the key thing on this would be to address the situation by asking them to send to the Town Clerk all of this information that we are seeking, or maybe I'm seeking.

EG – Stated, however you want to do it, I mean if you want to be the information gatherer that's fine and then just give the Board a report on what you find.

DG – Stated I would just pay attention to some of the information that's out there and just keep gathering ideas, Perry. I'm not trying to turn you off on this, it sounds like you might be a prospective Board (NSSAB) member one of these days.

EG – Stated and you can talk to Darrell Lacy, he's the Natural Resources Director for Nye County and that's in his wheelhouse. So, you might talk to him as well.

DG – Stated, it was mentioned, Barry Jacoby services are tomorrow starting at noon. He'll be missed.

DG – Recognized Commissioner Wichman and welcomed her.

**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 \$234.06; 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 we've got a really good cook there and I hope people start showing up more. The last two days have been kind of slow. We're supposed to have a Board of Trustees meeting one of these days, hopefully I'll have more information.

EG – Asked if they got any volunteers for the Project Council.

Mr. Campbell – Replied yes we did Randy Reed, we have four members now.

**Reports Continued**

- vii. **Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance** – Chief Harmon – Stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went very well, I want to thank everybody that was there to help. 6 out of 7 students passed the emt class and the 7<sup>th</sup> one will be re-testing in two weeks. The fire department in the last month had; 1 hazmat, 7 car accidents, and 4 lift assists, with a total of 63 calls for the year. The ambulance side is 220 calls for the year. We've been pretty busy. There are mainly four of us and we can't wait to get these guys state licensed and up to speed.

Richard Stephens – Asked how many of them will be serving Amargosa?

Chief Harmon – Stated, right now they are all going to be serving in Beatty. They don't have a service down there yet. Scott Lewis has been really trying to help them a lot but right now they are butting heads with the Town Board. The Town Board thinks the Commissioners should take it over but the fact of the matter is the money just isn't there this year, they're going to have to budget for it next year. The Town Board at one point figured out that they could pay for it for one year. Right now they're (volunteers) are all going to be here, it's just going to be when they have days off and they can make it to Beatty.

- viii. **Commissioner's** – Commissioner; Lorinda Wichman – Stated I made the trip out here to Welcome Perry and also Rob, I'm sorry I missed him, welcome to the Board, hope everything is going well. I've had a couple of phone calls lately from folks here in the community that are wondering how come I'm ignoring you, I'm not paying attention and coming out and seeing you more often. I was reminded of a story. I'm going to tell you a brief story from my childhood. When I was about 13 years old I got my nose bent out of shape because my parents weren't paying attention to me, my brothers both younger were getting all of their attention. My grandfather took me aside and told me then; your capable, your trustworthy and you're very responsible. They're not worried about you; they're worried about the other people in the family that need help. I tell you that only so you know, I'm not worried about Beatty. You guys are doing an excellent job. You don't have the meetings that some other communities have. Not that I'm trying to say that I'm a parent, because I'm not. It just rang a bell with me from my childhood. So I thought I would share it and I think you guys are doing an excellent job. I wish every community I my County would do the same job that you guys do.

The only other thing that I would like to do is make you guys aware that not only is all of my contact information available on the website (County), but we are getting more and more stuff on that website all the time. So, if you want to know what's happening in Nye County, Arnold has been doing a really good job of collecting up stuff from all of the departments within the County and putting news blurbs on the website, [www.nyecounty.net](http://www.nyecounty.net). It's the official site and if you can't find something on there all of the phone numbers are there; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated I have one question, this coming up is going to be public hearing on your agenda about the marijuana license fees. Is that just a public hearing? Are you going to vote then?

Commissioner Wichman – Stated probably. Those public hearings are usually, we listen to the public and then we make a decision; Discussion followed.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated if I understood correctly and I met with Sara Chapman that represents the industry. I met with her for lunch to get some clarity on some of this. Most of the changes that are taking place in the ordinance are being brought forward, and we've gotten help from the industry so that we can lay this out and understand. Everybody knows it's been a mess. Since when the State started it up, you never start anything perfectly, everything has a starting place. So, the stuff on the agenda tomorrow is starting to figure out some of that; Discussion followed.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated if I understand correctly, what was changed in the NRS basically was to take out townships, take out the word townships; Discussion followed.

EG – Stated I will just briefly say, on the Thursday calls that the State representatives were having, I asked if there had been any changes to the LCB decision, and I was told no. That was just a couple of months ago, and previously I had asked the County Manger about it, I don't have my notes in front of me so I'm not going to quote what he said but at that point all we had was that opinion and nothing had been challenged. So, I didn't bring it forward to this Board because nothing was happening and that decision was standing with the money coming to the Towns.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated unfortunately LCB did issue that opinion, your absolutely right but at the same time LCB issued that opinion, the Department of Taxation told us what we were supposed to do to handle this, where it was supposed to go, what it could be spent on, all of their requirements. Which were in direct conflict with LCB, which is one of the reasons this stuff came back before the legislature to get amended.

EG – Asked is that stuff in the backup for your meeting?

Commissioner Wichman – Stated I don't think that part of it is on the agenda, I don't think it touches on that. But you are absolutely right; we are still waiting for opinion from LCB and the Department of Taxation to walk hand in hand, instead of conflicting information. What we were told from the Department of Taxation, and I realize you

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don't want to get into a long winded explanation with this but the direction that we were following from the Department of Taxation was; if there is a Town that is issuing licenses and providing code compliance and providing all of the other stuff that you have to do to put a department like that together, then yes that's where the money goes, to them. At this point we don't have anyone that's doing that. So, we're providing that, if you had a grow here, we're providing it at the County level; the licensing, the code compliance, all of the studies for the traffic...

EG – Stated, after I understood that stuff I thought the 60% for the towns that the Commissioners were recommending, I thought that was fair; Discussion followed.

Commissioner Wichman – Stated whichever way it goes, the money comes out to the Communities in some sort of services or something else.

EG – Stated, you know when it says Beatty, I'm all over it.

Commissioner Wichman – Replied I know. That's like I said, grandpa said... So if you guys are watching it I'm not too worried about it.

DG – Thanked Commissioner Wichman for coming.

- 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**

**Other Community or Civic Organizations – DG Stated I'm going to brag about the local VFW post, there is certain criteria that the national organization and the Beatty Post passed it all and they are certified as an all American Post out of about 1,000 posts around the world there's only about 50 of them that came up with that designation and Beatty is one of them. They work hard.**

- xiv. **Secretary – None**

- xv. **Treasurer**

EG – Stated, since it's the end of the year, this report, 100% of the year past. I'm just going to give you the bottom line on these funds. Admin used 40% of their budget, Translators 37%, BVFD 67%, Cemetery 32%, Community Center 8%, Chamber 84%, Museum was over a little bit at 102% which was \$855.00 over, Town Tourism 7%, Sherriff PSST 0% but the figures aren't in there that we approve, BVFD PSST turnouts haven't charged yet. We did very well; Discussion followed.

**9 General Business**

- a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter to the Nature Conservancy Southern Nevada Field Office expressing our concerns about potential alternate routes and ask them to work with Best In The Desert and allow the Vegas to Reno 2019 course to cross their recently acquired property in Beatty. This year’s route is the same route that has been for the past several years. – Beatty Town Office’ Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated at the last meeting it came up that there might be an issue with the standard BITD route. NTC, BLM and BITD are working together to work this out. This is a draft letter that the Advisory Board could send to TNC thanking them basically for looking at trying to find a work around for this years race; Discussion followed.

*RR – Motion to approve item 9a; Second PF: 4-0*

- b. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to submit a Compatibility Issues Worksheet rating issues listed for the NTTR (Nellis Testing and Training Range). Comments due by July 10, 2019.0 – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski**

Carrie Radomski; Town Secretary – Stated we got this opportunity to submit some comments on the NTTR Draft, the County’s representative sent in their comments and let them know that we have this meeting and will be sending in our comments. I did receive some comments from some of the Board members; Discussion followed.

*RR – Motion to approve item 9b; Second PF; 4-0*

**10 General Public Comment**

John Dyer – Stated on behalf of US Ecology, complements to Mike, Chief, Harmon because we rely on emergency services and he’s the closest one and our health and safety manger works well with Chief Harmon. It makes us a safer place knowing that he can respond. Congratulations and thank you.

**11 Adjournment**

*RR - Motion to adjourn 7:10 pm; Second PF; 4-0*