

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
08/12/19**

**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.

None

3 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 12, 2019

Staff pulled item 4 minutes and item 5 Emergency Items

4 For Possible Action – Approval of the minutes dated; July 22, 2019

Pulled

5 Emergency Items

Pulled

6 Presentation – Present letter of appreciation to Beatty EMT Trainers; Mike Harmon, BVFD Chief and Allison Henderson, BVAS Coordinator. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated we really wanted to recognize these guys for their hard work, they don't get recognized enough. When they did their training and they were so successful I'm giving you the Titan of Training award for 2019.

EG – Read the description of Achelios, a minor Greek goddess from ancient times. She was one of the deities, many of them female, translated into English, it means she who washes away pain and she was look to by the ancient Greeks as a source of comfort and healing. Achelios was one of the muses, a group of goddesses dedicated to inspiring literature, science, and the arts. She was also the daughter of the god of medicine and the goddess of the soothing of pain. So I thought that was very appropriate for you guys. Thank you very much.

7 Presentation by Richard Yancey; Site Manager – Sterling site update

Ann Carpenter – Stated last time Coeur/Sterling was here was in January when we did our first introduction. Coeur purchased the Sterling mine and a large land package that includes a huge claim block back in late 2018 and have since been advancing the project. So, you would have met three other folks at that time, including Sara Thorne who's been promoted and Nick Llewellyn who is the project development manager out of the corporate office. Coeur has brought in a couple of their key talent from some of the mines up north, including Rochester. I'm the community engagement coordinator and I'm going to turn it over to Terry West who will do a brief introduction on her new role as Nevada permitting manager.

Terry West – Stated I'm from up north and while I'm new to Coeur I have ten years experience in permitting and compliance, working for larger gold mines. I'm really excited to work with this team, my focus is going to be down here in Southern Nevada, working on the Sterling project and working with Richard Yancy.

Richard Yancy – Stated I'm the site manger; I'm also the regional geology manager. We've got a little presentation, I'm going to start with the mine and mineralization over view.

Mr. Yancy – Reviewed the slideshow presentation, pointing out the areas of their land and claim block. He also reviewed the history of the mine and the claim block ending with their purchase of the property from Northern Empire last October.

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Mr. Yancy – Stated we have about the same number of people working there that have been there for a while. We had 12 full time employees, we also have about 10 contractors give or take at the current time depending on drilling and other activities. We have a few permits in place, there's a mining permit in place of final operations and an environmental assessment record of decision. So, it's all permitted and right now we're doing basically a site wide evaluation. We started that process when we purchased the property, it's a bit of an ongoing process, there's a lot of work to do in evaluating what we have there but we currently do have a drill at the mine site operating right now. There's exploration also going on on the Crown property, we have a drill rig there to. We split it up in two parts, I'm more on the operations side therefore I'm at a mine site and our exploration group is more working on the Crown part, which is closer to Beatty, actually. I'm the site manager, Sara Thorn was mentioned she's the senior permitting manager; Ann Carpenter does community engagement for us. I'll just mention also Gus Tomkin; he's my right hand man. Gus and worked for Coeur up in Rochester in northern Nevada. The mine's been in operation for more than 30 years; it's been a part of Coeur from basically from that time. Gus has a lot of operation experience so it was important for me to have somebody here because I do split my time between Rochester and here, I am the regional Geology Manager so I have other projects, so he's the man on the ground. The reason I mentioned Rochester is because we have this really long, really positive operational history. We've won a lot of safety and environmental awards, it's a really great place to work, people work together, so we're trying to bring that culture here too. It's already having a positive effect on the employees out there. We're a bigger company, we're serious about building a mine here and trying to make things happen, so things are pretty positive and they're feeling pretty good about it. As I said we're doing a lot of data compilation about not only the geology and what we're doing with the processing there but also with the permitting side. Permitting today is very, very complicated, we have a small operation out there and we have 30 to 35 permits between different agencies, State, Federal, even local, there's all different kinds of permits but the big ones are with the BLM because it's mostly BLM land that we're on. We recognize and we absolutely understand that this land belongs to the people of the United States, so we're really careful about what we do. Coeur has always been that way especially Rochester. So, we have a plan of operations at Sterling, it's fully permitted to operate. We also have what's called a Notice of Intent at the Panama site and the Tungsten site, so there's a couple of NOI's out there too that we can use. We started some drilling in January through March, kind of a first phase. Mostly validation type drilling, to validate what we had there, we stopped in August and started in August. We finished one hole and we're on our second hole, this is stepping out from the known resource, we're trying to scan our resources so we have a better opportunity to have a successful business. Site work, we've done a lot of clean up. Gus is mostly responsible for that with all of the people out there. We also have a safety fencing program for historic mine sites, there was a lot of historic mining over the years; we've got a couple of guys that are fencing around the old mine sites. The site has been big on providing water for the Burro's and Big Horn Sheep out there, so we've been making improvements. We had a visit from NDOW and BLM last week and they had a lot of great ideas and we're going to implement all of them, were just going to make the system better.

Mr. Yancy – Reviewed, Crown, Tungsten Canyon and Mary Goldspar. Our Crown project is in the north part, Corvus and Anglo Gold are in the area as well. Along the bullfrog truss fault there is mineralization, that's what we're exploring just like those guys are and we've had a drill rig out there since April. We've had a rig running there continuously since; it's under the Tonopah BLM District office. The boundary goes right through the middle of our claim block so just north of the Sterling mine is the boundary between Tonopah and Las Vegas so the Sterling mine is in the Las Vegas BLM District. Tungsten Canyon is where we have one of the NOI, right now that exploration is pending but we're focused on Crown. The same with Mary Goldspar, that's actually permitted to explore, it's got more than a NOI, it's actually got a small plan of operation there but that's pending as well, we're going wait a little bit while we focus on Crown and Sterling. We're doing more than just drilling, we have mapping, we've done some geophysical work, we've done some outcrop sampling, so sometimes even when the rigs not running there's other activities that are going on to help us understand the rocks, what's happening here, the structures, a lot of faults, so there's a lot of things going on. Right now it varies but there's 10 to 15 contractors that are working here between drillers, construction guys, geologists. We actually have the exploration guys in a little office here in Beatty rather than driving all the way out to Sterling it's a lot closer. Coeur/Sterling as we ramp up our activity here, we support a lot of things in the Community. We recognize that it's a license to operate, to work with the Community, not only the Federal agencies, the local people, I mean they are who's Coeur. In everyone of our operations, so we support youth sports, education, health and wellness, we're involved with Community events, we're going to be here for Beatty Days and then of course environmental stewardship and conservation. Especially with the Big Horns and Burros, we're pretty conscious of what we're doing out there. As a company we are involved with a lot of different ways to not impact or improve things at all of our mines. We have 5 different mines in 3 different countries and 2 of them happen to be here in Nevada. We do a lot of recycling, reusing to manage that whole pipeline of different things that could potentially end up in landfills, we're serious about it. We put ourselves up against the best in the rest of the world as far as our standards.

EG – Stated we appreciate having good community partners, so we really like that. How much longer do you think you're doing exploration? The question always is when are you going to get to operation?

Mr. Yancy – Stated I wish I had a clear answer for that but certainly I'd say a couple years of exploration work would not be unreasonable at all. The fact that at the Sterling mine it's already permitted, that is a giant leap forward for us so that shortens the time period. We have a resource there, we want to expand that a bit larger and to make it from a business stand point something that works. On the Crown side of things that's more of a green field's exploration project. The potential is there for something much bigger but right now it's still potential. So, at Sterling the potential is there within a couple of years, maybe 2 years, I'd like to see it sooner, I'd like to bring this thing into production, I'm pretty excited about what I see. That's probably the best answer I can give you at this point.

EG – Stated that's fair, at least you gave us a timeframe.

Presentation by Richard Yancey; Site Manager – Sterling site update - Continued

Chief Harmon – Asked, are you operating out there now?

Mr. Yancy – Stated we are doing residually leaching on the heap leach, so the plant is operating every day. We're not putting new ore on the heap leach at this point but we're still operating the plant; Discussion followed.

Mr. Yancy – Stated Gus will set up a meeting with emergency services and a tour of the site.

8 Presentation by Lee Jacoby of Horrocks Engineers regarding the upcoming construction project of rerouting Highway 95 around the Gemfield Resources new mining area just north of Goldfield.

Lee Jacoby – Introduced himself and stated we are contracted by Gemfield Resources to manage the construction of a project up on US95 just north of Goldfield and since 95 connects areas from Tonopah north and Beatty south we were asked to give a presentation on this project. The project is to just north of Goldfield we are going to re-align 95 to the west. The project starts about a half a mile north of Goldfield, the project length is about two and a half miles and Gemfield Resources is going to be doing open pit mining under the existing highway to mine for gold. We're doing this project to realign the highway so they can do the mining. The BLM has already transferred the right of way to NDOT for the new alignment. As part of that project part of the Esmeralda County water line is going to be relocated, it currently runs along the existing highway it's got to be relocated to the outside of the new alignment along with the power poles, telecommunications, also there's an AT&T fire line that runs right through the project that will have to be relocated.

Relocating US95 is in partnership with NDOT, it will be done under an encroachment permit with NDOT which we expect will be issued in the next few days.

Construction starts in August, we had our groundbreaking ceremony August 1st, we are still waiting for the NDOT permit which we expect this week so we will begin in earnest on the new alignment this week. Currently we're building some construction ponds right off the highway and getting equipment mobilized.

Construction activities will employ about 80 workers, about 15 are construction management staff which work for me; inspectors, testers, surveyors, managing the construction to make sure it's built per NDOT specifications. The remaining of that 80 is contractor personnel which will actually be doing the work to build the highway. There's a couple of access points off of the existing highway out to the city dump and also out to Gemfield a little place where you can dig for gems. Those are going to be maintained using traffic control during the project. The great thing about this is we're going to build most of this alignment and get it completely built while traffic is on the existing highway. When that is all built, which we hope happens later this year, we'll do these tie-in points last and that's the only time we'll impact traffic on 95. We'll have to have a pilot car but because it's only a two and a half mile project you won't see long delays. We hope that will happen later this year, if not in the spring. I'm actually living in Goldfield during the duration of this project. Kyle is our Public Outreach officer; he's a great contact if you have questions. We have a website set up; it's on the Nevada DOT website, nevadadot.com, projects and programs, Gemfield. We'll be updating information on that website about the project as we move forward.

Sergeant Lynn – Asked where will the contractors be staying.

Mr. Jacoby – Stated the bulk of them, I believe, are staying in Tonopah in hotels or some of those family camps that they have developed on the north end of Tonopah. A few of them are staying in RV parks in Goldfield and Tonopah as well.

Sgt. Lynn – Stated I'm only asking because I know with the past issues... are you going to give them that spiel; be nice, don't cause any problems because I know when we build the solar farm it was a fight every Friday and Saturday night. It came to where we had to go to the contractor's office and say enough is enough.

Mr. Jacoby – Stated that's a great question. I'm not really sure how to deal with that because my job is to manage the construction of the project, what they do on their own time is their own responsibility but we do have a pretty good management team and we've worked with the construction team in the past and they have a pretty good crew. We're only going to be there for 4 months or 6 months as they build this project. If there are any issues please let me know and I'll deal with it.

DG – Asked will it only be a two lane road?

Mr. Jacoby – Stated its going to be the same size it is now, one lane in each direction. I think there will be a little bit wider shoulders and where the intersections are to the dump road and the Gemfield road, we're actually adding a left turn lane so that you don't stop traffic just to make the turns. So, there are quite a few more improvements, I think we're putting in so lights to light up those intersections as well.

DG – Asked if this is north of the cemetery.

Mr. Jacoby – Stated it actually begins a ½ mile north of cemetery road, that's where we start to deviate with the new alignment and then it goes, there's a pump station for the water line that's down a couple of miles, it actually comes back in just past that pump station.

PF – Clarified then it comes back out on 95 (hwy) just north of the Silver Peak turnoff?

Presentation by Lee Jacoby of Horrocks Engineers regarding the upcoming construction project of rerouting Highway 95 around the Gemfield Resources new mining area just north of Goldfield - continued

Mr. Jacoby – Stated it's before Silver Peak, quite a ways before Silver Peak; location clarification discussion followed.

Mr. Jacoby – Stated hopefully we're going to be doing radio spots on Radio Goldfield as well. I know that they are trying to up their wattage antenna to reach Beatty. I believe that's going to happen during this project so you guys will be able to get updates. You guys will probably hear my voice doing spots giving updates on the project. I've never been on the radio before so I'm nervous and excited. We're trying to get the information out there as best as we can. If there's any problems or questions I'm happy to answer them.

PF – Stated you can pick up Radio Goldfield off the internet.

DG – Thanked Mr. Jacoby for the presentation.

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

RR – None; PF – None; DG - None

EG – Stated we attended the Beatty Water and Sanitation District board meeting and presented our request for cooperation status on their master plan and it seems we may have been a little bit ahead of where they are right now. So, where they are at they will be doing a preliminary engineering report, so I explained that we would like to have some input when it comes to their master plan, so they're including plans for any potential expansion of the system so we can get a really inclusive plan. They were receptive to that and they said they'd get back to us when they get closer to the master plan process and they tabled the item. Also, Carrie and I attended a tour of Rhyolite with representatives from the BLM, STORM-OV, Nevada State Representative Heidi Swank who is also the Executive Director of Preservation Nevada, The Nature Conservancy, Beatty Economic Development Corp. The main focus was the condition and plans for the Depot. Everybody had a lot of ideas and now we'll just have to see what it is going forward but they're going to keep us in the loop and we'll see what we can do help move that forward.

10 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.

None

11 Reports

- i. **Beatty Chamber** – Ann Marchand – Stated we're gearing up for Beatty Days, applying for more grants for advertising and just busy.
- ii. **Beatty Habitat Committee** - None
- iii. **Beatty Library** – None
- iv. **Beatty Medical Clinic** – None
- v. **Beatty Museum** – None
- vi. **Beatty Senior Center** – None
- vii. **Beatty Volunteer Fire/Ambulance** – Chief Harmon – Stated in the last month we've had; 8 motor vehicle accidents, 1 hazmat call, 2 public assists, 5 medical calls and 1 brush fire. I met with the ISO last week, they will be sending me a report.
- viii. **Commissioner's** – None
- ix. **Desert Hills Cemetery** – None
- x. **Nye County Emergency Services** – None

- xi. Nye County Sheriff's Department** – Lieutenant Allen Lynn – Stated your PSST funds bought one of these game cameras, it's cellular operated, runs off solar, so if you have any ideas of where some shaky things are going down let us know we can attach it to a pole. We've got contacts with the power company so we can set it up high so no one will steal it from us. We're not going to tell anyone where it is. If you have any ideas, let myself or Sgt. Wehrly know and we can get that taken care of. On to the next, you've got your OHV race starting here on Friday, Best in the Desert, so we'll have some extra traffic control in the area for that. We have a new deputy starting on Thursday; I'm going bring him up to the next Town Board meeting so he can say hi. We have another applicant for the area as well and we're going to hope to get him on the road here soon and get some training done and the next academy get him going to that. So, that's looking at 6 plus Sgt. Wehrly and then there's also I the works for the Air force to fund half a position as well, so we could be up to 8 including Sgt. Wehrly, 9 including myself, but I'm spread thin.

DG – Asked why is the Air force funding half a position?

Lieutenant Lynn – Stated well, you know we had one of those positions in Tonopah and two days a week he goes out for four hours and he drives the Air force roads and checks all of their gates that they have going into the area, other than that he's ours.

Ann Marchand – Stated congratulations to you Lieutenant and to George (Sgt. Wehrly).

Lieutenant Lynn – Stated thank you and Deputy Turrick in the back is going to be stationed in Tonopah, however we're trying to push him down south as soon as we can because he wants to stay here for twenty-nine years.

EG – Asked in Beatty?

Lieutenant Lynn – Replied yeah.

EG – Stated yeah! We like it. Well, that's wonderful. Like Ann said congratulations to the both of you on their promotions.

- 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 the VFW is working on a lot of stuff coming up here in October.

- xiv. Secretary** – Carrie Radomski – Reviewed information received by the office and available there and on the town website

Beatty Water and Sanitation District has a job announcement for an accounting clerk and the general manger position.

Fingerprinting is available at the Beatty Substation again

Security Officers are needed at the Solar Site in Amargosa Valley

5th Annual Beatty VFW Historical Poker Run will take place on October 12th

Notice of BLM permitting of Best in the Desert on its normal route

The new voter registration forms are available in the Town Office

- xv. Treasurer**

EG – Stated 8% of the year has elapsed since July 31st and all of our funds except the translators are under the 8%. If anybody has any questions they can call me or Carrie.

12 General Business

- a. For Possible Action – Discussion, deliberation and decision to send a letter of support to Nevada Department of Environmental Protection and US ecology relating to their Class 2 Permit Modification request. – Erika Gerling**

EG – Stated I attended the public meeting they had a week ago and it's my understanding it's not a new kind of operation they want to expand some existing facilities for the same kind of work so I have a sample letter that is very simple, stating based on the information shared we support their request for the expansion.

PF – Motion to accept letter and send; Second RR; 4-0

DG – Stated for the record Rob is not here.

13 General Public Comment

None

14 Adjournment

RR - Motion to adjourn 7:18 pm; Second PF; 4-0