

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
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**Minutes
08/24/2011**

**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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**Teresa Sullivan (TS) – Chair
Vacant – Vice Chair
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Member
Dick Gardner (DG) – Member - Absent**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of August 24, 2011.

KC – Motion to approve and to eliminate number four (4) and number eight (8); Second EG; 3-0

3 Action – Approval Meeting Minutes dated; June 8, 2011 and June 22, 2011, and August 10, 2011.

Item Tabled

4 Action – Informal election to elect one(1) Beatty Town Advisory Board member to fill a vacancy due to the resignation of Justin LaPorte; each candidate will have the opportunity to make a three (3) minute speech

Item Pulled

5 Action – Discussion and possible decision to forward the name of one (1) person who received the most votes to the Board of County Commissioners for appointment to the Beatty Town Advisory Board.

TS – Explained that only one letter of interest was received so there will be no election held, and this is why item four (4) was pulled from the agenda. The letter of interest was submitted by Crystal Taylor.

TS- Read Ms. Taylors' letter.

KC – Motion to forward Crystal's letter to the Board; Second- EG; 3-0

6 Presentation – A brief update on mine development and current status at the Reward Mine – Joe Balas/CR Reward

Ken Mann; Vice President/General Manager for Etna Resources – He and Joe Balas; process manager, are in charge of brining this mine into operation. Ann Marchand is in the local office, handling the administrative functions.

Mr. Mann – Described the approvals needed to start the work, during the Biologist sweep of the property one (1) Desert Tortoise was discovered which caused mitigation. Mitigation is a process of clearing the land, and building a fence that will keep the Tortoise out of the area. The fence line is 7.2 miles long around the mine area, the fence is a perimeter, exclusion and Desert Tortoise exclusion fence at a cost of a Quarter of a Million Dollars (\$250,000.00). The area must be cleared of Desert Tortoise prior to the installation of the fence and a full sweep of the area must be completed after the installation to ensure that there are no Desert Tortoise trapped inside the fence line. The cost of retaining a Biologist to complete this work was Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00).

Mr. Mann – Spoke about the next steps; first the installation of a well, it is one thousand feet deep with ten inch well casing, the pump has not been installed yet. The well will provide all of the water for the mine. The cost of the well to-date is Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00). The next step was to contact Valley Electric to bring the power line on the west side of the road over to the mine site on the east side, Valley Electric is working with Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to gain the right of ways. Valley Electric has started the work which does include some upgrades to the substation located in Beatty. When this is complete the pump can be installed, and road development can start. The well must be operational prior to road development due to dust control requirements. In the next couple of weeks a fill drilling program may start; to further delineate where the ore body is.

Mr. Mann – Spoke about the Eight Hundred and Sixty Thousand Dollar (\$860,000.00) Reclamation Bond in place with BLM and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) for this work. This bond is for phase one, all of the things mentioned earlier; well, fencing, power, and exploration work.

6 Presentation – A brief update on mine development and current status at the Reward Mine – Joe Balas/CR Reward – Continued

The next step would be construction which will require about a Five Million Dollar (\$5,000,000.00) Bond, the only challenge will be to get financing. This approximately a Thirty Million Dollar (\$30,000,000.00) construction project in total and financing will be needed to move into the construction phase. The current price of Gold will help attract financiers of the project.

Shirley Harlan – Asked if it is a Gold and Silver mine and what are the ounces per ton.

Mr. Mann- Stated it is a Gold and Silver mine and the approximate yield per ton is .025-.0235. The breakeven point for the mine would be Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00) per ounce. Which is why financing should be attainable however, large mines are more attractive to investors, smaller mines are a little slower to get financing.

EG – Asked when hiring would start.

Mr. Mann- Stated that is a tough question, financing will have to come into place and he is not a part of the financing team, the Denver Corporate office would be better able to answer that question. They are actively pursuing financing.

EG – Asked about the construction bond and what the next step would be when the bond is in place. When construction does start; what type of labor will you be looking for.

Mr. Mann – Stated it is a bond with the BLM and NDEP, the bonding is guaranteeing that you will reclaim the land at the end of the project. The total workforce will be approximately Eighty (80) people, there is a certain amount of expertise that will need to be hired for; but certainly the equipment and crusher operation, leach pad process, are considered trainable positions. Seventy percent local is the hope, Pahrump, Beatty even Las Vegas; the company philosophy is to look for hard workers that are drug free with a driver's license, when looking to fill trainable positions.

7 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.

Crystal Taylor of The Happy Burro – Stated, The Happy Burro Volunteer Appreciation event raised Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00). The funds were split between the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department and the Beatty Volunteer Ambulance Service with each receiving Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$250.00)

Albert Verrilli; BEDC – Stated he has made contact with several Commercial Realtors, one in particular has taken an interest in the property; reviewing the website, recorded documents and driving by the property. An onsite meeting is scheduled for the morning of August 31st; Dick Gardner has been invited to attend the meeting.

Ann Marchand; Beatty Chamber of Commerce – The 2011 Beatty Days brochures are on the back table as well as the Beatty Rack Cards that are available locally as well as being distributed by a distribution service that will place them in Las Vegas Hotels, Visitor Centers and in Mammoth, Bishop and up Highway 395.

8 Action – Emergency Items

Item Pulled

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

KC – None

EG – Stated that the most recent funding opportunity list from BEC Environmental had several interesting grant opportunities; Discussion followed.

TS – Asked that BGID be included in the list of recipients that are sent this report by the Town Office.

EG – Stated that a survey of businesses following the Best in the Desert race to determine the impact of the race was completed and read the results of the survey; Discussion followed.

TS – Stated an e-mail was received that the Beatty Clinic will close at noon on Thursday the 25th.

TS – Stated the County Redistricting Committee has met twice and meetings are Monday evenings at 5pm and are available via video conference. There are currently three different proposals being reviewed; Discussion followed.

10 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**
KC– Motion to approve Town Vouchers; Second EG; 3-0

11 General Business

- a. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to have a Beatty Town Advisory Board float in the 2011 Beatty Days Parade and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**
EG – Motion to accept supplemental information; Second KC; 3-0
EG – Stated that Kay Tarr has helped with ideas and completed some drawings, and went on to describe the float design which includes a banner, an oversized agenda, setting up board table for current and past board members to sit at.
EG – Read some examples of possible agenda wording; Discussion followed.
EG – *Motion to have a Beatty Town Advisory Board float in the 2011 Beatty Days Parade, materials at a cost not to exceed Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00), with the wording on the signs and agendas to be decided at the next meeting; Second KC; 3-0*
- b. **Action – Discussion and possible decision to approve and amount up to Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the repair and maintenance of the Bauer Compressor System used to refill the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department SCBA's (air tanks/respirators). – Beatty Volunteer Fire Department; Mike Harmon**
Jim Benshoof Beatty Volunteer Fire Department Chief – Stated we are asking that this be carried over to the Board of County Commissioners for approval through you, and for the necessary funding to make repairs on this compressor system for the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus.
KC - *Motion to approve up Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) for the repair and maintenance of the Bauer Compressor System for the Beatty Volunteer Fire Department SCBA's; Second EG; 3-0*
- c. **Action Discussion and possible decision to approve the use of the Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) allocated for the Bridge Park in other areas of the Habitat Trails Project, and all matters pertaining there to. – Beatty Habitat Committee; Shirley Harlan**
Shirley Harlan – Stated that the BTAB approved funding of the Bridge Park in April of this year; upon approval the Habitat Committee submitted an occupancy permit application to Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT). In July of this year the Habitat Committee was notified that NDOT had denied the occupancy permit, sighting numerous reasons. NDOT did state that there may be an opportunity to lease the land but that process could take eighteen months or more. The Habitat Committee has decided to abandon the Bridge Park project due to the issues stated above and are asking that the funds allocated for the Bridge Park be available for use on other projects that are part of the Habitat Trails Project; Discussion followed.
KC – *Motion to approve the use of the Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) allocated to the Bridge Park to go to the Habitat Trails Project contingent on specific plans and projects; Second EG; 3-0*
- d. **Action – Discussion an possible decision to approve the purchase of banners for use on the decorative light poles on HWY95/2nd street and Main street, in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**
EG – Motion to accept supplemental material; Second KC; 3-0
EG – Explained that previously the Board approved seasonal banners which could be the patriotic banners in the packet. This item is to purchase Town Banners that have the Town Logo and copyrighted "Gate Way to Death Valley" saying; Discussion followed.
KC – *Motion to approve the purchase of banners for use on the decorative light poles on HWY95/2nd street and Main street in an amount not to exceed One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00), Down Town and all matters pertaining thereto; Second EG;*
TS – *Clarified the multi colored banner by Down Town*
Vote 3-0

12 Adjournment

KC – *motion to adjourn 7:40pm; EG; 3-0*