

**Beatty Town Advisory Board
100 A Avenue South
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**Minutes
10/12/2011**

**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
Erika Gerling (EG) – Treasurer
Kelly Carroll (KC) – Member
Dick Gardner (DG) – Member
Crystal Taylor (CT) - Member**

1 Pledge of Allegiance

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm

2 Approval of the Agenda for the BTAB meeting of October 12, 2011.

*DG – Motion to approve the agenda of the Board meeting on October 12th with exception of emergency item 4; Second KC;
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.

None

4 Action – Emergency Items

This item was pulled

5 Action – Board Member's Comments

KC – Requested another workshop at the next meeting October 26th @ 5:30pm

EG – Stated the banners will be here for the Beatty Days float.

TS – Welcomed Crystal Taylor to the Board

CT – None

DG – Stated he attended the initial meeting of the Desert Tortoise Habitat Committee; it is in the preliminary stages. More information will be coming.

6 Action – Election of Vice Chair

KC – Nominated Dick Gardner; Second CT; 4-1 abstain (DG)

7 Reports

i. Beatty Area Plan

DG - Stated that there was a meeting last Monday and the committee is still working on the document.

ii. Beatty Economic Development

No Report

iii. Beatty Medical Clinic

TS - Stated the County is working on a new contract, with Nevada Health Centers, the current contract has been extended until October 31st.

iv. Beatty Town Square

None

v. Commissioner's

None

vi. Desert Hills Cemetery

DG - Stated there was a meeting on the 6th, and the Desert Hills Cemetery Committee is working on putting together a short history of who is buried there, Jim Weeks will be in charge of the project, which would be available at the Office, Museum, and Chamber

Carrie Radomski - Stated he goal is to have a walking document that would tell visitors a little bit about who is buried there, including history and something interesting about them.

Ms. Radomski - Stated there is a Cemetery clean up scheduled for October 20th, it is not anything the public has to participate in, the notices are posted so that the public is aware. The rules and regulations for the cemetery provide the option of clean up which allows for the removal of items that do not look nice any longer.

vii. Emergency Services

Jim Benshoof BVFD Chief - Stated the department responded to five medical assistance calls, three motor vehicle accidents, and two fires one wild/one structure in the month of September. Five firefighters will be attending the Reno Fire Conference for some specialized training this month.

viii. Ordinances

None

ix. Secretary

Carrie Radomski - Reported monies collected for services performed by the Town Office and sent to the Nye County Treasurer for the month of September:

Notary - \$47.50; Fax - \$14.00; Community Center Rental - \$70.00; Cemetery - \$716.00;

Table and Chair Rental - \$25.00; for a total of \$872.50 credited to the incoming revenue Town Accounts.

Ms. Radomski - Stated there are two Town Board Advisory seats up for election, the election is scheduled for November 9th, and letters of interest must be submitted by the close of business, 5pm, on October 17th. No letters of interest have been submitted to date.

Ms. Radomski - Stated a preliminary address map has been received; it is posted on the wall. This is the first draft and any input would be greatly appreciated; Discussion followed.

Ms. Radomski - Read the airport project update.

Ms. Radomski - Read the request for public comment on a draft permit from Nevada Department of Natural Resources, Division for Environmental Protection, for the facility operated by US Ecology, information is available at the Town Office. Public comment must be in by November 14, 2011.

7 Reports Continued

x. Treasurer

EG – Reported numbers through September 2011 which is twenty-five (25) percent of the year.

Administration \$32,271.68	15% of the budget
Fire Department \$28,266.90	11% of the budget
Community Center \$3,874.77	4% of the budget
Museum \$4,934.25	11% of the budget
Chamber \$5,978.34	17% of the budget
Community Support \$1,704.18	2% of the budget

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

DG– Motioned to approve package number one in the amount of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Forty Seven Dollars and Eighty Seven Cents (\$2,947.87); Second KC; 5-0

9 General Business

a. Action – Discussion and decision to allow the Beatty Chamber of Commerce to use the Electrical outlet on the decorative light pole in front of the old Beatty Memorabilia (corner of Hwy 95/Hwy 374) on October 29th for the Beatty Days Parade. – Beatty Chamber of Commerce/Ann Marchand

Ann Marchand – Stated the Chamber would like permission to use the electrical outlet on the decorative light pole in front of the old Beatty Memorabilia.

DG – Move to approve; Second KC; 5-0

b. Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to contact Nevada Department of Transportation to request the placement of additional Burro warning signs on Highway 95 north and south of Beatty and on Highway 374 and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated that at the last meeting there was discussion about burros, several citizens made suggestions about brochures and signage. In the interest of safety, it is not the BTAB's ultimate decision, it the decision of NDOT to place more signs alerting people coming into and out of town that there are Burros in and around Town.

EG – Reiterated that the Board wants to address the concerns of the citizens, but it is not the BTAB's ultimate decision.

EG – Motion to contact NDOT to request the placement of additional burro warning signs on Highway 95 north and south of Beatty and on Highway 374; Second DG; 5-0

c. Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to contact any and all appropriate agencies to request the placement of do not feed the Burro's signs in Town and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated this is the same as above, this would be for signs in Town; Discussion followed

EG – Motion to contact Nye County Road Department and Nevada Department of Transportation to request the placement of do not feed the burro's signs in the town of Beatty; Second CT; 5-0

9 General Business; Continued

- d. **Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to pay 2011/2012 property taxes assessed on parcel numbers 18-621-02 and 18-621-03 owned by; Beatty Economic Development Corporation (BEDC) in an amount not to exceed Nine Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Two Dollars (\$9,252.00) and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling**

Albert Verrilli – Stated that as a side note, pertaining to the Airport update; there was a study done for BEDC that addresses the two million gallon water tank and fire/water flows throughout the whole town it was a CBDG grant for Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) that paid for the study by Far West Engineering. The study should be available at the Town Office.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated that it was made clear that payment of this quarter property taxes would be contingent upon the listing of the property with a real estate agent and that listing with an agent was a good and viable idea.

Mr. Verrilli – Reported that there is another opportunity and a choice had to be made between it and the Town option. The other opportunity does require that the property cannot be listed for six months. BEDC is getting a lot of services and professional assistance with past issues, with this option, it is very hopeful option. BEDC has no expectation that the taxes will be paid.

Mr. Verrilli – Thanked the Town and Board for its support and stated the BEDC will stand by the Memorandum of Understanding signed last year.

TS – Asked if Mr. Verrilli could give the Board more information about this opportunity.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated there would be solar on site, and this party can provide professional help with issues with Valley Electric, Federal issues, and financial issues. The individual BEDC is working with is well known in the industry. This is the best opportunity to come by.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated he along with this individual will be attending the Energy Conference on November 9th

EG – Asked if this opportunity will pay the taxes.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated not at this time, if all pending issues are worked out in about six months they will pay the taxes.

EG – Clarified that at the present time the taxes will go delinquent.

Mr. Verrilli – Stated they will.

Item D dies due to lack of motion.

- e. **Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to contact any and or all appropriate agencies regarding the Coyote population in Beatty to request assistance with population control. – Sharon Friend**

Harry Friend – Stated his wife asked him to speak on this subject.

Mr. Friend – Stated that about one year ago he heard someone on the BTAB state that the safety of the population of Beatty was not their concern, that person is no longer here.

Mr. Friend - Stated there has been an increase in the coyote population in town, which may worsen as winter comes on. Mr. Friend – Stated that coyotes are a hazard to small animals of all types and small children, and urged the BTAB to contact the appropriate agency that is responsible for coyote population in this area, and request that they use whatever means necessary to control the population.

EG – Stated she does not know who said the board does not care about the population's safety, she has attended many meetings and personally has never heard any board member say that.

TS – Stated she supported EG's comment, and safety is an issue for board members, and concern for the citizens is an issue for every board member.

EG – Stated that every action has a reaction, get rid of coyotes and the rabbit/rodent population may go up, and upset the balance.

EG – Stated that Sharon's complaint is the only one so far and suggested that if you have small pets don't feed them or let them out when the coyotes are active, for example early in the morning or late at night.

Mr. Friend – Stated there is no legal recourse to the individual citizen, you cannot fire or discharge a weapon within the township, it would be illegal to put out poison bait, and those are the only two measures that he can think of to take, this is a matter that needs to be looked into.

TS – Suggested that the community contact, the Town Office with complaints/concerns.

Kay Handy – Stated she recalled that when there were concerns about a Bobcat, the Department of Wildlife was contacted, they did not do much, but she believes that is who should be contacted.

TS – Stated that Carrie has contacted them, and they won't do much if there is not an active threat, that is why she suggested citizens call the Town Office so a log can be kept and when we do contact them we will have specifics.

9 General Business Continued; item e

Carrie Radomski – Stated the department that handles wildlife is the USDA; the Department of Agriculture. They did send a fact sheet; Managing Urban and Suburban Coyote problems, it is available at the Town Office. They're response was similar to when the concerns about the bobcat/mountain lion were raised; don't leave food outside, don't leave small animals outside, if you are going to let your small animal outside turn the lights on and go outside with your small animal. There has to be a documented threat for them to take any action. The coyote is not a protected species; you cannot fire a weapon in Town; however they are not protected, and if seen outside of Town you can take action should you choose to. They do not have a trap and release program so if they do take action, the action would be to kill the coyotes; Discussion followed.

Ms. Radomski – Stated the representative did say that at this time of year they are still "packed up", they should start to break up and create dens soon, for the winter. They will start to disperse soon.

TS – Reiterated that any and all concerned citizens should contact the Town Office with specifics in an effort to collect information, we can revisit this item with sufficient issues/complaints.

Item E dies for lack of motion.

f. Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision regarding the bid received for the Town Square Park Project and all matters pertaining thereto. – Erika Gerling

EG – Stated the County put the RFP (Request for Proposal) out for the second time with changes requested by the BTAB. One bid was received in the amount of One Hundred Ninety One Thousand Four Hundred Eighty Two Dollars (\$191,482.00) to complete the project in one hundred twenty days. There was no breakdown of cost for the components of the project. The bid was from Morales Construction, containing two subcontractors, one for concrete flat work and one for masonry; Discussion followed.

EG – Recommended rejecting the bid and stated that if that is the action taken the project cannot go out to bid again for six months; Discussion followed.

DG – Move to reject the bid received from Morales Construction; Second KC; 5-0

g. Action – Discussion, deliberation and possible decision to continue to use Beatty Graphics for the Town website maintenance and all matters pertaining thereto. – Beatty Town Office; Carrie Radomski

Carrie Radomski – Stated that as of August of this year Beatty Graphics changed to quarterly billing from annual. In August the decision was made to pay one quarter, which would allow time to research comparable service providers and their charges.

Ms. Radomski – Stated that the research confirmed that Beatty Graphics is more than competitive with the quarterly fee charged for the services provided.

DG – Move to pay Beatty Graphics Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) out of 7171, Culture and Recreation; Second KC; 5-0

TS – Reopened Item 8b Consent Agenda; Approval of the Town Vouchers

TS – Stated this is for packet two in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for Beatty Graphics.

DG – Motion to approve packet two in the amount of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00); Second KC; 5-0

h. Action – Discussion and decision to grant One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) to the Chamber of Commerce for additional security during the Beatty Days Event. – Ann Marchand/Beatty Chamber of Commerce

Ann Marchand – Stated that since 1994 the Beatty Days event has continued to grow. The Chamber anticipates between three and five thousand participants this year, due to this there is need for a day time security person at the park during Beatty Days. If the additional security person is paid for they will be able to stay on site in the park and around Town and not be obligated to respond to and go out on calls that may come into dispatch. Lt. Jarvis said the cost for the additional security would be less than One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00); Discussion followed.

TS – Stated she would like to look for reimbursement from the County; Discussion followed.

Harry Friend – Stated he has fifteen years of security experience and One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$1500.00) seems quite reasonable to pay for the use of sworn law enforcement.

DG – Moved to approve item 9h in an amount not to exceed Fifteen Hundred Dollars (\$1,500.00) from the tourism account to pay for the added security during Beatty Days; Second KC; 5-0

10 Adjournment

DG – motion to adjourn 7:43pm; KC; 5-0